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April Angst

Well, now in the 14th month of my 12 month term I see the year nearly finished. This month is elections and I believe our nominating committee has done an excellent job as usual. Collingwood cleanup is the 7th of April, be there if you can. Just around the corner is the national conference at Williamsburg, register soon if you have not already. We have eleven delegate opportunities available to our members in addition to those who are already delegates by virtue of holding national office. The year has seen me change my personal career path three times, leaving me with no accrued vacation, which will put my attendance in jeopardy. I have enjoyed the year and hope that everyone else has as well. Our programs have been entertaining and educational. Spiced with a stocking of candy and packet of flower seeds you never know what you might find on the table when you come to a meeting. As usual our bar provided additional entertainment throughout the year and occasionally we reactivated our 50-50 to supplement our budget slightly. Although it has been a challenge I believe the Chapter has improved its financial position, if but slightly, and still has been able to make some generous donations to the causes we believe in. We changed our venue and enjoyed the menu. Best of luck and great success to the new officers we will be electing this month. Thank you all for your support and assistance.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bill Sanner

Annual Business Meeting Information

The next chapter meeting is on **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**, at 1830 hours at the American Legion Post 176, located at 6520 Amherst Avenue in Springfield.

Make your reservations through Brother JOE SPRUILL, Chairman of Membership/Call Committee, at: J_S22309@yahoo.com or cell: 703-615-6275. Or notify your Calling Committee Member. Dinner cost: \$20.00 per person.

NEW DEADLINE IS 1200 HOURS, THURSDAY, April 12, 2007!

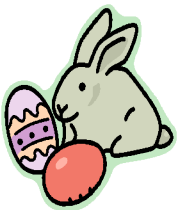
Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Thanks to all who attended and participated in our Bivouac on March 29. All went well and a special thanks to Brother Howard Sobel for picking up the food. For those who were not there, you missed a very good meal. We missed you!

Congratulations to Brother and Captain (Navy, of course) Joe Spruill who survived the "D" and became a Hero. Nice to have you aboard Joe. This was our last Bivouac for me as Commander and I would like to thank all who assisted the Camp during my term. I look forward to participating with some great Heroes in the future.

Dan Levin
Commander



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK...

Minutes of the Meeting, March 21, 2007

On Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 1900 hours, 35 members and guests sat down for dinner at the American Legion Hall in Springfield, Va. Brother Dan Clark, Chaplain, offered Grace.

At 1945 hrs President Bill Sanner called the O.D. No. 364 meeting to order. The Colors were previously posted and all joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Bro. Dan Clark attended the Bible and presented the Opening Prayer. Bro. Scotty Cameron recited the Toast to the Flag, and Bro. Tom Little, 2nd VP, presented the Purposes of the National Sojourners.

President Sanner introduced all VIP's, members and guests, Bro. Jerry Kunkle, PP,PC Pacific Northwest No. 534, and his wife Judie, and David Heathly, prospective member and guest of Bro. Bill Turner, and John Clair, prospective member and guest of Bro. Dan Levin, and of course the Ladies. The Happy Birthday song was sung to Bro. Phil Tilson...and all applauded.

Secretary: The minutes for the February meeting were approved unanimously. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. John C. Meyers, Secretary, CLMA re: the planned Spring Work Day at Collingwood on April 7, 2007, beginning at 0800 hours (coffee and donuts) finishing at 1300 hrs. Steak at noon. Rain date will be April 14, 2007. An email letter from Bro. Joe Geer was read indicating he and Marlene had arrived safely in Tennessee, but he was suffering from an abscess in his back, which will require surgery on 3/22/07. An email letter from Bro. Bill Turner was read thanking all for their cards and letters concerning Lady Patti's surgery...and that he looks forward to serving the new Federal Area Rep, Bro. David Silver, and that he (Bro. Turner) is still looking for cast members for the Annual National Encampment on 6/13/2007. Bro. Larry Lisle emailed informing us he has signed all awards submitted for the Chapter. Bro. Larry stated he has a chapter where no one was submitted for awards. A "thank you" letter was sent to Most Wor. George Bernard Dungan, Jr. for his presentation on Masonic Greatness at our January meeting. Pres. Sanner informed the members, via information sent to the secretary by National, that Ms. Alyson Yee of Arlington, VA, won second place (\$500.00) for her 2007 Essay Contest entry. The 2007 National Convention (June 06/12-16/2007) registration papers are in, members must register by 05/15/2007. We have eleven delegates who must be elected. For registration info contact the Secretary.

