

# Old Dominion Chapter #364

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you, to all who attended the Officer's Installation in May, everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and we successfully welcomed this new year's leadership for both the Old Dominion #364 Sojourners and the Light Horse Harry Lee Camp of Heroes.

In June we will have several delegates off to the National Convention and Encampment in Austin, Texas. A special event of the Convention will be the installation of this year's President, our own Brother Phil Tilson. We will welcome Brother Phil home and receive a special report on the Convention and his plan for the coming year at our June meeting which will be June 28<sup>th</sup>, the fourth Wednesday of the month rather than the normal third Wednesday. This will be the last month we move from our regular meeting night, at least for the near future.

With the onset of summer we will relax a little and go to business casual dress allowing the relaxing of those coats and ties. For the first time in a while we had over forty in attendance for our May meeting. I hope that we will have interesting enough programs that we can keep that number growing. As you see members in your community and at your Lodges that have not been to a Chapter meeting for a while invite them to come join us again for the Sojourner fellowship. New members are always welcome as well so ask your Brothers at Lodge and Appendant Bodies, who you think would be good Sojourners, if they would like to assist us in promoting patriotism and Americanism within Masonry and our communities.

I look forward to seeing you at the June meeting of Old Dominion Chapter, #364, National Sojourners. Help me to continue spreading my theme of peace, harmony, and communication throughout our chapter.

Bill Sanner

## June Meeting Information

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE REGULAR MEETING DATE!**

The next chapter meeting is on **Wednesday, June 28, 2006**, at 1830 hours at the American Legion Post 176, located at 6520 Amherst Avenue in Springfield.

**Make your reservations through Brother JOE SPRUILL**, at: [J\\_S22309@yahoo.com](mailto:J_S22309@yahoo.com) or cell: 703-660-6227. Or notify your Calling Committee Member. Dinner cost: \$20.00 per person.

**DEADLINE IS 1200 HOURS, MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006!**

The next Heroes Bivouac will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at Collingwood.

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

## **CAMP COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

As we are getting ready to start another year for Light Horse Harry Lee Camp of the Heroes of 76, we must pause for a moment to thank our immediate Past Commander, Harry Sanders for the great year he had in leading us in 2005/6. An outstanding job and it will be difficult in filling his shoes this year, however with the assistance of the Officers in this group I am sure we will get the job done and be proud of our accomplishments.

For your information, the Officers for this year are:

Commander - Dan Levin - rudan@verizon.net

Chief of Staff - Woody Bentley- Ciddad@aol.com

Asst. Chief of Staff - Tim Butcher - tbut291@aol.com

Officer of the Day - Robert Elliott - ruelliott7@aol.com

Commander of Guard - Jay Patterson - jay@jaypatterson.net

Adjutant - Ron Dooley - patron@earthlink.net

Our 1st Bivouac will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at Collingwood. We will have a cook out and then retire upstairs to put a recruit through his paces. Dinner will be \$10.00 per person and be sure to invite your Camp Follower to joins for dinner. We will also be presenting a 25 year service award to one of our long time members of the camp. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, so please let our Adjutant know if you are coming NO LATER THAN Sunday, August 27th. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and we will be able to have a generous serving for all.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Members of Old Dominion Chapter #364 have certainly been involved in the overall efforts of National Sojourners for the 2005-06 Sojourner year! Did you know that of approximately 263 living members (and 83 deceased), 63 individuals are serving (or were at the time of their death) on the national level?

Currently, Old Dominion members include the National President-Elect (Brother Phil Tilson), the National Commander (Brother Gabe Gaborik) and two National Sojourners elected officers (Brothers Nelson Newcombe and Dick Stinson). Five Brothers have been elected to serve as National Trustees, fourteen are Past National Presidents and ten are Past National Commanders. The membership also holds seven positions on the Committee of 33 as well as seven elected to Emeritus status.

In the Heroes national line, five Brothers are currently in the progressive line and one other is an appointed national officer.

Of those on our roll, twelve are Legion of Honor recipients, thirteen are Houghton Award recipients and three have received the Van Deventer Award.

Nine of our members are currently sitting Chairmen of national level committees, three are sitting Vice-Chairmen, forty-one serve on national committees and two are serving on NASOCOCO.

And from the East Coast to the West Coast, five Brethren who hold membership in Old Dominion are serving as Area Representatives, one is a Deputy Area Representative and two are Regional Representatives. Not surprisingly, eleven other members are serving as Chapter Secretaries and five are Chapter Presidents.

Lest we forget, thirteen of our devoted Brethren are currently serving on the Collingwood Board of Directors! (In case you're counting, a few hold multiple positions.)

These Brothers have done great work on behalf of National Sojourners and we thank them and all those who will be serving in 2006-2007!



# FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK...



## Minutes of the Meeting May 17, 2006

Pres. Elect Bill Sanner called 41 members, ladies, and guests to dinner at 1900 hours at the American Legion Hall 176 in Springfield, VA. Bro. Tom Little said grace and started the serving order. All enjoyed a meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy asparagus, and pie.

At 1940 hrs. Bro. Sanner sounded the gavel calling the meeting to order. Marshal Bro. Les Albers, and Bros. Bill Swan and Joe Spruill posted the Colors, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Bro. Tom Little attended the Bible and presented the Opening Prayer. Bro. Scotty Cameron gave an excellent recital of the Toast to the Flag as always. Bro. Tom Little then presented the Purposes of the National Sojourners. Bro. Sanner introduced all VIP's, ladies, and Maj. Thomas McGrath, Operations Officer, US Army Casualty Operations, a guest of Bro. Joe Geer.

**Secretary:** The April minutes were unanimously approved. The Secretary read a note from Bro. Al and Ruth Ungerleider, and children Neil, Ilene, and Danny, thanking the Chapter for establishing the Gen. Al Ungerleider Leadership Youth Fund. This note was accompanied by a very generous donation for the fund. A note from Colleen Proxmarer of Wash. DC, a student in the GW Univ. ROTC USNR program was read thanking us for an ROTC Award. A letter was sent to Maj. William Barnett who recently transferred to the area inviting him to a meeting; a letter was sent to the Ungerleider family thanking them for the card and donation; and a letter was sent to Charlie Euripidies notifying him we would not be using his services this year. New MIP's read included Bro. Scott Enold who was present with his wife Shannon, Bro. Ron Dooley sponsor, and Bro. Robert L. Mason of Santa Ana/El Toro Chapter No. 250, Bro. Phil Tilson sponsor. The newsletter cost \$139.00 this month. There were no applications.

**Treasurer:** Outgoing Treasurer Bro. Bill Turner reported a balance of \$10,815.59 as of 5/16/06 and submitted his final report. Bro. Bill is still investigating the possibility of a money market fund investment for our account and will present it to the Trustees when completed.

**Sick and Distressed:** Patti Turner has tried to contact Bro. Monty Quick to see how Joan is doing but has been unable. Bro. Harry Sanders contacted Bro. Monty two weeks ago and was told Lady Joan is still going through rehab. Bro. Bob Klementz announced Bro. Gene Hammonds would be going in for surgery soon. Bro. Jay Patterson's wife Carol broke her arm.

**Audit Committee:** Bro. Bill MacBrayne accepted chairmanship and will get together with outgoing and incoming treasurers.

**Heroes:** Bro. Harry Sanders again announced the Federal Area Encampment scheduled Saturday, May 20, 2006 at Collingwood, which will begin at 0900 hours. 1000 – 1200 hours are open to all Sojourners. Bro. Harry further announced that for the Spirit of America Youth Conf. in Valley Forge the Chapter has committed to send three students. Anyone knowing someone eligible please contact Bro. Harry at 703-978-0421. The dates are July 20-23, 2006. Finally, Bro. Harry mentioned the 2007 Essay Contest and brought attention to forms he placed on each table. Bro. Bob Bartruff (703-690-0784) has volunteered to Chair this committee.

**ROTC:** Bro. Bill Sanner summarized Bro. Ralph Smith's report reporting that 15 Senior Wards and 14 Junior Awards have been presented. There are more to be awarded in May and June.

**Installation of Officers:** Bro. Pres-elect Bill Sanner called on Bro. Nelson Newcombe, National Secretary, to be the presiding officer for the installation of officers. Bro. Newcombe, the Installing Officer introduced Bro. Phil Tilson, Installing Chaplain, Bro. William Turner, Installing Secretary, and Bro. Scotty Cameron, Installing Marshal. All incoming officers as announced for the ensuing year were installed accordingly. Bro. Harry Sanders was proxy for 2nd VP Bro. Ralph Smith.

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## **Minutes of the Meeting May 17, 2006 (continued).**

*Convention Delegates:* Bro. Frank Dunaway was certified as a delegate for the National Convention. Bros. Williamson, Lisle, Bentley, Mayers, and Klementz will also attend and have been certified as delegates of OD 364.

*Website:* An email from Bro. Rick Reichert was read at his request seeking someone locally to take over the website duties. Bro. Reichert, who lives in Kansas, feels a local person could do a better job due to one on one feedback from members and Rick is overloaded with plenty on his plate. He would be willing to assist someone getting started. Anyone interested please contact the Secretary.

Bro. President Bill Sanner then gave a short acceptance speech thanking all for supporting him and he hopes for a great year.

There being no further business Chaplain Bro. Dan Clark presented the Closing Prayer and closed the Bible. The Marshal, Bro. Les Albers, and Bearers retired the Colors. The Chapter was closed at 2045 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ron Dooley*  
Secretary/Adjutant

