

SOUL SMOKE

Iron Souls Motorcycle Club—Oakland Chapter

Turkey Run 2012



Turkey Run 2012 (continued)



Before I started this article, I asked Roadrunner, ISMC patched in Historian, to send me a few notes for my Turkey Run article this year. When we talked, he was not surprised by my description of the variety of colors and love still supporting the community. Roadrunner provided copies of several article written throughout the year about the Iron Souls and their spirit of giving.

One article was provided from the November 15, 1993 issue of The Oakland Tribune. It wrote about the Iron Souls conducting their new annual "Mother's Run" on November 14, 1993. Another article was from a cover story in Thunder Press' in January 1995. Within this issue Reg Kittrelle wrote, *"I just want you all to know that if Mother Wright had 10,000 tongues, I couldn't thank you enough. The speaker was Mary Ann Wright, and coming from a woman that has spent the last 14 years helping others, it was high praise indeed. The reason for these thanks was the efforts of the Iron Souls Motorcycle Club out of Alameda, California, on the occasion of their Second Annual Mother Wright's Run, held on Sunday, November 20. The Iron Souls are a relatively new club with a strong focus on helping the community in which they live. In line with this philosophy they've 'adopted' The Mary Ann Wright Foundation as the benefactor of their yearly event...."*

The written history of the Iron Souls confirms this connection.... *"During the 1980's, the re-emergence of the Harley dominance attracted new and old riders to the sport of recreational motorcycling. Many of these enthusiasts included a small but growing number of men of color residing in the Bay Area. In the early 1990's, three groups of riding friends established the Iron Souls Motorcycle Club of Northern California." "These 21 founding members were men of color. With an average age over 40, nearly all were family men, and most at or near the peak of their professional or business careers. A key motivation for forming the club was the desire to be able to give back to the community, and to serve as positive role models."*

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"While the Club started and annually maintains the primary role in the Mother's Motorcycle Run in support of the Mother Wright Foundation, the Club also sponsors a scholarship award, makes personal appearances at educational and community



events, and supports the fund-raising charity events of other motorcycle clubs."

Many other articles followed throughout the years of the many faces seen in these photos of ISMC members past and present. The October 1999 issue of the Thunder Press mentions that years Mother Wright Run occurring November 18th for a \$10 donation to include "...the ride, a barbecue lunch and raffle tickets, food and clothing [to] be collected...at Bob Dron's Harley Davidson."

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The two faces that jumped out at me as seen in a San Francisco Chronicle article written by Patrick Hoge, were Chuck Beisen, AKA NoDoz, along with Liz Hudson's great smile (Liz later became Mrs. NoDoz). The unsung heroes are many. I would be remiss however, not mentioning "V", our Event Coordinator, and Ali who we first to get the ball rolling to keep this event going.

Article and photos by McGyver

Leather & Lace 2012



Leather & Lace 2012 (continued)



The annual Leather & Lace party at the Snow Building in the Oakland Zoo has become a standard event for most, and something to look forward to. The brothers that have found us for the first time bring with them the wonder in their eyes that reminds us of how fortunate we all are to be with our Brothers and sisters at this time of year. The food, love and support we have for one another is always appreciated, but seeing it through fresh eyes reminds us of how strong this community called ISMC is.

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The evening started early in the day, preparing the food and drinks. Hugs and kisses by the ladies of ISMC were the only payment for the security, bar and kitchen crew for their endless setup work. Finally after dinner and numerous awards,

we were there...to shake that thing! As seen on page 10, in the center first row, OG "D" and family only took time to look up and smile with a Cheshire Cat grin. To say "D" had the beat in him would be an understatement. No one was unmoved, as the East Bay Dragons, Black Diamonds SC and more were getting their groove on. Even the funky white boys from Mount Diablo Hogs took Kevin's lead in the Soul Train dance live. The funky chicken is always a classic move Kevin. Just saying, when something works for you...

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Leather & Lace 2012 (continued)



Leather & Lace 2012 (continued)



Robert A. White



More funerals than weddings, this phrase never struck home until recently. A parents worst fear, all just a saying...more funerals than weddings...until it's not. ISMC gives all their hearts to Truck, a key player and community leader of Oakland, in his loss of his son, Robert A. White.

