

# NATIONAL SOJOURNERS INC.



## Old Dominion Chapter

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### 2008 Convention Report for OD 364

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Old Dominion Chapter was well represented by a number of the most active local members who attended and participated in the 2008 annual convention in Wilmington, NC starting on Tuesday, June 16 and ending at noon on Saturday, June 20. The Convention was held at the Wilmington Hilton Hotel on the banks of the Cape Fear River located on one end of the historic district. The convention included meetings of all the major committees, the Collingwood Board of Directors, the Convention business sessions, a Heroes encampment with a Campfire degree, and the Bennington and President's banquets. There were 132 registered Sojourners with a total attendance of 232. Old Dominion national officers present included National 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Harry Sanders (elevated to 1<sup>st</sup> VP for 2008-9), National 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Bill Turner (elevated to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for 2008-9), and Committee of 33 member Woody Bentley (also Vice President of Collingwood, NASO-COCO Secretary, and member of the Americanism Committee), Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee and PNP William Sizemore, and Trustee and PNP Frank Harris.

Other members present included Frank Dunaway (Collingwood Director Emeritus), Bob Klementz (Collingwood Director and Acting Treasurer), Johnny Mayer (Collingwood Secretary), and Bill Williamson (Collingwood President). Spouses and guests included Lynn

Sanders, Patti Turner, Connie Dunaway, Claire Bentley, Hellen Sizemore, Marian Harris, and Charlotte Crane – guest of Johnny Mayers.

The Old Dominion newsletter won 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up in the Dallas L. Knox Bulletin of the Year competition. Congratulations to Janine our editor.

A number of Old Dominion members were honored during the Convention. Woody Bentley and Johnny Mayers were elected to the Royal Order of the Barrow Wheelers. This honorary organization within National Sojourners is limited to 100 active members, and new members are elected to vacancies caused by death or emeritus status. Election is based on the work by the individual in contributions to and support of the National Sojourner organization. Harry Sanders, Bill Turner, Bill Williamson, William Sizemore, and Woody Bentley were recognized with Presidential Citations of Excellence. Frank Harris was the recipient of the Legion of Honor Medal. Ladies Patti Turner and Lynn Sanders received Certificates of Appreciation.

Other activities included a ladies luncheon, the Mustang Chapter luncheon, the Expeditionary Chapter luncheon, the Saigon/DaNang luncheon, the Past Masters breakfast, the Barrow Wheelers breakfast, and a dinner cruise on the Cape Fear River.

Submitted By Bro. Stewart W. Bentley SR.

### July Meeting Information

The next chapter meeting is on **Wednesday, July 16, 2008** at the Arlington-Fairfax BPO located at 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22031.

Uniform of the Day: **HAWAIIAN SHIRT NIGHT**

Social one hour before dinner. Dinner at 1900 hours in Fairfax Room (on Lower Floor of Lodge). Dinner is \$20.00 per person. Make your reservations through Brother Joe Spruill at Joe.Spruill@yahoo.com or call: 703-615-6275.

Deadline for reservations: **End of day, Sunday, July 13, 2008.**



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## Commander's Message

The next encampment for the Light Horse Harry Lee Chapter of the Heroes of 76 will be at 1800 hours on 30 July at Ft. Collingwood. A Rekruit has been seeking entrance to the camp. All LHHL members are encouraged to wear their full uniforms for the event. Ladies and camp followers are encouraged to attend. We expect a wonderful meal reflecting the greatest treats from the Orient. Meal cost will be determined later.

Spirit of 76 notes: This month we recall June 1775. On the 14th, Brother George Washington was nominated as commander

of the Continental Army. On the 17th, the British won the Battle of Bunker Hill. At that time, American victory in the war was not assured nor was independence from the crown even agreed upon by the majority of Americans.

Henry Lee notes: Lee's unit of Light Dragoons was not formed until 8 June 1776 when they became the 5th Troop of Light Horse of Virginia State Troops at the capital of Williamsburg.

EIAR...Les Albers  
Commander

### NEW CONTRACT WITH ELKS SIGNED

Bro. Kent Webber, 2nd VP, Bro. Ralph W. Smith, PP and Trustee, and Bro. Ron Dooley, Secretary, met with Mr. Jay Singer, Banquet Coordinator for the Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188, on July 2, 2008 and negotiated a contract for 2008-2009. All items of agreement from 2007-2008 remained in force for the ensuing year, July 2008 through June 2009.

*Ron Dooley, Secretary*



### SICK & DISTRESSED

Bro. Tom Little, President, is still down with a bout of pneumonia and will be out for 4 to 5 weeks. As of 7/2/08 he is slowly recovering but extremely weak.

Bro. Woody Bentley is recovering from amputation of a toe due to infection.

Bro. Ray Whitney is recovering from a triple by-pass performed three weeks earlier and doing well under the skilled hands of his wife Carol..."the best nurse in the whole world." Bro. Ray will start rehab at INOVA FRFX in about three weeks.

