



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER No. 364

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

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JANUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER



Brother Sojourners,

This being the holiday season, I wish to thank you all for the festive occasion during our December meeting at Gadsby's Tavern. The 19 January meeting will be Masters and Wardens night. Our scheduled speaker will be The Grandmaster of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful John Quinley who is also a member of Old Dominion Chapter 364. The Heroes will close the meeting with their inspirational 'Folding the Flag' ceremony.

As we look ahead into the New Year, we once again look forward to our Worshipful Brother Washington's Birthday celebration at Mount Vernon scheduled for 27 February. In preparation for this event, there will be a meeting of line officers and trustees at Collingwood at 1000 on 22 January following the scheduled 0900 Heroes meeting. The other agenda item for this meeting will be the newsletter at which time I

intend to appoint a committee to establish an implementation plan to transition our monthly newsletter from hardcopy to electronic media. It is my intention to submit this plan to the general membership for vote during our March meeting.

December marks the passing of Christmas and Hanukah--holidays associated with Christianity and Judaism. Yet at this holy season we find our nation locked in a major struggle in the Middle East. Some like the scholar of international relations Samuel Huntington and the historian of Islam Bernard Lewis have characterized this war as a conflict of religion and/or clash of civilizations. Those who have traveled in Islamic countries will recognize this characterization as dubious at best. Thus I want you all to reflect as Brother Masons on a fundamental text of the ancient Koran that refers to Christians and Jews as 'nearest in love' to Muslims. Surah 29 instructs Muslims to:

"Dispute not with the People of the Book (i.e. Jews and Christians) save in the most courteous manner...and say, We believe in what has been sent down to us and what has been sent down to you: our God and your God is one and to him we have surrendered".

That said I wish you all a very happy New Year.

Hans S. Pawlisch
President, OD Chapter 364

JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION

The January meeting is on WEDNESDAY, January 19, 2005 at 1830 Hours at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, VA. The scheduled speaker will be The Grandmaster of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful John Quinley (member of Old Dominion Chapter 364). The Heroes will close the meeting with their inspirational 'Folding the Flag' ceremony.

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, January 17.

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



Commander's Message January 2005

My Fellow Heroes:

A healthy and happy New Year to you and your families!!!

A "spy" has been lurking around our Camp for several months. He is a tricky one, but we finally caught him. We will bring him to "justice" on 26 January 2005, at 1830 hours, at Fort Collingwood. If you see fit, he will be tried, and if found worthy, admitted into our Camp. To prepare for this Bivouac, I would like for the officers to meet on 22 January 2005, at 0900 hours, for rehearsal.

We are also preparing for 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.

Your participation in all, or part, of these events will help make them memorable for all. More details will be in the February Newsletter.

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 - dtlang@mac.com; address - 13354 Goodhart Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176-6100; Phone: 540-822-3044).

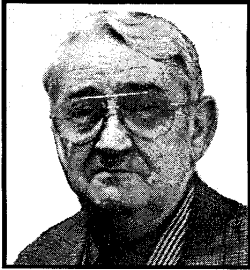
SPECIAL DUES REMINDER:

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 MV 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, December 15 2004**



Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 was called to order at 1900 hours at Gadsby's Tavern in Olde Towne, Alexandria with 59 members and guests present. President Hans Pawlisch asked Chaplain Bro. Larry Lisle to give the invocation. We enjoyed roast beef and black bass with veggie trimmings, and of course dessert. Santa Claus (Bro. Warren Baker, PP, PC) collected wrapped toys for the Marine Toys for Tots program.

The President called the business meeting to order at 2005 hours and Marshal Bro. Gary Akin and bearers posted the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, and Bro. Lisle read the opening prayer. Bro. Scotty Cameron gave the Toast to the Flag and 1st VP Bro. Terry Gigure read The Purposes of the Sojourners.

Pres. Pawlisch introduced RW Bro. Frank Dunaway, Jr., DDGM, Masonic Dist. 1-A, and RW Bro. Howard Sobel, Grand Purveyor, Grand Lodge of Virginia. All past and present national officers and all past presidents and commanders were asked to rise and be honored. Bro. Gene Sizemore, LOH, was also asked to rise and be recognized. Our only widow for the evening, Lady Jane Harvey, was introduced and welcomed by all.

