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AUGUST 2005 NEWSLETTER
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Sojourners:

In August, we'll have a program on the Golf Wars. I'm not sure what this is about, but I'm going to wear a golf-type shirt just in case, so come on out and find out what's happening along with me.

On a very serious note, the fact that we are in a predicament in regards to our financial health has been in the forefront of previous chapter administrations; this predicament remains today. At the present time, the chapter has approximately \$9000 in our checking account and NO savings or investments. While putting together a budget for this year, I found that the chapter newsletter is costing us approximately \$450 to \$500 per month or \$5,520 per year. With all of the items that the chapter does in a year and projecting out to the end of the year, we will end up with a deficient of **\$1,280.00**. I could attempt to stave off the deficit by not sending anyone to Freedom's Foundation (approximately \$800 for 2 students), having no ROTC program (approximately \$400), and not contributing to Collingwood or the SEM fund (approximately \$300 each or \$600 total), but this is not an option as far as I am concerned.

As I said earlier, the paper newsletter will cost us (at present printing and current postage costs) approximately \$5,520 this year. Postage is scheduled to rise another 3 cents sometime this year. The audit committee made one recommendation this year, which was to move the newsletter from a paper-based form to an electronic form. There have been 100-plus members who have agreed to receive the newsletter via e-mail or are willing to view it on the chapter website. However, we need more than that to agree to receive the newsletter electronically. If we can get the total number of members who require a paper copy or have no other means to receive the information except by US Post Office down to just over 100 there is a member of the Chapter who will provide an almost no-cost paper version and get the electronic version to each of you. The Chapter website owner is doing a great job of keeping the website up to date, so go look if you have not been there lately.

This is a no "S" issue for the chapter. I need you to let any of the officers or me know what you want to do in regards to the newsletter NOW before it is too late. The financial health of your chapter and the programs we support are at stake.

Respectfully,
Terry

AUGUST MEETING INFORMATION

The August meeting is on WEDNESDAY, August 17, at 1830 hours at the Gadsby's Tavern American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA. The speaker is a local golf professional whose topic is "The Golf Wars".

UNIFORM OF THE DAY IS GOLF SHIRTS
COST: \$20 – PAY AT THE DOOR

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS THROUGH 3rd VP BRO. DAN CLARK, 3rdVP, at danclark@cox.net or Telephone 703-440-9674 or Cell 703-585-8123, Or by notifying your Calling Committee Member

DEADLINE IS 1200 HOURS, MONDAY, AUGUST 15.

THE NEXT LIGHT HORSE HARRY LEE BIVOUAC WILL BE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 6:30PM AT CAMP COLLINGWOOD



Commander's Message

August 2005

Heroes of '76

Light Horse Harry Lee Camp News

I invite all Officers and Heroes of Light Horse Harry Lee Camp to attend a **Special Federal Area Encampment** that will be held at **Henry Lodge No. 57**, in Fairfax, VA on **Saturday, August 13th**. The purpose of the Encampment is to assist Carl Sitter Camp (Shenandoah Valley Chapter #543) and Washington Cruisers Camp (Fredericksburg #545) each confer the Heroes Degree on a REKRUIT found lurking about their respective Camps. We will **assemble at 0900**, open at 0930 and conclude with a light lunch around noon. I expect the cost to be around \$5 per person. Make **lunch reservations by e-mail** to harry.sanders@2asc.com and include "Special Federal Area Encampment" as the subject. Please mark your calendars and plan on assisting your Camp support two growing local Camps who need our help! Henry Lodge No. 57 is located at 10503 Oak Place, Fairfax, VA (PHONE: 703-691-0917). A map showing the location of the lodge may be viewed at: <http://www.henrylodge57.org/hlmap.htm>. Note that this is a HEROES ONLY event.

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Harry E. Sanders, Jr.
Commander

Biography of Bro. Terry L. Gigure, PM President, Old Dominion Chapter 364, National Sojourners

Terry was born in Beech Grove, Indiana on May 13, 1950. After graduating from high school in 1968, he was invited by the U.S. Government to join the Army. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as a radiotelephone operator. After ending an illustrious 4-year career in the Army, he continued his education at Purdue University, Indiana and graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, he went to work for General Aviation Electronics Company until the company folded due to the state of the US economy and aviation fuel prices. He worked in various companies through central Indiana until being convinced to move to the Washington, DC area on December 24, 1980. He gained employment with Atlantic Research Corporation, and worked for them until joining the Federal Government in 1984. Terry worked for the Naval Electronic Systems Security Center, the Naval Investigative Service, and is presently employed by the Defense Information Systems Agency as a telecommunications specialist.

