

2 0 1 1 J A N U A R Y

National Sojourners Inc.
OLD DOMINION CHAPTER #364

CHAPTER HOME PAGE: [HTTP://OLDDOMINIONNO364.NET](http://olddominionno364.net)



CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

Kent S. Webber
kwebber@csc.com

CAMP COMMANDER:

Stewart W. Bentley, Jr.
Cidad@aol.com

CHAPTER SECRETARY

Les H. Albers, Jr.
703-455-1405
AlbersLH@aol.com

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Janine Kovack
nationalsojourners@cox.net

WEB MASTER:

Handley Ward
Handley.millie@aeity.net

✧ President's Message ✧

Brethren,

We all had a good time at our Christmas Celebration. Jim and Tina Gray led us in Christmas Carols and Jim played several tunes on the Harp. We also inducted Michael Rutledge into our Chapter as a member. Keep up the good work recruiting new members. For any organization to survive, we must constantly recruit new members.

The speaker for our next meeting will be Captain Paul Jacobs, USN (Ret), who will speak about the "Battle of Penobscot". Join us for an evening of fun and learn of one of the worst defeats in the history of the U.S. Navy until Pearl Harbor.

Kent

✧ Commander's Message ✧

Brethren:

As we "Winter Over" let's take a moment to reflect on those Heroes of the Revolution who were still clinging to the cause in January 1776:

On 4 a.m. on New Year's Day, on orders from Governor Dunmore, gunners aboard British ships began a 7 hour bombardment of Norfolk. Fires raged for two days. In the end there was nothing left of the most prosperous town in Virginia but ashes and a name on a map.

Dunmore's fleet sailed off. He was rewarded with Governorship of the Bahaman Islands. Ironically, slaves who had been promised freedom if they would serve in Dunmore's Army were taken to Florida and Jamaica and sold back into slavery.

Brother Benedict Arnold still held positions outside Montreal. Still Arnold persisted in calling for assistance and appealed to the Congress who on January 19 made him a Brigadier General and authorized funding and reinforcements from the New England area. Meanwhile smallpox was raging in Arnold's camp. Of 600 men only 200 were fit for duty. The reinforcements would also dwindle in effective numbers as small pox began overtaking them.

Colonel Henry Knox, Brother George Washington's Chief of Artillery, arrived at Boston on the 24th of January, with the cannons and mortars captured at Fort Ticonderoga. With his new strength Washington could now place guns on Dorchester heights and out-gun the British fleet.

Early in January, writer Thomas Paine published the document "Common Sense" It was overwhelmingly received by the American public as their justification of revolt against King George II

The next Bivouac will be Wednesday, 26 January 2011. See you there!

For the Commander:
Les Albers, Adjutant

Woody Bentley
Camp Commander

✧ Secretary Minutes ✧

Opening / Call to Order:

The December stated meeting of Old Dominion Chapter 364 National Sojourners was held in the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188 at 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22031. We enjoyed an excellent turkey dinner and pumpkin pie and most of all the fellowship that surrounded our membership.

Attendance: Total: 21 (7 women, 14 men)

The Chapter was called to order by President Bro. Kent Webber at 1940 hours. The Colors were posted in place. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bro. Joe Spruill. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers offered the opening prayer. The Purposes of National Sojourners was delivered by Bro. Kent Webber.

C o r r e s p o n d e n c e (Secretary Les Albers):

Mail received: MIP application received from Bro. Michael D. Rutledge; MIP check received from Bro. Charles Moore.

Secretary: Minutes of the last meeting (November 2010) were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer: Checking account: \$3,590.28; Capitol One Money Market account \$9,043.57.

Membership:
Application for membership: None

Current active members:
196

I n t r o d u c t i o n s a n d W e l c o m e :

Members: Brother Bill Turner, National 1st VP, Emeritus, PNCdr; VDA, PP, PC; Bro. Ed Arndt, National trustee, PP, PC; Bro. Kent Webber, National Trustee; President, Brother Michael Aucliceno, Ch 440; Past Presidents: Brother Joe Spruill; Past Commander: Ralph Smith; Les Albers.

Program: (2010-2030): Musicians Jim and Tina Gray returned to lead us in holiday carols with a violin accompaniment. Jim also performed a solo on the harp. President Webber presented The Grays with a donation and a certificate of appreciation.

Commander LHHL (for: Brother Woody Bentley):
Next Heroes Bivouac at Camp Collingwood: 26 January 2011.
Social time: 1830, Dinner at 1900.
Program: To be determined.

Committee Reports:
ROTC: Bro. Ralph Smith reported that he will resume work on this project in January.
Americanism and BOL: None.

Programs: No report.

Wellness and sadness: Patti Turner reported that 90 people attended the memorial service for Bro. George Harrington. Bro. Scotty Cameron was resting in the hospital. Bro. Al Weniman was resting in the hospital. Bro. Ron Dooley's wife, Pat, was also undergoing medical care. Bro. Keye Perry was remembered on the loss of his father.

Collingwood: None.

Old business: None

New Business: None.

President's remarks (Bro. Kent Webber): The Chapter will replace the 4 flags missing from the History of the Flag kit.

Closing:

1. 2045: The gavel was passed to all.
2. A Collection was taken for Collingwood: \$26.
3. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers gave the closing prayer.
4. The colors were retired in place.
5. Meeting closed at 2100 hours.

At your service, Les Albers

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**The next Chapter Meeting is on Wednesday, 19 January 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

The speaker for our next meeting will be Captain Paul Jacobs, USN (Ret), who will speak about the "Battle of Penobscot". Join us for an evening of fun and learn of one of the worst defeats in the history of the U.S. Navy until Pearl Harbor.

**Please make reservations through Brother Joe Spruill at 703-615-6275
or joe.spruill@yahoo.com by the end of the day on Sunday, 16 January.**