



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER NO. 364

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

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FEBRUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER



Brother Sojourners,

While poor weather conditions prevented many from participating in our annual Masters and Wardens night, 45 members and guests managed to assemble at the GWMMN for an evening's fellowship. It was especially gratifying to see so many members of the Grand Line present. Those who attended were privileged to hear an inspirational speech from Most Worshipful Brother John Quinley, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, who is also a distinguished member of our chapter. It remains for me to thank the Heroes for their moving and impressive Bridge of Light program 'Folding the Flag'. It was much appreciated by our distinguished guests.

February is an important month for our great fraternity. We look forward to celebrating our Worshipful Brother Washington's Birthday at Mount Vernon scheduled for 27 February. In keeping with tradition we have a guest speaker for our Chapter meeting on 16 February, Margaret Vining, who is a curatorial

historian in the Division of Military and Diplomatic History at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. She is responsible for collecting, preserving, researching, publishing and exhibiting the material culture of the armed forces of the United States. She will be speaking about Worshipful Brother Washington and Revolutionary War artifacts located at the Smithsonian. This promises to be a very informative and entertaining evening.

Once again I also wish to remind our members of the Chapter website at <http://olddominion364.org/>. There you will find posted the monthly newsletter, the annual calendar and other useful fraternal information. It is my intention to put forth a proposal for vote, as I have mentioned on numerous occasions since last autumn, to convert our newsletter to electronic format, thus significantly reducing the considerable expense we incur from printing and mailing costs. The time has also arrived to constitute both nominating and audit committees for the coming year. These and other matters will be discussed at a line officer and trustees meeting scheduled in a few days. I also wish to advise our membership that the time has come to remit 2005 dues.

I look forward to seeing you all at our scheduled meeting at Gadsby's tavern in remembrance of our Worshipful Brother Washington.

Hans S. Pawlisch
President, OD Chapter 364

FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION

The February meeting is on WEDNESDAY, February 16, 2005 at 1830 hours at the Gadsby's Tavern American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA. The speaker will be Margaret Vining, Curator of Early American Exhibits at the Smithsonian Museum.

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, February 14.

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



Commander's Message
February 2005

My Fellow Heroes:

What a great Bivouac we had on 26 January. A big tip of the tri-corn to our good brothers Howard Sobel, and his Lady Jeannette; Harry Sanders, and his Lady Lyn; and Danny Levin, for the wonderful spaghetti and meatballs dinner. Everyone really enjoyed the meal, and keeping a great tradition alive. Thank you brothers and sisters, you did a most outstanding job.

I received a call from the Commander of George Washington Camp. They have captured a "spy" in their midst, and have asked for our help in the interrogation. Therefore, we will convene on Wednesday, 30 March 2005, at Fort Collingwood at 1830 hours for some attitude adjustment and a strict examination.

This month is one of the busiest in our Hero year. We have been asked, by Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22, to provide a Color Guard for their annual wreath laying at Mount Vernon on 26 February 2005, at 0815 hours. A reception will be held at Ft. Collingwood, immediately following. All are invited to attend.

We will have our annual commemoration of the birth of Wor. Brother George Washington. This event will be held on 27 February 2005 at 0830 hours, at Mount Vernon. We will then attend divine services, starting at 1115 hours, at Pohick Episcopal Church, where we will sit in the Washington Boxes.

We have also been requested to provide a color guard for the City of Alexandria's Wreath Laying at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at 1400 hours, the same day.

The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and a fellow Hero, MW Bro. John R. Quinley, and his Lady Jill, will be joining us at each of the events. Your participation is greatly needed to make this one of the best in many years.

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 thru 12th grade) and sign them up to participate by giving them a copy of the contest form (a copy was included in the September 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!

SPECIAL DUES REMINDER: Members who pay dues on an annual basis have received their dues notice for \$34.00. If you have not mailed in your dues to the Chapter Secretary by March 31st, you will become "inactive".

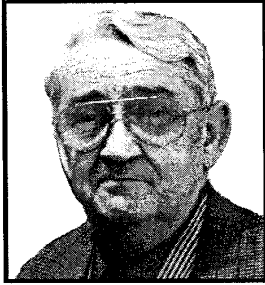
New Source for Heroes Uniforms

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.

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

Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 National Sojourners

Minutes of the Meeting, January 19, 2005



Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 was called to order for business at 1930 hrs at the GWNMM with 32 members, seven Grand Lodge Officers, and three Worshipful Masters and spouses present. Due to a snowstorm earlier in the day, many members and visitors cancelled, and the dinner was late being prepared, so President Pawlisch called the meeting to order for business first. Bros. Larry Lisle, Bill Turner, Mark Arbeen, and Scotty Cameron posted the Colors dressed in Revolutionary Heroes uniforms. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Larry Lisle attended the Bible and read the opening prayer. Pres. Hans Pawlisch read the Purpose of the Sojourners.

