

November 1, 2014

Greetings, Family and Friends,

The International Cody Family Association is pleased to announce our new IRS status as a 501 (c) (3) foundation. After several decades of attempts, we finally received the recognition we sought.

For those unfamiliar with this designation, it gives you a tax deduction on any funds, including "dues", that you may have provided to ICFA in 2014. For those of you who attended the ICFA 2014 Reunion, you may use 10% of your costs as a tax deduction as well.

This legal status also permits us to fundraise, accumulating funding for special projects and submitting proposals for grant monies for special projects, such as restoration of Dixie Union Chapel. We would also like to fund educational seminars in genealogy, Colonial American History, Western History, Family Migrations, and to expand the Cody genealogical database to include matriarchal lines as well as the current patriarchal lineages. We have a long list of "wanna doos" and encourage you to participate with ideas you may be thinking about, e.g., we are eager to found a "Cody Kids Camp" at the bequest of Deborah Gordon that would bring cousins and friends of all ages together in educational and recreational outings. We also wish to encourage our young families to gather in helping one another to live the values of America, some of which are of inclusivity, constitutionality, co-creativity and relationship with a Higher Power. It is also great fun to know your cousins and friends who may remain close through a lifetime of learning, loving and fun.

With hopes you will stay close to ICFA with you family and friends and delight in all the new adventures we will share.

With grace and gratitude,

ICFA Executive Board

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