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## ✧ President's Message ✧

Brother Sojourners,

Another year has come and gone. It's now time for me to hand over the reins to Bro. President Kent Webber. I'm sure each of you will provide him the same great support you gave me during the year.

I'm very proud to have had the opportunity to lead OD364 this year as it continues to excel in providing Americanism and Patriotism to our local area. We've had a busy year, and I thank greatly my officers for their part in supporting our various events.

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> as we have our installation of officers meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Joe Spruill

## ✧ Commander's Message ✧

Another year has passed us by. My sincere thanks to all who have brought the Camp forward and accomplished its mission. Let's hope that through our Camp that we have planted the seeds that our forefathers harvested through the forfeiture of life, limb, family and fortune.

"What a difference a day makes - Twenty-four little hours - Brought the sun and the flowers Where there used to be rain"... What a difference a day, week, month and years make. When we hark back to our beginnings I think of the following:

Emerson wrote "Concord Hymn" in 1836 for the dedication of the Obelisk, a battle monument in Concord, Massachusetts that commemorated the men that gave their lives at the Battle of Lexington and Concord (April 19, 1775), the first battle of the American Revolution.

One source of its power may be the author's personal ties to the subject: Emerson's grandfather was a man who fought in the Battle of Lexington and Concord; their house was called The Old Manse, which is next to the bridge that Emerson's grandfather was stationed on; and Emerson is known to have written the hymn while living there. In 1837, the hymn was sung to the tune "Old Hundredth" during Concord's 4 July celebration. Modern critic Jonathan Mardin reflected on it favorably, calling it a "Too little-known masterpiece."

### The Concord Hymn – Ralph Waldo Emerson

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,  
We set to-day a votive stone;  
That memory may their deed redeem,  
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare,  
To die, and leave their children free,  
Bid Time and Nature gently spare  
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

The foe long since in silence slept;  
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;  
And Time the ruined bridge has swept  
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

I'm told that the population of the colonies was almost evenly divided by thirds of staying with King George, taking up arms, or no interest one way or the other....I wonder where we stand today?

From the autobiography of Louis L'Amour: "What so many of us who abhor violence forget is that we have peace and civilized lives because there were men and women who went before us willing to fight for our freedom to live in peace."

Ralph W. Smith Jr.  
Commander

# ✧ Secretary Minutes ✧

April 21, 2010 Minutes

## Opening / Call to Order:

The April 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 dinner of spaghetti and sausage with fruit pie and most of all the fellowship that surrounded our membership. Attendance: 17 (5 women, 12 men).

The Chapter was called to order by President Bro. Joe Spruill at 1950 hours. The Colors were posted by Brother Les Albers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brother Woody Bentley. Brother Scotty Cameron delivered the Toast to the Flag and Chaplain Bro. Les Albers offered the opening prayer. The Purposes of National Sojourners was delivered by Bro. Joe Spruill.

## Correspondence (Les Albers):

Mail received:

1. Request from AF Jr ROTC at South Johnston HS, NC for their awards banquet
2. Remembrance card for Brother Tex Vandiver at Arlington in March
3. Invoice for April newsletter layout: \$85
4. Invoice for April newsletter mailing and postage: \$79.47
5. Email about General MacArthur Wreath laying.
6. Annual Report packet received
7. MIP dividend from National: \$1809.90

**Secretary:** Minutes of the last meeting (17 March 2010) were approved by acclamation.

**Treasurer:** Checking account: \$4361.08; Capitol One Money Market account \$8988.73.

## Introductions and Welcome:

Members: Bro. Ed Arndt, national Trustee, PP, PC; Bro. Kent Webber, National Trustee; Bro. Scotty Cameron, Emeritus, PP, PC; Bro. Woody Bentley, NASOCOCO; CLMA; Chapter trustee, PC, PP; Past Presidents: Bill MacBrayne; Past Commanders: Dan Levin, Les Albers.

**Program (2025-2015):** Bro. Kent Webber presented an interesting talk about the history of Fort Hunt.

## Commander LHHL (for: Woody Bentley):

Next Heroes Bivouac at Camp Collingwood: 30 June 2010. Social time: 1830, Dinner at 1900. Program: Woody TBD.

## Committee Reports:

ROTC: Five awards of the National Sojourners Award to colleges, high schools are still coming in.

**Americanism and BOL:** Received invitations for "Building the Flag" presentations 20 May, Thursday, 1800, Cherrydale Lodge and 12 July, Monday, with dinner, Haymarket Lodge

**Programs:** No report.

**Wellness and sadness:** Herb Hollander is recovering. Ray Whitney's son is recovering from injuries. George Harrington has participated in CLMA activities.

**Collingwood (John Mayers):** They are considering a "Donate a tree or shrub" program to compensate for storm damage. They are working with the National Park Service to install a street sign for CLMA. \$4,000 has been spent on storm related repairs. Open invitation to visit CLMA. Wedding reception season has begun. The British auto club met on 25 May.

## Old business:

1. Reminder that Secretary has the annual June convention registration materials.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice presidents are still unfilled for next year.

## New Business:

1. The following positions were approved by vote for 2010-2011:

President	Kent Webber
Vice President	Mark Harford
Secretary	Les Albers
Treasurer	Johnny Mayers
Commander	Woody Bentley
Chief of Staff	Ralph Smith
A/Chief of Staff	Tom Little
Officer of the Day	Rick Abell
Hospitality Chair	Joe Spruill
Americanism/ ROTC Chair	Ralph Smith
Marshal	Woody Bentley
Chaplain	Les Albers

2. Woody Bentley: Its time to: Consider candidates for the CLMA medals. Consider rising Sophmores and Juniors for this summer's Freedom Foundation.

3. An email announcing Operation Greatest Gift was distributed.

**President's remarks (Joe Spruill):**  
Next meeting: Wednesday, 19 May.

## Closing:

1. The gavel was passed to all.
2. Collection for Collinwood: \$24.
3. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers gave the closing prayer, 2040.
4. Bro. Les Albers retired the colors.
5. Meeting closed at 2040 hours.

At your service, Les Albers

## **NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next Chapter Meeting is on  
Wednesday, 19 May 2010, at the  
Arlington-Fairfax BPO Elks Lodge

located at

8421 Arlington Blvd (US 50), Fairfax, VA 22031.

See the [President's Memo](#) regarding the location, or see  
map and driving directions on "[Contact Us](#)" page.

Uniform of the Day: Casual

Social Hour at 1830 hrs. Dinner at 1900 Hours

The guest speaker will be Dennis Johnson, who will  
discuss New Technologies being imported from Korea.  
It should prove to be a very interesting and exciting session.

Please make reservations through Brother Joe Spruill  
at 703-615-6275 or [joe.spruill@yahoo.com](mailto:joe.spruill@yahoo.com)  
by the end of the day on Sunday, 16 May.