Pres. Pawlisch introduced the visiting Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; MW Bro. John R. Quinley, Grand Master, RW Bro. Edmund Cohen, Grand Senior Deacon, RW Jeffrey E.

Hodges, Grand Junior Deacon, RW Bro. Howard M. Sobel, Grand Purveyor, RW Bro. Frank R. Dunaway Jr., DDGM Dist. 1-A, RW Lee J. Sloppy, DDGM Dist. 1-B, and RW Norm Mayo, DDGM Dist. 54. Visiting Worshipful Masters Larry Alexander, Occoquan 310, Tom McMahon, Alex-Wash No.22, and Jay Patterson, Herndon Lodge No. 264, were also introduced. All past and current National and OD Chapter Officers were asked to rise and be recognized. The list will be filed with the minutes.

The December minutes were approved and the Secretary cleared his desk in due form. There were no petitions. All committee reports were postponed until the February meeting. President Pawlisch called for any old/new business. There being no old business, Bro. Harry Sanders rose to move that the Chapter endorse the nomination for Bro. Bill Turner for Emeritus Status. Bro. Harry reported that Bro. Turner has served for nine years on the Committee of 33, which alone qualifies him for Emeritus Status. Likewise, MW Bro Quinley rose and nominated Bro. Bill Turner for 3rd Vice Pres. of the National Sojourners commenting on his numerous qualifications and dedication. Support for both motions was unanimously approved with a round of applause, and Bro. Turner rose to thank all for their support.

The President then introduced the speaker for the night MW Bro. John Randall Quinley, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Although he was a little disappointed in the turnout of Masters at this meeting, MW Bro. John thanked Pres. Pawlisch for having the Masters meeting and remarked we should have more of them. (There were two Masters present and a third came later, mostly due to the bad weather) MW Bro. John spoke on the precarious positions Masters are in, charged with responsibilities but no command authority other than what the Brethren give them. He then asked that all of the Worshipful Masters in Virginia give their full support to the Sojourners because they are such a key part of what we are as Free Masons as representatives all over the Nation and free world. MW Bro. John commented on how much he appreciated the sacrifices so many Brothers had given in service, and how much he and his wife Jill were affected by the visit to the WWII Memorial in Hawaii. MW Bro. John then thanked the LHHL Camp of Heroes of 76 for their participation as a Colonial Color Guard at the Grand Lodge Installation in Richmond, and expressed how proud he was at that time, and *"especially the fact we were all in step."* MW John acknowledged OD 364, and their wives, as part of who he is and remarked how proud he is to be a Sojourner and to see so many faces at his official visits that are assisting him to *"Live Freemasonry Daily."*

Pres. Pawlisch then moved on to announcements...he reminded that we have a line officers and trustees meeting at Collingwood on 01/22/05 at 1000 hrs. He further announced that for the Feb. meeting we would have Margaret Vining, Chief Curator of Early American Exhibits for the Smithsonian Institution, as guest speaker. Bro. Mark Arbeen announced the meeting for LHHL at 0900 on 22 January has been cancelled due to the intended recruit asking to be deferred. There will be a bivouac and courtesy initiation for the Carl L. Sitter Camp, Shenandoah Chapter No. 543, on 26 January at 1830 hrs. along with a spaghetti dinner prepared by Bro. Harry Sanders and Lady Lyn, RW Bro. Howard Sobel and Lady Ginette, and Bro. Dan Levin. WM Tom McMahan, Alex-Wash Lodge No.22, announced there would be a wreath laying on 26 February at Mt. Vernon followed by a reception at Collingwood. At 1600 hrs same day they will have a Tiled Lodge, and tour, with a dinner that evening at 1800 hrs. Bro. Arbeen continued that LHHL would have a wreath laying at Mt. Vernon the following morning, 27 Feb., at 0800 hrs. The Grand Master plans to attend. We will then gather at the Pohick Church. We have also been asked for the first time to attend the wreath laying at GWNMM the same day and present the Colors.

Pres. Pawlisch then asked if anyone had any further business or info regarding a sick member. Bro. Dan Levin rose to announce that Bro. Cecil Sills fell at home and broke his hip. He is presently located at the Fairfax Nursing Center, 10701 Main St. Fairfax City 22030-6904; Phone 703-273-7705.

We then adjourned the Chapter at 2010 hrs to enjoy our dinner, and Chaplain Bro. Lisle gave the invocation. While eating we enjoyed tunes on the piano by Bro. Franklin (Dr.) Pepper. We resumed business at 2100 hrs. And the Chaplain gave the Closing Prayer. Then, The Pres. called upon the Heroes of LHHL to present the Bridge of Light program. Bro. Scotty Cameron presented the Toast to the Flag, and the Folding of the Flag was presented by Bros. Turner, Arbeen, Lisle, and Scotty Cameron in uniform. The Chapter was declared closed at 2110 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Ron Dooley
Sec/Adj