

Marie, can I ask you to broadcast this letter to all family that you have an email address for and also post it on the website for those that we don't have email addresses for.
Thanks!

Folks, as the incoming President for this year, I wanted to take a minute to write my thoughts to you. I have, for the last several years, but most recently in the past two years, become discouraged and concerned with the lack of attendance at the J. Newt Scott Reunion. I am keenly aware of the loss of so many from my Dad's generation but I am more convinced than ever that if we are to continue to honor our family legacy and the memory of all those that have gone before us, I must write this letter to help encourage the "younger" generations to participate and get involved.

I want to acknowledge the service to our family of Bill Hart, for conducting the auction, helping to raise the money needed for expenses, and for helping us enjoy the family camaraderie. However, although I am not advocating a change, I would think that it would be appropriate for one of the "younger" generation folks to step up and take over that responsibility, so that Bill can relax and enjoy our time together.

I also cannot write this letter without acknowledging the tremendous effort and wonderful job that Marie does in keeping all of us informed about our family through the J. Newt Scott website. However, the information within the site is only as current as what we, as a family member, send to her to keep her and the rest of the family up to date with our particular life situations. I can speak very personally about the response to prayer requests that were the only things that kept a merciful GOD in control of my brother's situation and allowed him to stay with us for a while more. We, as a family, have the capability and responsibility to encourage, lift up, and assist in any way we can, another family member and we will never know, this side of Heaven, what reaching out to that person might mean to them. So, again, I encourage you to remember where you came from, the SCOTT FAMILY, be proud of your heritage, contribute and participate in our reunion, and not let a treasured tradition wither and die away. I can't speak for anyone else, but my chest swells with pride when I think and remember on my Great Grandparents, my Grandparents and their sisters and brothers, my Dad and his brothers and sisters, my brother, my children and grandchildren and all the cousins, nieces and nephews, and other family who have been such an important part in making me who I am, a SCOTT.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year and would love to hear from you your thoughts, ideas, and desires as to how we can provide an environment that will continue to meet the needs of our family so we can continue this wonderful opportunity to gather and celebrate our heritage!

Ed Scott

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