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OLD DOMINION CHAPTER #364

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✧ President's Message ✧

Greetings:

There are still a couple of officer positions to fill for the 2011-2012 Chapter year, especially: Programs, ROTC, Bridge of Light.

We have had a request to sponsor two or three JROTC cadets to Freedom's Foundation.

Chapter Members are reminded that there are raffle tickets available for sale to support the Annual meeting being held in Richmond, VA this summer. Tickets are \$5.00 each and a chance to win monetary prizes.

Please contact another Sojourner and bring them to our next meeting.

Mark Harford
For the President,
Les Albers, Secretary

✧ Commander's Message ✧

Brethren:

I wish to thank those who elected me Commander of the Light Horse Harry Lee Chapter. On Wed. June 29, we will have our regular quarterly Heroes Bivouac. Brother Mark Harford is the Recruit. Let's have a good turn-out for this event. Get your reservations in early.

On another note, please keep Past Commander, Woody Bentley in your thoughts and prayers. He is recovering from a back operation and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The annual convention at the Omni Hotel in Richmond is on June 13 to 18, 2011. Two exciting events will be the National Encampment Heroes of '76 from 1330 to 1600 on Wed., June 15. There will also be a Tiled Session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia from 1500 to 1700 on Thursday, June 16. This is a new event, never held before at a NSI Convention. It is time now to make your reservations on the National Website and to call the hotel.

I recently attended a meeting and heard the following talk, which I thought was very appropriate to today.

WHO WAS THOMAS JEFFERSON?

Over the years the world has seen many brilliant people - and then there was Thomas Jefferson.

He started learning very early in life, and never stopped . . .

At 5, began studying under his cousin's tutor.

At 9, studied Latin, Greek, and French.

At 14, studied classical literature and additional languages.

At 16, entered the College of William and Mary

At 81, after a lifetime of towering achievements, almost single-handedly created the University of Virginia and served as its first president.

Thomas Jefferson knew because he himself studied the previous failed attempts at government. He understood actual history, the nature of God, his laws and the nature of man. A voice from the past to lead us into the future:

~ Jefferson's Wisdom, still valid for America today . . .

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

Thomas Jefferson

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."

Thomas Jefferson

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

Thomas Jefferson

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

Thomas Jefferson

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

Thomas Jefferson

"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

Thomas Jefferson

Kent S. Webber, Camp Commander, LHHL Camp

✧ Secretary Minutes ✧

May 18, 2011 Minutes

Opening / Call to Order:

The May 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 spaghetti dinner and lemon meringue dessert and most of all the fellowship that surrounded our membership.

Attendance: Total: 19 (5 women, 14 men) The Chapter was called to order by President Bro. Kent Webber at 1945 hours. The Colors were posted in place. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bro. Johnny Mayers. The Toast to the Flag was delivered by Bro. Scotty Cameron. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers offered the opening prayer. The Purposes of National Sojourners was delivered by Bro. Kent Webber.

Correspondence (Secretary Les Albers):

Mail received From National H.Q.:

1. Invoice from Janine for March newsletter layout: \$85
2. Invoice from Janine for monthly meeting postcards: \$65

Secretary: Minutes of the April 2011 were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer:

Checking account: \$4,507.92;
Capitol One Money Market account \$9,082.58.

Membership:

Current active members: 229
Application for membership: Two
SP4 Hewitt: Honorary MIP (Henry Lodge)

LTC Robb Mitchell: Working on MIP

Introductions and Welcome:

Members: Bro. Bill Turner, President elect, Emeritus, PNC-Heroes ('03-'04), Houghton Award ('99), VDA ('09); Bro. Kent Webber: National Trustee; Bro. Scotty

Cameron, Emeritus, PP, PC; Past Presidents: Bro. Joe Spruill; Past Commanders: Bro. Ralph Smith; Bro. Les Albers.

Program: Outgoing Chapter President and National Trustee Kent S. Webber concluded his term of office, which featured an exciting series of guest speakers, with a presentation by the Washington, DC Buffalo Soldiers historical unit. Prince Hall Masons Hardwick Crawford and Curtis Womack, dressed in cavalry uniforms of the Plains Indian Wars, provided insights and anecdotes into the Black military experience and especially the Buffalo Soldiers' campaigns in the Old West. Mr. Crawford, a retired FBI agent, had served 6 years in the Army. Mr. Womack was a retired Command Sergeant Major, who entered the Army in WWII, served 36 years, and was recalled to active duty in 1991.

Commander LHHL (for: Bro. Woody Bentley):

1. Next Heroes Bivouac at Camp Collingwood: 29 June 2011. Social time: 1830, Dinner at 1900. Program: Recruit Mark Harford.
2. Herndon Lodge has requested the Historical Flag ceremony on 4 July 2011.

Committee Reports:

ROTC: We need a replacement ROTC coordinator.

Americanism and BOL: None.

Programs: None.

Wellness and sadness: (Patti Turner): Bro. Woody Bentley is recovering from his surgery. Comforting remarks were made about Joan Quick and the Gilbert Family.

Collingwood: Bro. Kent Webber: All are invited to visit the center. Grounds have been cleaned up. There are new plantings, security cameras. Solicitation was made for upcoming conferences and plans for events.

National Convention: Bro. Johnny Mayers described the Chapter's assistance in providing \$2,000 to cover expenses as the host unit. Much (or more) of those funds will be returned.

Old business: None.

New Business:

1. Induction of new member Bro. LTC Robb Mitchell. Bro. Bill Turner led the Sojourner Lecture. Bro. Joe Spruill read the Medal lecture. The Sojourner Medal was presented by Bro. Les Albers.

2. Chapter staff for 2011-2012 was installed. Bro. Bill Turner led the Installation Lecture. The staff consists of:

President Mark Harford
Vice President FJ. Pepper
Secretary Les Albers
Treasurer Johnny Mayers
Marshal David Buffaloe
Chaplain Les Albers
Trustee (1 yr) Kent Webber
Trustee (2 yr) Joe Spruill
Trustee (3 yr) Tom Little
Commander LHHL Kent Webber
Chief of Staff Stewart Bentley, Jr
Asst CoS David Buffaloe
Officer of the Day Richard B. Abell
Adjutant Les Albers

President's remarks (Bro. Mark Harford):

Thank Bro. Webber for a fine year and welcomed all to support his year of service.

Closing:

1. 2115: The gavel was passed to all.
2. A Collection was taken for Collingwood: \$23.
3. The next meeting is Wednesday, 15 June.
4. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers gave the closing prayer.
5. The colors were retired in place.
6. Meeting closed at 2120 hours.

At your service,
Les Albers, Secretary

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Chapter Meeting is on Wednesday, 15 June 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

Please make reservations through Brother Joe Spruill at 703-615-6275 or joe.spruill@yahoo.com by the end of the day on Sunday, 12 June.

NOTICE: The next LHHL Bivouac is at Collingwood is 1830, Wednesday, 29 June 2011.
Uniform: Continentals. Topic: Recruit Mark Harford.

And for a smile:

What's the difference between chopped beef and pea soup?
Everyone can chop beef, but not everyone can pea soup!

A magician was driving down the road..then he turned into a drive way...

Why don't aliens eat clowns.
Because they taste funny.

What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A fsh

Two snowmen are standing in a field. One says to the other : "Funny, I smell carrots too".

What do you get when you cross an elephant and a rhino?
el-if-i-no