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## IN MEMORIAM PETER WARREN PEDROTTI

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER, HEROES OF '76  
FOUNDING CURATOR OF COLLINGWOOD LIBRARY & MUSEUM  
30 April 1916 – 22 January 2006

Worshipful Brother Peter Warren Pedrotti, Past National Commander, Heroes of '76 (1970-71) laid down his working tools on 22 January 2006.

He enlisted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery in Fort Winfield Scott, California on 11 May 1935. He served with the 59<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery at Fort Mills, Corregidor, P. I.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Coast Artillery, Reserve on 3 March 1938. He entered active duty with the 198<sup>th</sup> Delaware National Guard starting 3 January 1941. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel on 30 April 1958.

Worshipful Brother Pedrotti was raised in El Paso Lodge No. 130 on 10 July 1948 in El Paso, Texas. He was a York and Scottish Rite Mason. He was a Past Commander of the California Commandery, Knights Templar. He was a Past Master of Amity Seal-Rock Lodge No. 370 and Brotherhood Lodge in San Francisco. He was a Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a Past Royal Patron of the Order of the Amaranth. He was a Shriner with membership in California and Virginia. In August 1948, Worshipful Brother Pedrotti joined El Paso Chapter #74, National Sojourners. He was a Past Chapter President and Past Secretary and a multiple MIP of numerous chapters, including Old Dominion Chapter and Light Horse Harry Lee Camp. He organized Fidelitas Chapter #342 in Karlsruhe, Germany in 1951 and served as Charter President. He crossed the "Big D" successfully and joined the Heroes of '76 in 1948.

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## February Meeting Information

The next chapter meeting is on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 1830 hours at the **American Legion Post 176, located at 6520 Amherst Avenue in Springfield.**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS THROUGH BROTHER DAN CLARK, Third Vice President, at: [danclark@cox.net](mailto:danclark@cox.net) or telephone: 703-440-9774 or cell: 703-585-8123. Or notify your Calling Committee Member. Dinner cost: \$20.00 per person.**

**DEADLINE IS 1200 HOURS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006!**

The next Light Horse Harry Lee Bivouac will be on 30 March 2006 at Collingwood Library & Museum on Americanism.

# Commander's Message

## Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76

Brother Heroes,

**TAPS:** I am deeply saddened by the passing of our Brother and senior Past National Commander of the Heroes of '76 (1970–1971), LTC Peter W. Pedrotti to the celestial lodge above. I know that each of you join with me in expressing our deepest sympathy and condolences to Lady Emma as we remember and celebrate the life of this dedicated Sojourner and Hero of '76 who gave so much to our order. Although we will sorely miss Brother Pedrotti's presence around the campfire of our bivouacs and encampments, we take comfort in knowing that his spirit will always be in our hearts!

**Calendar:** Plans for the remainder of a very busy 2005 – 2006 Sojourner year are summarized below. Participation of all Heroes of '76 is paramount --- mark your calendars now! In particular, I call on every Hero in our camp to give special consideration to supporting the 19 – 25 FEB, 24 FEB and 26 FEB events below --- **please contact me by phone or e-mail as soon as possible and let me know which dates/events I can count on your participation and support!**

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
19-25 FEB 06	Uniformed Heroes of '76 are requested to serve as official greeters at the GWMNM during <b>National Sojourners' Month</b> .
24 FEB 2006	<b>SPECIAL ENCAMPMENT</b> begins at 1800 hrs with dinner to confer the Heroes Degree. The location is the American Legion Meeting room of Gadsby's Tavern in Old Tow Alexandria. The REKRUIT is our very own Brother Ronald Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S. J., USA. A special Camp Followers program is planned. The Encampment OIC and organizer is Brother Bill Turner, PNC.
26 FEB 2006 MORNING	<b>OD364 Wreath Laying at Mount Vernon</b> celebrating the 274 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of George Washington. All Heroes are requested to report in uniform to lead the chapter's procession to and from the tomb. Report to the main gate at Mount Vernon at 0830 hrs. All Camp Followers are also encouraged to participate.
26 FEB 2006 AFTERNOON	<b>Wreath Laying</b> by the City of Alexandria and the Masonic Fraternity celebrating the 274 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of George Washington beginning at 1400 hrs <b>at the GWMNM</b> . ALL HEROES OF '76 in uniform, Sojourners and Camp Followers are requested to attend and LHHL Camp has been requested to provide the Color Guard.
30 MAR 2006	<b>LHHL Camp Bivouac</b> at Collingwood at 1830 hrs
?? APR 2006	<b>LHHL Wreath Laying</b> at Lee Chapel of Washington & Lee University in honor of <b>Light Horse Harry Lee</b> in Lexington, VA [DETAILS TBA]
29 APR 2006	<b>Second Annual James Monroe Day Celebration</b> at the James Monroe birthplace in Colonial Beach, VA at 1100 hrs followed by a noon lunch at Colonial Beach Lodge --- open to all Sojourners, family and friends. The Heroes of '76 have again been requested to provide the Color Guard for the event.
20 MAY 2006	<b>Federal Area Encampment</b> @ Collingwood [DETAILS TBA]

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK...