Terry has a twenty-six-year-old daughter from a previous marriage who is expecting her first child in February 2004. His daughter and son-in-law live in Indiana. He is married to the former Ms. Barbara A. Peterson of Philadelphia, PA who is also employed by the Federal Government. They have a ten-year-old son, Thomas, who attends Fort Hunt Elementary School. Terry, Barbara, and Thomas live in the Stratford Landing area of Fairfax County, less than a mile from illustrious brother George Washington's Mount Vernon estate. Son Thomas has been a member of Cub Scout Pack 1509 for the past four years and Terry has been the Cub Master for the past two years. Terry is pursuing his Boy Scouts of America Wood Badge, and is on the Colonial District Scouter's training team.

Terry joined Alexandria-Washington Lodge 22 on April 19, 1994, was elected to the Senior Warden's chair in 1999 and served as Worshipful Master in 2000. Terry holds memberships in the following Masonic organizations: Philaethes Society, Andrew Jackson #120, Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter 14, Old Dominion Chapter 11 Knights Templar, Washington Lee York Rite College #93, Virginia Council #12 Knight Masons, Kena Shrine Temple, Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley (Knight Commander Court of Honor), Old Dominion #364 National Sojourners, and Light Horse Harry Lee Camp Heroes of 76.



Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 National Sojourners

Minutes of the Meeting, July 20, 2005

The Old Dominion No. 364 dinner gavel dropped at 1905 hours at the Gadsby's Tavern meeting place and all 45 members and guests enjoyed a great meal of baked chicken. It was a perfect night for wearing Hawaiian shirts, as the weather was very warm. President Terry Gigure then called the meeting to order for business at 1940 hrs. Marshal Gary Akins and his Color Bearer team posted the flags, Bro. Harry Sanders led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bro. Mark Arbeen gave the Opening Prayer. Bro. Scotty Cameron presented the Toast to the Flag, and 1st VP Bill Sanner read the Purposes of the National Sojourners. Pres. Gigure then recognized various VIP's; the list is attached with the official minutes. Pres. Gigure also acknowledged all wives present thanking them for their support. He also acknowledged Bro. Bill MacBrayne who recently celebrated his 50 years in Masonry.

Secretary: The body present approved the June minutes, and the Secretary then cleared his desk. Two new MIP members were read; Bros. Ray Whitney (who was present with his wife Carol), and Bro. Roy T. Ota, dual member from Pearl Harbor No. 769 sponsored by Bro. Gene Sizemore. A greeting letter from the front lines in Afghanistan from Bro. Lou Hoffman to Bro. Phil Tilson on June 30 was read thanking us for keeping him on the mailing list. A letter from Bro. Bill Williamson, President of the Foundation for CLMA, to Bro. Phil Tilson, was read thanking OD No. 364 for the \$1000.00 contribution to the American Legacy Center Capital Campaign. The Secretary sent a letter to a Bro. Gaylord Thomas (Ch.No.129, Active) who recently transferred to the area (Bolling AFB) but has not heard anything. He also has attempted to contact Bro. Joe Geer (MIP) who recently moved here from Santa Anna El Toro No. 250, but has been unable to do so. Finally the Secretary showed an ad for the new red, white, and blue magnetic auto ribbon now on sale by the National Sojourners, Inc. for \$2.00. Send your order to National Sojourners at Collinwood or phone 703-765-5000.

Treasurer's Report: Bro. Bill Turner reported we have \$9846.46. Since May's meeting, we have taken in \$1705.00, and disbursed \$2792.63.

Awards: Jr. Past Pres. Bro. Hans Pawlisch presented Presidential Citation Awards for service last year to; Bros. Ralph Smith, Bill MacBrayne, Ron Dooley, Scotty Cameron, Woody Bentley (not present), Mark Arbeen, Phil Tilson, Bill Sanner, and a well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation went to Lady Barbara Klementz. Ladies Lyn Sanders and Patti Turner received theirs at the National Convention breakfast.