Applications: An application was received from John Patrick Clair, SGT E-5, USA, and a member of Cherrydale Lodge No. 42. His Sponsor is Bro. Dan Levin. Application was tabled until the April meeting.

Treasurers Report: Bro. John Mayers reported we have \$1,375.00 in the account. Money Market total is \$8,257.96.

Sick and Distressed: Chairman Lady Patti Turner is recovering from foot surgery and a card was passed around for all to sign. Bro. Joe Geer is ailing with a back abscess. No others sicknesses were reported.

ROTC: Bro. Ralph Smith has ten requests for awards from various branches of the service from six universities. Bro Smith will start making presentations on 03/30/07.

Valley Forge Youth Program: Bro. Harry Sanders reported there have been no applications so far. We have four spaces. The Chapter endorsed placing an ad in the Convention Program supporting Bro. Bill Turner who is running for 3rd National Vice President. Bro. Harry is taking care of the Full Ad particulars we voted on earlier in the year.

Nominations for Officers for 2007-2008: Bro. Harry Sanders, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, along with Bro. Bill MacBrayne and Scotty Cameron, nominated the following members for the slate of officers:

CHAPTER OFFICERS

CAMP OFFICERS

President	Bro. Ralph Smith	Commander	Bro. Woody Bentley
1st VP	Bro. Tom Little	Chief of Staff	Bro. Tim Butcher
2nd VP	Bro. Joe Spruill	Asst. CoS	Bro. Bob Elliot
3rd VP	Bro. Lou Hoffman	Officer of the Day	Bro. Jay Patterson
Secretary	Bro. Ron Dooley		
Asst. Sec	Bro. Steve Brundage		
Treasurer	Bro. John Mayers		
Asst. Treas.	Bro. Dan Levin		
Trustee-3yrs	Bro. Bill Sanner		

Heroes: Camp Commander Bro. Dan Levin announced that he and Bro's Bill Turner, and Les Albers performed a Color Guard for the Tall Cedars on Sunday, 3/18/07. He also reminded all Heroes of the Bivouac on 3/29/07.

Program: Pres. Bill Sanner introduced our speaker Bro. Lou Hoffman who presented a very informative talk on Afghanistan from his experiences while assigned there as a civilian for a year. Bro. Lou lived among the civilians, not on U.S. property, and gained a wide perspective on their way of life and the conditions. Afghanistan is the fourth poorest country in the world, and the illiteracy is at 70%. The society is male dominated and it is not unusual for a man to have at least three wives. Disease is rampant and most of the children will die before age 15. The military is doing a great job, but the hopes of changing the culture is an up hill climb, mainly due to the Islamic culture. The drug cultivation is primarily for export, an underground economy, primarily because the people cannot afford the drugs nor do they exhibit any interest in them.



Passing of the Gavel: There were several comments wishing the guests well. Bro. John Mayers announced that a "Friend of Collingwood" has agreed to match individual donations to CLMA up to \$100,000.00 during the period of 03/01/07 thru 07/01/07. This person desires to remain anonymous. Bro. John also announced that Lady Charlotte's grandson is in his third week of Marine training. Lady Pat Dooley announced her Marine grandson (mine too) is back in Iraq for his second tour. Bro. Tom Little announced there were tickets left for the Shrine Circus on Friday, 03/23/07.

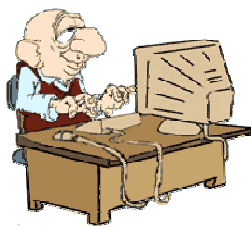
Closing Prayer: There being no further business, Bro. Dan Clark presented the Closing Prayer and closed the Bible. The Colors remained posted and we all sang the closing song. The meeting was officially closed at 2115 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Dooley, Secretary/Adjutant

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Donation Challenge

A Donation Challenge has been received from a “friend” of the Collingwood Foundation, who wishes to remain anonymous. He has offered to match any donation by an individual, up to \$100,000.00, to CLMA for its operations during the period of March 1, 2007 to July 1, 2007.

Brothers, your donations are tax deductible. A fantastic opportunity!