The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Our Memorial Day Gift

April 29, 2013

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Scout Flag Day, Saturday, May 25, National Cemetery, Arrive 7:15 PM for 8 PM program, Patriotic uniform

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, National Cemetery, 10:15, Patriotic uniform

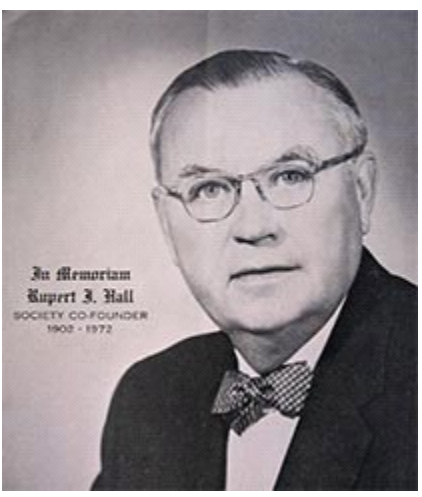
Summer Cookout, June 29

Annual Show, August 17, GPS, Lunch Break is guest quartet.

Fall Contest, October 4-5, Chattanooga, we are host.

Christmas Show, Thursday, December 19, Tivoli

Christmas Party, December 15 (tentative)



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Script for Monday Meeting

7:02 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Chuck - Shine on My
7:30 Paul - Celebrate Harmony
7:45 Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:05 Paul - Focus Session on Vowels
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor - DaveF-Br, John-B, Cameron-T, Gary-L
8:40 Risers - My Wild Irish Rose (Don Grey)
8:50 Risers - When You Wish Upon a Star
9:00 Risers - National Anthem
9:10 Risers - Ten Feet Off the Ground
9:20 Risers - Armed Forces Medley
9:28 Gandy Dancer Award and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

.A thin day with 14 arriving by 7:02. Announcements. Wally noted our low attendance and thanked those who came. Fred showed the Poster for the upcoming Cleveland Show and reduced price tickets will be available next Monday. Someone reported that 14 showed up for the Special Olympics Track and Field Sing Out on a beautiful Day. Due to the small numbers, particularly basses, we closed the meeting early.

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

When it comes to talking about the founding of the Society, it seems to me that OC Cash comes up a lot and we tend to forget about our co-founder and first Society President, Rupert Hall. He was born in Hammond, IN, raised in a small town near Council Bluffs, IA, and attended Creighton University in Omaha, NB. He eventually ended up in Tulsa, like OC. He and OC knew each other before their now-famous chance meeting in Kansas City when their flights were delayed due to bad weather, but just barely. Rupert claimed to be the best tenor in the US, so OC tested him with “You Tell Me Your Dream” and was impressed. They grabbed a couple of other guys from the lobby and sang four-part harmony in Rupert’s room. When the Society began to spread, OC Cash or Rupert “Royal Keeper of the Minor Keys” Hall would grant “charters” to groups simply by paying a visit and declaring it so. These early groups had no formal link to the Society and were totally on their own. They needed a unifying body, something to help organize things, so the first convention was planned for June 2, 1939, in Tulsa. At that convention, OC presided over a planning meeting. When Rupert went to the bathroom, he was elected the Society’s first President. As the Society continued to grow, OC and Rupert made promotional trips at their own expense, OC to the west, Rupert to the east. He died in 1972.

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