Committee Reports: Pres. Gigure announced that our new Brother Ray Whitney has offered to be the new ROTC Chairman and Bro. Ralph Smith will assist him. With that, Bro. Smith gave his final brief report...reporting ten Senior ROTC and ten Junior ROTC awards presented for the year.

Bro. Bill Sanner reported the program for the August meeting is to be a golf pro speaking on the "Golf Wars." We will be wearing golf shirts that night. In September, participants to Valley Forge will give us a report on their experiences. The rest of the schedule is posted on the Web-site as well.

Sickness: Lady Patti Turner reported she sent a card to Bro. Roy Daisey and his wife Lady Nete who are both experiencing health problems. Bro. Daisey is our only living Charter member.

There was no old business or new business to discuss...so Pres. Gigure asked for a report from Bro. Bill Turner on the National Convention. Bro. Bill reported there were 129 delegates and 59 chapters represented. The Winter Meeting will be in Orlando Florida, and the Annual Convention will be in Austin Texas. Bro. Bill gave a detailed and interesting report. Full info will be published in *The Sojourner*.

Bro. Harry Sanders then came to the podium and presented the Odie Howell BOL Award to the Chapter for the many programs by the members. Pres Gigure accepted the banner to be affixed to the Chapter flag.

Bro. Harry then reported; "SSgt. Eric Cagle, of the infantry's "Wolfhounds" Division at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, was injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq on October 14th. He is likely the most seriously injured service member to survive. He was treated first at Walter Reed and transferred to Minneapolis VA Medical Center for lengthy rehab, and then returned to Walter Reed for further treatment. He is married to his lovely bride Amanda who stays with Eric at Walter Reed's Fisher House. On behalf of our National President, Andrew McVeigh and our over 9,000 National Sojourners, Bro. Harry Sanders assisted by Bro. John Cole were privileged to present Eric with a 15 Star/15 Stripes "Star Spangled Banner" flown in his honor over Ft. McHenry."

Bro. Harry reported he will be leaving shortly for Valley Forge...and thanked the fourteen chaperones who volunteered to assist, as well as those who contributed funds. There are 90 young men and women from all over the nation, the furthest from Alaska, attending Freedoms Foundation this year. Bro. Harry reported that LHHL Camp has been asked to assist Washington Cruisers and Shenandoah Carl Sitter Camps to initiate three recruits. The three Camps will do so on August 13, 2005 at Henry Lodge No. 57 in Fairfax.

Bro. Phil Tilson announced that the Collingwood American Legacy Center is about to start an instructional program at Collingwood for the benefit of high school level teachers on our early presidents. As a result, the Legacy Center is looking for qualified instructors to teach two plus hours on the subject. Anyone interested please contact Bro. Phil at 540-722-2822 or e-mail to philtilson@adelphia.net

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Bro. Bill Turner reported he was asked by Bro. Gene Sizemore to represent him, and the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, and walk the Hill concerning lobbying efforts for the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. (CFA) and the Constitutional Amendment to protect our Flag. Bro. Bill stated he was honored to do so and feels the CFA Amendment stands a good chance of passing this time around. Bro. Bill encourages all to write their representatives endorsing this amendment. Bro. Bill passed out booklets entitled Let the People Decide should you be interested. For ref. see www.senate.gov/ or www.house.gov/. The ref. on the Senate side is below:

S.J.RES.12 Title: A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

Sponsor: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [UT] (introduced 4/14/2005) Cosponsors (57)

Related Bills: H.J.RES.10

Latest Major Action: 4/14/2005 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

During the passing of the gavel, Bro. Ralph Smith thanked everyone for their support while he was ROTC Chairman stating it was one of the most rewarding endeavors he has experienced. With all the responsibilities he has taken on this past year in his Lodge etc., he feels he may not be able to do ROTC the justice it deserves but he is always available for assistance.

A big thank you goes out to our President Terry Gigure and his Lady Barbara for the miniature fanny packs and Hawaiian goodies found inside to go with our Hawaiian shirt theme.

There being no further business, the Bible was closed, the Flags were retired, and the Chapter was officially closed at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Dooley
Secretary/Adjutant