



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER No. 364

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

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Brother Sojourners,

Those who attended the February meeting were fortunate to hear a very interesting program from Ms. Margaret Vining concerning the provenance of historical artifacts associated with Worshipful Brother George Washington displayed at the Smithsonian Institution. Our March program has yet to be determined, but may very well address a topic suitable for St. Patrick's Day. I wish to draw attention to several other matters. The Chapter has budgeted for two students to attend the Freedom Foundation Spirit of America in Valley Forge, PA from July 21-24, 2005. As in previous years I would like to send two more students and will be asking for donations at our April meeting. I know the Chapter will respond generously as it has done in past years.

A letter will also be sent to our members concerning the proposal to send the newsletter via e-mail. I intend to put the proposal up for vote at our April meeting. Once again I wish to remind our members of the Chapter website at <http://olddominion364.org/>. There, you will find posted the monthly newsletter and other useful information. As for other business, I have appointed Chairs for both the Nominating and Audit Committees and wish to thank the brethren for volunteering their service. There is a Collingwood workday scheduled for Saturday 2 April 2005.

I look forward to seeing you all at our scheduled meeting at Gadsby's tavern in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Hans S. Pawlisch
President, OD Chapter 364

MARCH MEETING INFORMATION

The March meeting is on WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2005 at 1830 hours at the Gadsby's Tavern American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA. The speaker has not yet been confirmed.

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, MONDAY, MARCH 14.

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

Commander's Message
March 2005



My Fellow Heroes:

It was a cold, but very bright Sunday morning, when members of Old Dominion Chapter #364 and Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76 gathered outside of Historic Mount Vernon, and marched, with the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, to the tomb of our Worshipful Brother George Washington, to pay our tributes on the anniversary of his birth. Thank you to all who participated in this, and the other events surrounding this annual Grand event. It was truly an honor, and privilege to stand, and salute our greatest President.

Our next bivouac will be on Wednesday, 30 March 2005. I received a call from the Commander of George Washington Camp. They have captured a "spy" in their midst, and have asked for our help in the interrogation. We will gather at Fort Collingwood at 1830 hours for some attitude adjustment and a strict examination. Dinner will be Pizza, and cost \$10/person. This will be the last bivouac for the current Sojourner Year, so please try and come out. It will be a most outstanding time.

Let us not forget that the Federal Area Encampment will be held on Saturday, 14 May 2005, at 0900 hours. More information will be forthcoming in our next newsletter. Please keep this date open, as we will interrogate several "spys" within our midst.

Keep having fun this year!

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Mark F. Arbeen, PM
Camp Commander
Light Horse Harry Lee Chapter, Heroes of 76

**Old Dominion Chapter No. 364
National Sojourners**

Minutes of the Meeting, February 16, 2005



All enjoyed a nice baked chicken and salmon cake dinner provided by Charlie Uripades. The Chapter was called to order at 1950 hours. Bros. Gary Akin, Howard Sobel, and Bill Sanner presented the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pres. Hans Pawlisch and the opening prayer was given by Bro. Mark Arbeen. Bro. Scotty Cameron gave the Toast to the Flag, and Terry Gigure presented the Purpose of the National Sojourners.

Pres. Pawlisch recognized the various Chapter VIP's and the list will be filed with the minutes.

The January minutes were approved. The Secretary was absent due to illness and could not clear his desk, but had advised the Acting Secretary that there was nothing major pending.

The Treasurer, Bro. Phil Tilson, reported there was \$9,007.27 in the bank account.

Committee Reports:

Americanism- No report. Jane Lisle introduced her mother-in-law. She also stated that she had just been in contact with Bro. Larry (out of town) and he sent his regrets and greetings.

Membership- Bro. Bill Sanner announced Bro. Bob Ormsbee was there to be initiated.

ROTC- Ralph Smith noted that he had received the first reply regarding ROTC awards from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Programs- Bro. Terry Gigure stated that Hans had secured all of the programs to date and should receive all the

thanks, but assured all that there would be programs for the rest of the year.

Sick and Distressed- Lady Patti Turner, Bro. Harry Sanders, and Bro. Ron Dooley were all under the weather.

Widows- No report as Lady Lyn Sanders was not there.

Old Business- Mailing the newsletter by email – Pres Hans mentioned that during a line officers meeting at Collingwood it was discussed and decided to send a letter to all members requesting their views on the options of receiving the newsletter electronically via the Internet, through the mail, and/or posting it on the web site. The web site option represents a sizable savings in postage, especially since it appears that postage is going up in the near future. However, since some members do not have email, he assured everyone that the final decision will be put to a vote by the membership.

New Business- Announcements: Pres. Pawlisch announced that Bro. Phil Tilson would chair the Nominating Committee, and Bro. Ed Arndt would chair the Audit Committee.

Bro. Ralph Smith reported for Harry Sanders that the Chapter has budgeted for two students, and would like to send two more students to the Freedom Foundation's Spirit of America Program in Valley Forge, PA. July 21-24, 2005. Nominations are needed ASAP but no later than May. Participants are students in the 10th and 11th grades. Cost is \$400.00 plus \$100.00 spending money totaling \$500.00 per student. Bro. Ralph further announced that the Chapter has received 17 essay entries for the 2005 Essay Contest. Six were selected as finalists. OD 364 is submitting three, and the other three will be submitted in the name of the Fredericksburg Chapter.

A Collingwood workday is planned for Saturday, April 2, 2005. Pres. Pawlisch requested all that can to turn out and support the workday. Heroes Cmdr. Mark Arbeen announced the wreath laying by the AW 22 Lodge at the tomb of George Washington on February 26. All participants will meet at Mt. Vernon at 0800 hours, and this is to be followed by various other activities during the day at AW 22 Lodge. Bro. Mark also reminded all that the LHHL Camp wreath laying at Mt. Vernon would take place Sunday, Feb. 27 at 0830 hours. This will be followed by attending church at the Pohick Church.

Robert Ormsbee was called up front and initiated as a new member. (Voted in as MIP 10-21-04) The Sojourner Lecture was given by 2nd VP Bill Sanner; the Obligation was given by Pres. Hans Pawlisch; and the Medal Lecture was presented by 1st VP Terry Gigure. Bro. Ormsbee was welcomed by all.

Program- Washington at the Smithsonian

1st VP Terry Gigure introduced Ms. Margaret Vining (see background bio). Ms. Vining presented a very interesting program speaking on the various military artifacts of George Washington in the possession of the Smithsonian Institute. The collection was started in 1883 when Congress authorized the purchase of the museum of the Lewis Family Collection. It consisted of artwork, furniture, documents, and military memorabilia. Since then other memorabilia has been received from various Washington heirs and others. She answered numerous questions from the members.

The being no further business the gavel was passed; the Closing Prayer was given by Bro. Mark Arbeen; and the Chapter meeting was closed at 2105 hours.

Minutes prepared Bro. Johnny Mayer, Acting Secretary..

Added Secretary Comment:

I want to thank Bro. Johnny Mayer for stepping in for me for the February meeting...he's always there when I need him. Thank you Brother.

SEE YOU IN MARCH

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Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Ron Dooley
Sec/Adj

