



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER No. 364

**“ NATIONAL SOJOURNERS ”
“ A CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE IN 2004 ”**

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DECEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER



Brother Sojourners,

I wish to thank you all for attending our November meeting to hear our distinguished speaker, National Chaplain Dick Stinson, deliver a very entertaining presentation commemorating both Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving. Very special thanks are in order for Bro. Mark Arbeen who made initial overtures to Brother Stinson to address our meeting. I apologize for any inconvenience over late newsletters this past month. We have resolved this issue, but I do want everyone to be aware of the Chapter website at URL: <http://olddominion364.org/>. While the newsletter was not immediately posted to the site, please remember that the year's calendar can be consulted for meeting dates and significant events.

That said I would like to address some comment to the recent film entitled *National Treasure* that opened on the 19th of November. Lady Emma Pedrotti mentioned this film during our November

meeting. The film purports to link Masonic history from the American Revolution to the location of the legendary lost treasure of the Knights Templar. I made a point of viewing this film last weekend in New York City. It is a very entertaining, if not wholly plausible, adventure film that portrays Masonry in a positive though not informed light. Be alert to conversations about this film among friends and neighbors. It could stir interest in joining our ancient and beloved craft.

The Holiday season is upon us. 1st Vice President Terry Gigure is facilitating our usual festive occasion that may include a special guest lecturer who will appeal to our World War II veterans.

I wish you all a very special Holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the December meeting.

Yours fraternally,
Hans S. Pawlisch
President, OD Chapter 364

DECEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

The December meeting is on WEDNESDAY, December 15, 2004 at 1830 Hours
at Gadsby's Tavern American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA

UNIFORM OF THE DAY IS COAT AND TIE
COST: \$20 – PAY AT THE DOOR

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS THROUGH 3rd VP BRO. BOB TIDWELL AT (H) 703-250-3216 OR (W) 703-929-2923 OR
AT rtidwell@quixnet.net.

YOU CAN ALSO RSVP TO YOUR CALLING COMMITTEE MEMBER
DEADLINE IS 1200 HOURS, October 18

THE NEXT HEROES OF '76 ENCAMPMENT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2005, 6:30PM, AT CAMP
COLLINGWOOD, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

"Please bring an unwrapped new toy for the USMC Toys for Tots Program. Santa Claus will make an appearance"



Commander's Message December 2004

My Fellow Heroes:

I hope this message finds everyone healthy and happy, as we enter into the Holiday season.

Much has happened this year, and much more is coming up. I have been informed that there has been a lurker placed under arrest, and awaiting the pleasure of the Camp. We will bivouac on 26 January 2005 at Fort Collingwood, with the usual libation period beginning at 6:30 pm, with our traditional spaghetti dinner following. The cost will be our usual \$10.00.

Congratulations to members of our Camp who have been recognized for office in Grand Lodge: MW Bro. John Quinley, Grand Master; RW Frank Dunaway, DDGM 1-A; and RW Howard Sobel, Grand Purveyor. In addition, our Chapter is represented in the Grand Line by RW Ed Cohen, Grand Senior Deacon. Your Camp stands by to support you during this Masonic year.

Lady Heather, Jake, and I wish each of you a most holy and Merry Christmas and a Blessed Hanukkah. May God continue to hold you, and your families, in the palm of His hand, as we enter a new year.

Keep having fun this year!

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Mark F. Arbeen, PM
Camp Commander
Light Horse Harry Lee Chapter, Heroes of 76

Chapter Essay Contest How YOU Can Help!

WHAT TO DO: Identify high school students (9th through 12th grade) and sign them up to participate by giving them a copy of the contest form (a copy was included with last month's newsletter and additional copies may be easily downloaded from the chapter web site at (<http://olddominion364.org/>)). The success of this program is in your hands --- put a form to work and do your part to help in *Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism!*

WHERE TO FIND ESSAY PARTICIPANTS: Relatives, neighbors, ROTC members, Masonic Youth, etc. You may also wish to promote the contest in your Blue Lodge. Our goal is that every Brother signs up at least one participant!

MORE INFORMATION: Contact our chapter Essay Contest Chairman --- Bro. Dave Lang (e-mail - dlang@mac.com; address - 13354 Goodhart Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176-6100; Phone: 540-822-3044).

SPECIAL DUES REMINDER:

Members who pay dues on an annual basis have or will soon receive their dues notice for \$34.00. Please send your check to your Chapter Secretary as soon as possible. If you have not mailed in your dues by Dec. 31, you will receive a reminder notice. If dues are not paid by Jan. 31, you will become "inactive" until the dues are paid.

