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✧ President's Message ✧

At our March meeting, we had a smaller turnout than usual due to the fact that several members were on travel. Our speaker had to go to this mother-in-laws nursing home since she had taken a turn for the worse. He left on Monday and wouldn't return until late Wednesday evening. He gave his presentation to the President who had seen it twice and presented "Ground Penetrating Radar". Actually quite interesting since they were searching for a time capsule at the US Naval Academy, problems with a golf course green which was experiencing a drainage problem, a hidden road to a 17th Century farmhouse and some caskets under a Cathedral Floor. In addition to this, they found a hidden painting behind a DaVinci painting.

The nominating committee gave a partial report and was still looking for a couple of the officer positions to fill.

We have had a request to sponsor two or three JROTC cadets to Freedom's Foundation.

The Federal Area Conference and Encampment is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism. This will take place from 8:00 to 4:30 PM. Our Chapter is hosting the event. A planning session is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th at Collingwood from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. Since I will be running the Cherry Blossom Parade from 10:00AM to Noon, I have asked Mark Hartford to attend on behalf of the Chapter.

Chapter Members are reminded that there are raffle tickets available for sale to support the Annual meeting being held in Richmond, VA this summer. Tickets are \$5.00 each and a chance to win monetary prizes.

As this will be my last newsletter, I would like to thank you all for your support during my term of office. As in any organization, to survive, we must continually solicit new members. Someone thought enough of you to ask you to join the National Sojourners. Why not do someone the favor of asking them to join us.

Kent S. Webber

✧ Commander's Message ✧

Brethren:

Thanks to all who showed up for our March 30 Bivouac at Camp Collingwood. We had no recruit, but did get some important things started. Most importantly, we have three major meetings scheduled in the next few months which you must put on your calendar.

First, we will have a Federal Area Conference and Encampment on May 7 at Camp Collingwood, the first in a number of years. This is a must attend event, an opportunity to join with members of other NSI Chapters and Heroes Camps in this area for fun and fellowship as well as information sharing and ceremonies. National NSI officers will be in attendance and our new Federal Area Representative, Lt. Col. Randolph Geck, is in charge of the event. He can be contacted at 301-997-1627 or RGECK@XEC.NET. Light Horse Harry Lee Camp is responsible for organizing the Heroes Encampment. There will also be a Camp Followers' degree organized by Patty Turner.

Next is our annual convention at the Omni Hotel in Richmond on June 13 to 18, 2011. Two exciting events will be the National Encampment Heroes of '76 from 1330 to 1600 on Wed., June 15. There will also be a Tiled Session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia from 1500 to 1700 on Thursday, June 16. I believe this is a new event, never held before at a NSI Convention. It is time now to make your reservations on the National Website and to call the hotel.

On Wed. June 30, we will have our regular quarterly Heroes Bivouac. We will be following up on our decision to replace all the flags and poles in our Historical Flags Display Kit. In addition, Jay Frey, the Collingwood Facility Manager has kindly offered to build three new flag boxes to fit the length of the new adjustable flag poles and make space for all fourteen flags in the ceremony. We will be asking for donations to assist in paying for this effort. A few months ago, we replaced the parts to the building the flag program.

As always, I am looking for firm commitments to be available on call for ceremonies that the Chapter is called upon to perform. This has proven difficult in the recent past due to a lack of volunteers.

I look forward to seeing you at the April Old Dominion Chapter meeting.

Please feel free to call me at 703-281-7489 or email me at ciddad@aol.com with any questions or suggestions.

Woody Bentley
Camp Commander

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✧ Secretary Minutes ✧

March 16, 2011 Minutes

Opening / Call to Order:

The March stated meeting of Old Dominion #364 National Sojourners was held in the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188 at 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22031. We enjoyed an excellent corned beef and cabbage dinner and a dessert of cake with strawberries cream and most of all the fellowship that surrounded our membership. Attendance: Total: 16 (4 women, 12 men)

The Chapter was called to order by President Bro. Kent Webber at 1945 hours.

The Colors were posted in place.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bro. Kent Webber.

The Toast to the Flag was delivered by Bro. Scotty Cameron.

Chaplain Bro. Les Albers offered the opening prayer.

The Purposes of National Sojourners was delivered by Bro. Kent Webber.

Correspondence (Secretary Les Albers):

Mail received: From HQ:

1. Invoice from Janine for February newsletter layout: \$85
2. Invoice from Janine for monthly meeting postcards: \$60

Secretary: Minutes of the February 2011 were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer: Checking account: \$3,277.13; Capitol One Money Market account \$9,071.18.