The minutes of the November meeting were unanimously approved and then the Secretary cleared his desk. Christmas cards were read from Bro. Dick and Lady Judy Williamson, and Bro. Jack M. Hansel. Two brothers have laid down their working tools, Bro. Elias Van Krugel on 11/20/04, and Bro. Stephen Nemeth on 12/04/04. The Secretary also received an email on 11/29/04 from Bro. Bill Turner that Bro. R. J. Coontz's wife passed away. A request for the purchase of an ad in the National Sojourner Souvenir Program Book was read and the body voted for a full page at the cost of \$150.00. One application for Dual MIP membership was read and approved for Bro. Armen H. Garabedian.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Americanism Committee Chairman Larry Lisle reported that a wreath laying ceremony at Mt. Vernon on Dec. 13 for AW Lodge 22 was successful. He further reported we have three color guard ceremony requests to cover...two on the 18th of Dec. One is requested at the DC Grand Lodge installation, and one at Springfield Lodge installation. The third request is for AW Lodge 22 installation on Dec. 27th. **ROTC** Chairman Bro. Ralph Smith announced the program is dormant until February. He also expressed concern that certain factions in Fairfax County seem to be discouraging participation in ROTC and not lending the support they should. He would appreciate any information known in that matter. For **Sick and Distressed** Lady Patti Turner reported she sent cards to Bro. R. J. Coontz for the death of his lady, and Lady Dorian Bateman who just had surgery. She will send one to Bro. Nelson Newcome who had triple by-pass surgery on Dec. 6, 2004. It should be noted a card was signed by all present for Bro. Newcome and will be delivered. Lady Lyn Sanders, **Widows Chair**, reported that four widows were invited but only one came to the meeting. (Lady Harvey) Under **Old Business**, 1st VP Bro. Terry Gigure announced he would have a report back on the finances next month. There was no new business.

Pres. Pawlisch then announced the program for the evening had changed, as the speaker on WWII could not be present. Bro. Pawlisch had hoped Lt. Gen. Harry O. Kinnard would be able to speak on the Battle of the Bulge, which he participated in on 12/17/44, but the general is suffering from cancer and asked to be excused.

Heroes of 76 LHHL, Cmdr. Bro. Mark Arbeen reported that there would be a Heroes line officer's meeting at Collingwood on 01/22/05 at 9:00 AM in preparation for the bivouac on 01/26/05 at 6:30 PM. There is a "ruffian" in the woods nearby. He further reported that an OD 364 line meeting would follow at 10:00 AM on the 22nd. Further, the color guard for AW Lodge 22 wreath laying at Mt. Vernon will take place on 02/26/05, and the OD 364 wreath laying will follow on 02/27/05. Cmdr Arbeen introduced the newest Hero indicating he already has a tri-corn. (see picture below)

Pres. Pawlisch announced that the Chapter line officers on 09/25/04 discussed the current expenses of producing and mailing the Chapter Newsletter and that the final consensus was to try electronic mailing via the internet. The present cost on average is \$350.00 per month to construct and mail the Newsletter. The President hopes to slowly make this transition by February or March of 2005. The result of a quick survey of the Chapter roster indicates that 90% of the membership has computers and could access the Web Site and/or be sent the Newsletter by email. Any member who does not have a computer would continue to receive a hard copy in the mail. Anyone can currently access the OD Web Site and see the Newsletter and minutes. A major expense would be eliminated by doing this, which, in the electronic age is unnecessary. There was concern from the floor that when this goes into operation, someone (web master) notify the body that the new Newsletter is posted on the Web Site. Pres. Pawlisch fully agreed, and further feels this will eventually require a vote by the membership, but it is going to come, mainly from need. He recommended tabling any further action until the February meeting.

Bro. Bill Turner announced that Spotsylvania County, VA., is close to eliminating the Pledge of Allegiance from the school system. Anyone interested should write letters or email the School Board. He also announced that Fredericksburg is about to start a new Sojourner's Chapter, Chapter No. 545, and anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Bro. Bill Turner. At the present time, a dual MIP member could sign up for \$150.00 as a charter member. This fee will definitely go up in the near future.

Anyone interested in donating assistance/money concerning our injured troops may contact Bro. Bill Turner or the Secretary Bro. Ron Dooley and we can email you several point of contacts. They do not need at this point any further "calling cards" as they are overwhelmed with them and would not want any more until spring.

There being no further business the gavel was passed drawing several holiday wishes etc.

It was noted that the table centers of candy, holiday decorations, and neat little colonial soldiers were the work of "The Three Lady B's"...Barbara Klementz, Barbara Williamson, and Barbara Baker. They were given a round of applause...thank you ladies.

The closing prayer was a special presentation by our Chaplain Bro. Larry Lisle who read the historical prayer communicated to the troops in 1944 (250,000 copies) by Lt. General George S. Patton, Commanding Officer, Third United States Army. We thank Bro. Gigure for bringing that to us. Anyone wishing to have a copy please contact Bros. Terry Gigure or Ron Dooley.

The colors were retreated and the meeting was officially closed at 2052 hours.

Ladies Gisela Chesebro, Rose Marie O'Neal Akin, and Thery MacBrayne then blessed members and guests with the singing of Silent Night in German. Pres. Pawlisch then led us very skillfully in Christmas carols and all enjoyed.

The 50/50 was won by Lady Lucia Abell, wife of Brother (Judge) Rick Abell, which all present agreed they deserved to win because of his willingness to stand-in as our speaker several times this past year. Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Ron Dooley
Sec/Adj

Pattie and I wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year.

