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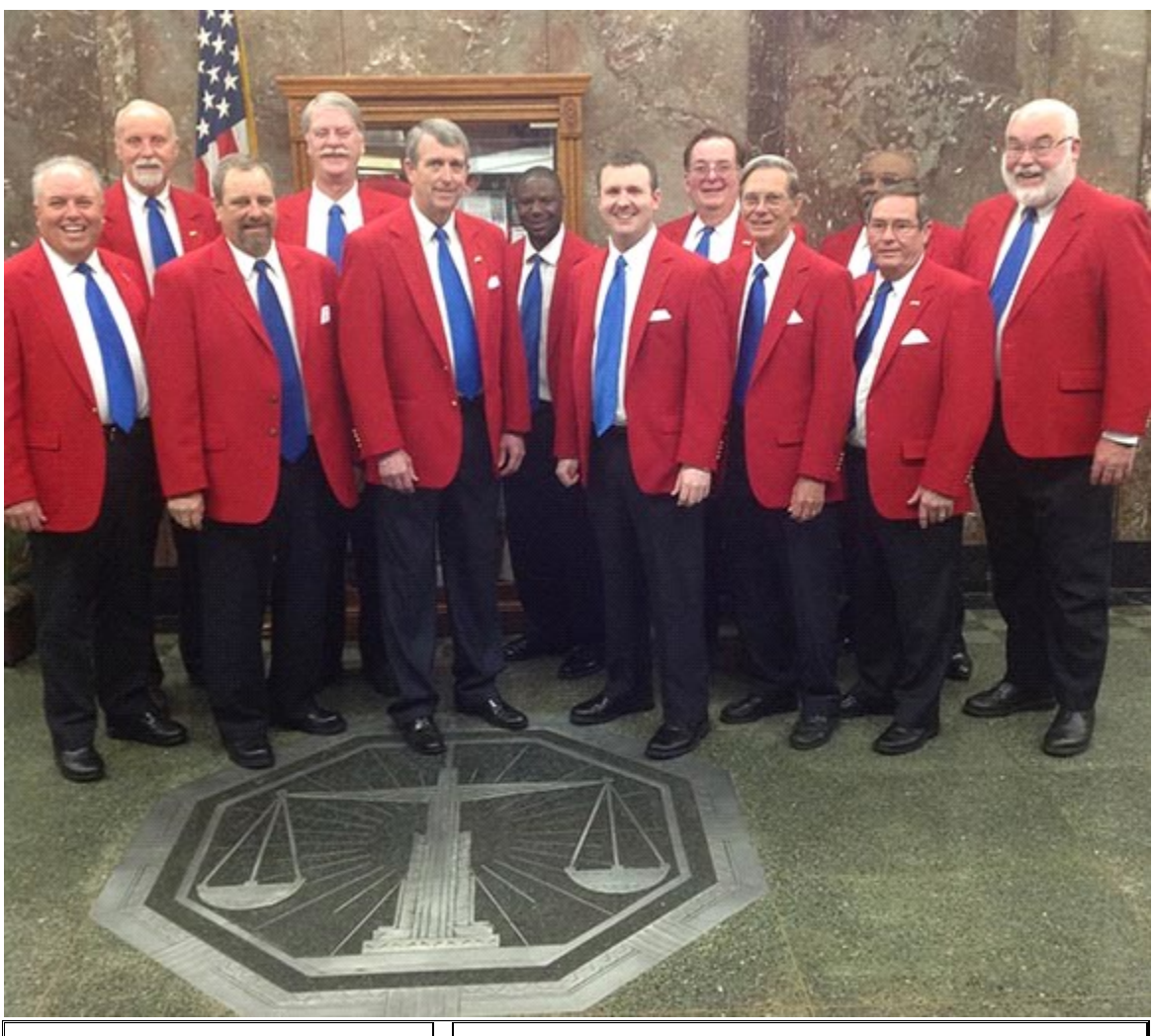

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April 15, 2013

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Board Meeting, Monday, April 15, 5:30, All Saints

