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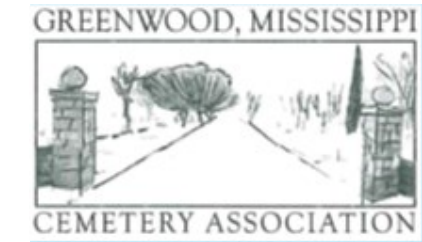
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Dear GMCA Family,

The quick approach of the holiday seasons marks the time for the Greenwood MS Cemetery Association to provide an annual report to its supporters and to earnestly ask for your financial support. I am happy to report progress at both Odd Fellows Carrollton Avenue and Odd Fellows East as follows:

- Diligent turf maintenance has both cemeteries in top shape. Weed control has paid enormous dividends in the aesthetics of the cemeteries.
- A new roof was installed on the mausoleum in May of this year.
- Damaged or dead tree removal continues to be a priority on Carrollton avenue. As trees are removed, the new found sunlight allows the turf to thrive.
- Road maintenance projects will continue for both sites well into 2024.
- Regular maintenance of existing equipment along with the purchase of a new John Deere mower gives the staff the tools they need to be efficient.
- Diligent and regular removal of faded flowers and prohibited accessories is also a priority. With respect to all who have loved ones in the cemeteries, limiting decorations to those allowed reduces maintenance costs for the Association and preserves the reverence of the cemeteries.

Thank you for entrusting the cemeteries to our care. Each member of our board takes very seriously the fiduciary responsibility entrusted to them. We weigh the pros and cons of our decisions carefully and we hold your trust in the highest regard. I hope you enjoy the information contained in the 2023 newsletter and I hope you will continue your financial support for the GMCA. Thank you all for your support and confidence.

Sincerely,

FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Total expenses for 2023: \$97,131.29

Total income for 2023: \$74,942.06

Assets:

September 30th bank balance: \$40,170.99

Equipment: \$29,673.12

Long Term Maintenance fund: \$108,901.77

Total Assets: \$178,754.88

Liabilities:

Payroll Liabilities: \$1,281.54

John Deere (tractor): \$-220.50

Other: \$ 400.00

Total Liabilities: \$1,441.04

EQUITY: \$177,313.84

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2) Send your check payable to Greenwood, MS Cemetery Association.

3) A Planned Gift included as a bequest under your will. These can be designated to the Long Term Care Fund.

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A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT HENRY WARD HAMRICK

Contributed by Donny Whitehead

Henry Ward Hamrick was born on October 15, 1893 in Carroll County, Mississippi. His family moved to Greenwood in 1897. He was a member of the Lee Guard at Mississippi A&M. In 1916, he was a salesman for a St. Louis auto supply house. He volunteered for service shortly after the April 6, 1917, declaration of war. He attended the Officer's Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Georgia for three months of training to become an officer in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant in August 1917. He went to Camp Gordon, Georgia and was attached to the 82nd Division. His regiment reached France in May 1918. Lt. Hamrick was killed in action in the Meuse Argonne Sector on October 15, 1918, the 25th anniversary of his birth. He was buried with other comrades who fell there near the village of St. Juvin, France. He was reburied on April 11, 1919, in the American Argonne Cemetery. Lt. Hamrick was brought home to Greenwood in 1921, where he now rests at Odd Fellows Cemetery. It was for him, and two other Greenwood soldier lads, Lt. Samuel Reeves Keesler, Jr. and Lt. Gordon Gillespie, that the Greenwood American Legion Post 29 was named in 1920. Sad to note that the three 'gave their all' in action in October 1918, one month before the "war to end all wars" ended.