*Ron Dooley, Secretary*

## From the Secretary's Desk



### Minutes of the Meeting, June 18, 2008

Old Dominion No. 364 met on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at the Elks Lodge No. 2188. Nineteen members and guests attended, even though the National Convention was in session. Pres. Tom Little gaveled the dinner bell at 1900 hours. Chaplain, Bro. Dan Clark, offered the invocation. A dinner of baked chicken and sides was served with a great dessert following.

Pres. Little called the business meeting to order at 2000 hours. 1st VP Joe Spruill led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Bro. Dan Clark attended the Bible and presented the Opening Prayer. Bro. Scotty Cameron recited the Toast to the Flag, and Pres. Little presented the Purposes of the National Sojourners. Pres. Little thanked all for joining us and then recognized the VIP's and ladies present, and a long time member who lives in Colorado we haven't seen in a while, Bro. Juan Arcocha, who was in the area for a meeting.

**Secretary:** The minutes of the May 21 meeting were approved unanimously. The secretary then cleared his desk with the following: A card was received from Mr. Nick Capozio thanking the Heroes for the Honor Guard on Mar. 13, 2008. The announcement for the NSI Essay Contest for 2009 was read. The Spirit of

America Youth Conference will be held July 17 – 20, 2008. A letter was received from Pres. Tom Little re: the Kena Shriners Oct. 4, 2008 Annual Charity Event to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Bro. Little discussed the program briefly. A letter was received from CLMA Secretary John Mayers thanking the Chapter for the May donation of \$73.00 for the general fund. An eight-page letter was received (6-16-08) from Bro. Charles A Folsom, PNP, re: the mortgaging of Collingwood, the Legacy Center, and the future of National Sojourners Headquarters. The letter was discussed but not read in its entirety. An email was received from Bro. Rick Reickert, our past webmaster, who advised the old domain address was up for renewal on July 24, and he wanted to know if we wanted to renew it. The members present elected to discontinue it. A letter of invitation was sent to a Bro. Paul Carstensen who recently moved to the area...there was no response. The secretary then read the tally for membership/deaths for 2007-2008...we had 12 new MIP/honorary members...and nine deaths for the year. The deceased members/wives were read. Among those was Bro. Bill Ellenberger (MIP) from California (100 years young) who was to be buried at Arlington.

National Cemetery on 6-19-08 with full military honors.

**Petitions:** We have one petition working from Omar Bracey, 1st Lt. USA, which was submitted on 3-19-08. His sponsor is Bro. Jerry Kunkle. The petitioner is scheduled to be present for the July 19 meeting.

**Treasurer:** Bro. John Mayers is attending the National Convention.

**ROTC:** Bro. Ralph Smith submitted his report to the Secretary for the End of the Year report. There were 11 junior and 18 senior awards presented.

**Sick & Distressed:** Patti Turner sent one card to Bro. Woody Bentley who required surgery on his foot in May. One toe was amputated due to infection. Woody is coming along fine and he attended the National Convention. Bro. Ray Whitney had a triple bypass on 6-12-08 after having his swollen knee checked which was operated on back in March. He is again recuperating and says he will come to a meeting "when the doctor says I can." Get well to both brothers.

**Heroes:** Bro. Les Albers, commander, announced a planning meeting on Wednesday, 7-2-08, at Collingwood at 1900 hours for Heroes officers, and an upcoming Bivouac on Wednesday, 7-30-08, at Ft. Collingwood. Social hour begins at 1800 hours. There was a motley ragamuffin Rekrut captured lin-

gering in the woods near camp, which assures approval is doubtful. Prison is sure to follow.

**New Business:** Bro. Howard Sobel proposed we support Bro. Harry Sanders, 2nd Nat. VP, in his year as National President in 2011 by agreeing to sponsor the convention. Bro. Howard has agreed to chair the planning committee and will present a detailed report at the next meeting. A vote would be proposed to the Chapter to make this happen.

**Programs:** Pres. Tom Little reported the following program schedule for the year:

July - Report on the National Convention, wear Hawaiian Shirts

Aug - Program on George Washington, wear Golf Shirts

Sept - Program on Jamestown, VA, back to wearing business clothes and ties.

Oct. -

Nov - ROTC/Military Night

Dec - Holiday Program

Jan - Masters and Wardens Night

Bro. Tom is also working on getting a program on Mt Vernon, and one on changes at Collingwood later in the year.



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## From the Secretary's Desk (continued)

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Bro. Tom then spoke on attaching our names and fortunes to various endeavors of life using several examples of Bro. George Washington who did and did not do all required during his era and time as a Freemason. In closing, he advised we must watch what we put on emails etc. Bro. Tom ended by saying how proud he is to be a Sojourner.

**Good of the Order:** Bro. Ralph Smith, Junior Past President, was asked to come forward and was presented a traditional folder for outgoing presidents by the Secretary with copies of all minutes, contracts, staff meetings etc. for his year. Bro. Ralph received a resounding applause.

**Closing:** There being no further business the gavel was passed, at which time \$57.00 was received for donation to CLMA. The Chaplain offered the Closing Prayer and closed the Bible. The meeting was officially closed at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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