Special Olympic Track and Field, Saturday, April 20, 9:30, McCallie

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

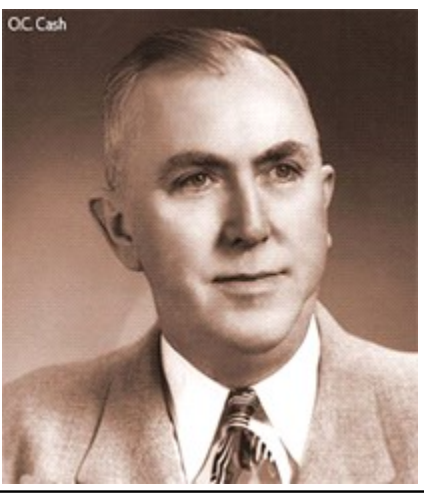
Christmas Party, December 15 (tentative)

Ringmaster on Today

Hey Everyone, Please help spread the word that Ringmasters will appear on the Today Show, Thursday, April 11, followed by a FREE webcast THAT NIGHT! This is big for barbershop. *Gary*

SteveW's 1st Chorus

I was raised in Tulsa and my first singing experience (tall boy in back row) was in the Cub Scout Chorus (CSC). After joining the Choo Choo Chorus and learning the Tulsa history of our society, I tried to research the origins of the CSC wondering if a barbershopper had a role in starting it. Cub Scout headquarters had no record of this or any chorus, and too much time had passed such that I could not find anyone who could help. I still wonder... *SteveW*



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Script for Monday Meeting

7:02 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Chuck - Sweet Roses of Morn
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
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 Fee Off the Ground
9:20 Risers - Armed Forces Medley
9:28 Gandy Dancer Award and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

SteveG led announcements. Wilbur summarized the MLT meeting including outlining the Annual Show, and Show Chair Chet challenged us on ticket sales. Wilbur also brought up that we have a Benevolence Policy and he needs an assistant to help him. Wendal volunteered. Cameron introduced returning guest John. Fred passed out renewals to Gene (4 years), DaveW (31) and Tom (50). After the break, the quartet of Beau, Marcellus, Wally and Cameron sang *Down out Way.*

From the Director

Nice work on the risers last Monday! *Shenandoah, When She Loved Me, How's Every Little Thing In Dixie* - all were one-pass songs, sounding amazingly good. *God Bless America* and *Armed Forces Medley* still need some work, but we'll get them polished up in time for Memorial Day. Keep thinking about open, consistent vowels and the "tall AND forward" sound that we need to make. See you Monday. *Paul*

Naturalization Sing Out

I just returned from the sing out and have to write this while I'm still high from the ceremony. As shown above in the photograph by Cornell Mitchell, twelve guys show up for the 10:30 AM and 1 PM sing outs (Rich who planned on singing was sick.) The ceremony is always about the same, and like always I cannot make it thru our songs without breaking up. After the ceremonies, most of us stay around for a few minutes to welcome the new citizens. After the second ceremony, DaveF, Marcellus and I were just outside the door welcoming the new citizens and receiving their thanks for our singing. This year Rich added *God Bless America,* and that got the most praise. DaveF likes to ask to see their Naturalization Certificate, and they are proud to show it. My brother spends time in Thailand, and I had to greet the new guy from Thailand using the greeting I learned from him. I also ask how to say Welcome in their native tongue and then try to say it with what I'm sure is friendly, but mis-pronounced. An inspiring day for all! *SteveW*

Here is the Times Free Press video of the 10:30am Naturalization Ceremony. *Wally*

http://www.timesfreepress.com/videos/2013/apr/05/6545

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

Owen Clifton “OC” Cash (1892-1953) is the founder of our society. “The Apostle of Harmony” was born in northern Missouri in 1892. When he was six, his Baptist-minister father moved the family to Cherokee territory (now part of Oklahoma) by wagon. After college, he passed the bar and joined the U.S. Army to fight in WWI but the war ended before he could serve. By 1930, he had a job as tax commissioner for Standolind, a Standard Oil subsidiary. He was affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, among others. I’ll cover the founding of our society in another column, but I must mention that OC played a critical role in it, so much so that we often end pledges with “so help me OC Cash.” That sort of deification says something about the impact this amazing man has had on our art form and hobby. The Harmonizer ran a lengthy remembrance of OC in the September, 1953 issue. Please click HERE if want to know more about him: *Wally*

[Click HERE to read Wally's Words from previous newsletters.]

Gary and Contest Photos

I still have four photos from folks who ordered them from Gadsden. If you don't claim them by Monday, I'm offereing them to whoever first waves a twenty dollar bill in my face. *Gary*