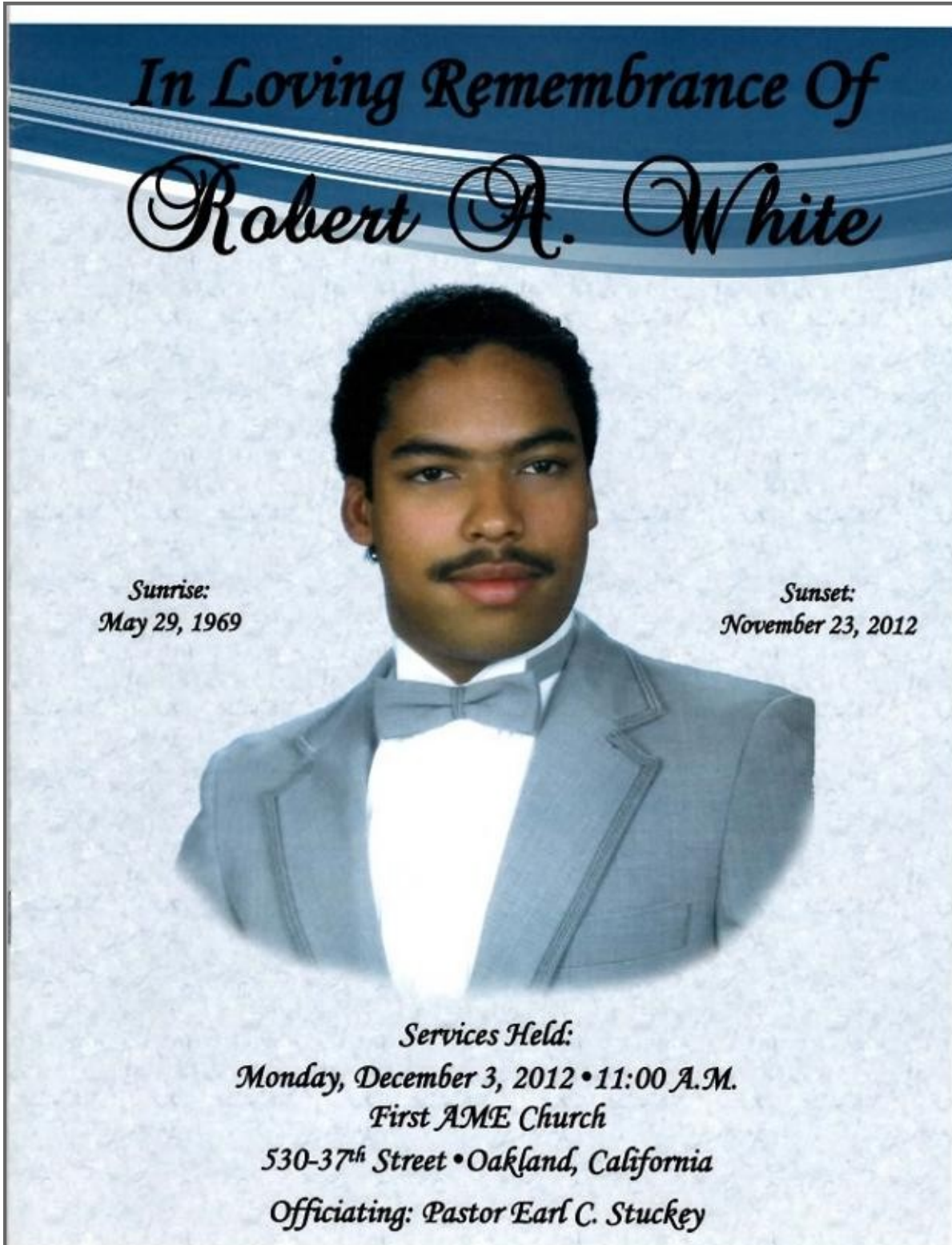


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Robert A. White (continued)



Brotherhood, Respect & Unity

Active Pallbearers

Neal A. White
Jamer E. Harris
Marcus Hallman
Tony Peinado

Thurston L. Slade
Anthony Harris
Lawson Lee
Jim Carrasco

Honorary Pallbearers

Iron Souls Motorcycle Club



Acknowledgment

*Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food. If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.
Whatever the part, may God bless you.*

The Family

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Interment

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