By this time Brethren, you know the January meeting was cancelled because the meeting room was being used by the American Legion Post. In addition, as you also know by now, the meeting was changed from the 3rd Wednesday, the 18th, to the 2nd Wednesday, the 11th, because the National Mid-Winter Meeting posed a conflict (18-22). In lieu of the January minutes here are some announcements etc.

**Application for Action:** There is one application for membership that will be read at the Feb. meeting. The applicant contacted the Chapter by email seeking membership. That will always work. The Secretary will be the sponsor.

**Committee Reports:** **Americanism;** **Bro. Bob Klementz'** grandson has submitted an essay to National Headquarters for the 2006 Essay Contest. He name is Joshua Irvin Scott. He lives in York Pennsylvania and is a 9th Grader (freshman) in Red Lion High School in York County. He is on the Honor Role at Red Lion, played on the Junior Varsity Golf Team this past fall as a freshman, and is trying out for the baseball team this spring. We all hope he wins the big prize. Further, Bro Bob will finance a trip to the Spirit of America, Valley Forge, in July for Joshua, no cost to OD 364, providing the logistics work out.

**Sick and Distressed;** Sadly, **Bro. Pete Pedrotti** passed away on Jan. 22, 2006. Viewing will be held 21 Feb. 06, 2-4 and 7-9 PM at Demaine's Funeral Home, 520 S. Wash. St., Alexandria. VA Telephone: 703-549-0074. A Masonic Service will also be held at 7:30 PM Feb. 21. Chapel Service will be held 22 Feb. 06 at 9:00 AM at the OLD Ft. Myer Chapel and interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery. A reception will follow at Collingwood. **Bro. Dan Levin's Lady, Ruth,** had surgery on her back on Jan. 12, 2006 and is doing well at home. **Bro. Bill MacBrayne** had open surgery on Jan. 13, 2006, to place a sleeve around an aneurysm of the stomach. He had a rough time with the surgery but is now home recuperating and doing well as of our phone conversation on Jan. 24. I am sad to report that Bro. **Al Ungerleider** has been in a nursing home for rehabilitation since Jan. 1, 2005. He will be going home Feb. 1, 2006 but must be attended full time due to falling etc. Let's hope February is a better month.

**Announcements:** **Bro. Les Albers** has agreed to be our Marshal for the rest of this administration...thank you Bro. Les; we will install you at the next meeting. **Bro. P.G. Graessle** is proud to announce the third addition to their "ever-expanding tribe." Name: Samantha Carolyn, DOB: 15 Jan 2006, Time 1144AM ET, Length: 21 inches. Weight: 6 lbs 9 oz. Congratulations to him and Lady Carolyn.

**Brethren, and ladies (it takes the ladies to remind us), please remember that the next meeting is on February 15 at the American Legion Post 176, located at 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield.** This Post is located just north of Kay Jennings Toyota Dealership on Backlick Road.

**A final and reluctant note from your Secretary...Brethren** if you owe dues for 2006 please remit them now. As of January 1, 2006, you are late. The Chapter needs the money for the defrayment of costs for the OD Newsletter and other expenses incurred this year for operation. As Masons, we should support our Brethren and be a part of the purpose of the organization. Thank you for your indulgence..

Sincerely and Respectfully,

**Ron Dooley**  
**Secretary/Adjutant**

**DUES ARE OVERDUE...DUES ARE OVERDUE...DUES ARE OVERDUE!**

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**PETER WARREN PEDROTTI** (Continued from front page)

Nationally, Worshipful Brother Pedrotti served on the Committee of 33 and was elected as an Emeritus Member. He was appointed National Sentinel, Heroes of `76 in 1961 and elected National Commander for 1970-71. He served on NASOCOCO for twenty years, on the Heroes of `76 Ritual Committee and as Regional Representative for North Carolina.

Worshipful Brother Pedrotti taught in the senior high schools of San Francisco for eighteen years, retiring from that position in 1982 to become the founding curator of Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism, a position he held for fourteen years.