New Source for Heroes Uniforms

Contact Joyce Hutton in Williamsburg, VA at 757-645-4520 (Home) or 757-218-6500 (Cell). Joyce is a provider of authentic period costumes for Williamsburg reenactors. Special thanks to MW Brother Fred Martin for bringing this new source of quality Heroes uniforms to our attention at the September chapter meeting.

**Old Dominion Chapter No. 364
National Sojourners**
Minutes of the Meeting November 17, 2004



Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 met at the Gadsby's Tavern location in Old Town, Alexandria with 54 members and guests present. National Chaplain Bro. Richard Lyon Stinson offered Grace, and we all then enjoyed an excellent Thanksgiving feast of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings.

President Hans Pawlisch called the meeting to order for business at 1955 hrs and Marshal Bro. Gary Akin and Color Bearers posted the flags. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Bro. Mark Arbeen opened the Bible, and Bro. Scotty Cameron offered the Toast to the Flag. 1st VP Bro. Terry Gigure gave the Purpose of the National Sojourners and the Chapter was declared open for the conduct of business. Pres. Pawlisch introduced MW Bro. Monty Quick, PGM Japan (71), Committee of 33, Area Rep, PP, PC, and RW Bro. Frank Dunaway, Jr., our new DDGM 1-A, PP. All other VIP's were introduced en masse and the list will be filed with the minutes.

The October minutes were approved as corrected (two 1st VP's shown) and the Secretary cleared his desk of current issues. Bro. Douglas H. Vood has changed his status to MIP, and our newest member Robert Ormsbee, Jr. came in as an MIP but was not present to be initiated. The secretary will contact him for the Dec. meeting. A letter was read from Mira Cox, Past Honored Queen, Senior Princess, IOJD, inviting all to the 12th Semi-Annual Installation of the Bethel Officers of Bethel #22 on Jan.8th (05) at the GWMNM. A note was read announcing that Lady Joy Fisher fell on 10-26-04 requiring surgery and is now home recuperating. A letter was read from Richard B. Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thanking Pres. Pawlisch for inviting him to speak at our November meeting. Chairman Myers sent his regrets for not being able to attend due to the current workload. A memo from National Headquarters was read reporting that the Chapter 3-6-5 Club needs \$427.05 in contributions to earn a streamer this year. It was again announced forms are available for the Mid-Winter Meeting in January.

The Treasurer, Bro. Phil Tilson, gave a report indicating we need to design better spending habits as the till is lower than normal. 1st VP Terry Gigure volunteered to investigate the issues and report back to the brethren at the Dec. meeting.

Patti Turner, Chair Sick and Distressed, reported she sent a card to Lady Fisher and others in the past month, and Lady Lyn Sanders, Widows Chair, reported there are several widows interested in attending the Dec. meeting. Please contact her if interested in assisting.

Under new business; Pres. Pawlisch showed us the new model Sojourner Medal (approx 12 X 24) designed by Bro. Art Pierson, to be used for initiations etc. Bro. Pierson, along with Bro. Bill MacBrayne, was applauded for this project.

1st VP Gigure introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Bro. Dick Stinson, National Chaplain, who presented a lively and humorous approach on ~~the history of Thanksgiving to the more serious issue of our modern day celebration of it.~~ He feels we should get back to the basics of Thanksgiving, going to church, giving thanks and remembering the reason for the holiday. Bro. Stinson also expressed concern over the number of icon "yellow ribbons" he sees on automobiles instead of red/white/blue. He gave a brief history of the yellow ribbon from the Civil War to the present, and feels the yellow connotes too many misconceptions. Bro. Stinson was given a resounding applause of appreciation for his presentation.

Under announcements, Pres. Pawlisch told everyone to check their seats for a tag (for each table) which would give them a beautiful centerpiece made by Lady Barbara Klementz. LHHL Cmdr. Mark Arbeen announced the next LHHL bivouac would be 1/26/05. He also reported that the Color Guard did a great job at the Grand Lodge Installation...and that MW Bro John Quinley was presented MIP membership donated from the LHHL line officers. Bro. Bill Turner then called up Bros John Whisler and Art Pierson and presented them with certificates of appreciation for their dedication to the Chapter drawing applause from all.

There being no further business, Pres. Pawlisch passed the gavel. There were comments from members and guests on how much they enjoyed Bro. Stinson's presentation...and Lady Emma Pedrotti indicated that their son was involved in the making of the movie *National Treasure*, opening 1/19/04, and asks that anyone who may see it to please report back to her in December what they thought of it. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. Mark Arbeen and the color bearers retired the flags. The meeting was officially closed at 2106 hrs.

Bro. Danny Levin won the 50/50, which was \$37.00 which he donated right back into the kitty. Thank you Bro Danny.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope everyone has a meaningful Thanksgiving...see you in December.

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Donald A. Dooley
Secretary/Adjutant