Membership:

Application for membership: None
Current active members: 196

Introductions and Welcome:

Members: Bro. Bill Turner: President Elect, Emeritus, PNC-Heroes ('03-'04), Houghton Award ('99), VDA ('09); Bro. Kent Webber: National Trustee; Bro. Ed Arndt, National Trustee, PP, PC; Bro. Woody Bentley: NASOCOCO, CLMA, Chapter Trustee, PP, PC, Cdr, LHHL; Past Presidents: Bro. Bill MacBrayne, PC; Past Commanders: Bro. Ralph Smith; Bro. Les Albers.

Program: Bro. Kent Webber filled in for the guest speaker. The power point presentation was about ground penetrating radar and its civil, research, and military applications.

Commander LHHL (for: Brother Woody Bentley):

1. Next Heroes Bivouac at Camp Collingwood: 30 March 2011.

Social time: 1830, Dinner at 1900.

Program: Preparation for the Historical Flag Program.

2. Herndon Lodge has requested the Historical Flag ceremony on 4 July 2011.

Committee Reports:

ROTC: Bro. Ralph Smith has heard from UVA and Potsdam, NY and expects more responses.

Americanism and BOL: Bro. Bentley mentioned the inability of LHHL to provide a color guard for the Tall Cedars due to a shortage of Heroes; Bro. Turner reported on the final viewing of Bro. Frank Buckles (Master Mason, Scottish Rite), the last US WWI Veteran; Bro. Turner and Patti participated in the massing of the colors in Greenville, SC and presented a modified Historical Flag ceremony; The Turners also attended

the Mid-Atlantic Conference and Encampment in Columbia, SC.

Programs: None.

Wellness and sadness: The passing of Bro. Al Ungeleiter was in the paper. A card was signed for Floyd Gilbert.

Collingwood: All are invited to visit the center. The annual fund raiser is in effect. Fifty seven new windows have been installed two steel doors were installed in the basement. New bridal area. New garden in the vicinity of the flag pole. New grounds contractor.

Old business: None

New Business: We are preparing for the Annual Convention in June in Richmond. Approved Chapter ad for the Souvenir book. Approved \$150 check to place the ad in the Souvenir book.

President's remarks (Bro. Kent Webber): The 2011-2012 nominating committee reported that the Chapter positions were filled but several Heroes positions were vacant.

Closing:

1. 2045: The gavel was passed to all.
2. A Collection was taken for Collingwood: \$12.
3. The next meeting is Wednesday, 20 April.
4. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers gave the closing prayer.
5. The colors were retired in place.
6. Meeting closed at 2050 hours.

At your service, Les Albers

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Chapter Meeting is on Wednesday, 18 May 2011,
at the Arlington-Fairfax BPO Elks Lodge
located at
8421 Arlington Blvd (US 50), Fairfax, VA 22031.

Uniform of the Day: Casual

Social Hour at 1830 hrs. Dinner at 1900 Hours

NOTICE: OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012 WILL BE INSTALLED.

Please make reservations through Brother Joe Spruill at 703-615-6275 or joe.spruill@yahoo.com by the end of the day on Sunday, 13 March.

NOTICE: The next LHHL Bivouac is at Collingwood is 1830, Wednesday, 29 June 2011.
Uniform: Continentals. Topic: Recruit TBA.

The Saga of Management review of writing style (Author unknown)

Question: How many feet do mice have?

Original text: Mice have four feet.

Management comment: Elaborate!

Revision 1: Mice have five appendages, and four of them are feet.

Management comment: No discussion of fifth appendage!

Revision 2: Mice have five appendages; four of them are feet and one is a tail.

Management comment: What? Feet with no legs?

Revision 3: Mice have four legs, four feet, and one tail per unit-mouse.

Management comment: Confusing. Is that a total of nine appendages?

Revision 4: Mice have four leg-foot assemblies and one tail assembly per body.

Management comment: Does not fully discuss the issue!

Revision 5: Each mouse comes equipped with four legs and a tail. Each leg is equipped with a foot and the end opposite the body; the tail is not equipped with a foot.

Management comment: Descriptive? Yes. Forceful? No.

Revision 6: Allotment appendages for mice will be: Four leg-foot assemblies, one tail. Deviation from this policy is not permitted as it would constitute misapportionment of scarce appendage assets.

Management comment: too authoritative! Stifles creativity!

Revision 7: Mice have four feet; Each foot is attached to a small leg joined internally with the overall mouse structural subsystem. Also attached to the mouse subsystem is thin tail, nonfunctional and ornamental in nature.

Management comment: Too verbose! Too scientific! Answer the question.

Final Revision approved by management: Mice have four feet.

FROM
YOUR
EDITOR