



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER NO. 364

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Brother Sojourners,

I regret to say this is my final message as your Chapter President and it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you. Our May meeting will see to the installation of a new slate of officers, and I leave you in very able hands. We have also a very experienced line of Heroes for the coming year. I wish to thank the line officers and various Committee Chairs for the hard work you have done over the last year, in particular Brother Bob Tidwell for facilitating meeting space, food and drink, Brother Ralph Smith for his work on the ROTC program, and Brother Harry Sanders for his efforts to support Freedoms Foundation. Appreciation is also due to our ladies, Patti Turner, Lynn Sanders, and Barbara Klementz for their contributions on behalf of the

Chapter: Sick and Distressed; Widows and Decorations. A tip of the tri-corn goes as well to our Bro. Mark Arbeen and the Heroes Line for the hard work they have performed this last year.

Finally I would like to express my gratitude to Brother Secretary Ron Dooley who pursued his responsibilities with exceptional skill and diligence dealing very patiently with an occasionally elusive and peripatetic president. And finally to the general membership, I trust you enjoyed the last year's programs, and urge you to continue supporting your chapter.

Hans S. Pawlisch
President, Old Dominion Chapter 364 National Sojourners

P.S. If you have not completed and sent in the attached survey form, please do so now. We still need to hear from half of our Chapter members. Thanks to those who have responded.

MAY MEETING INFORMATION

The May meeting is on WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2005 at 1830 hours at the Gadsby's Tavern American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA. This will be the installation dinner.

UNIFORM OF THE DAY IS COAT AND TIE
FOR HEROES LINE, PLEASE WEAR UNIFORM
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, MAY 16.

Commander's Message May 2005



My Fellow Heroes:

It is very hard to believe that we are at the end of another Sojourner year. I will say that this has been the best year I have had since I joined. We have had a lot of fun, met some great new friends, helped some to cross the "D," and just enjoyed each other's company.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some people who have made this a great year. I offer a big

Tip-o-the-Tricorn to Bros. Harry Sanders, Danny Levin, Ron Dooley, Howard Sobel, Bill Turner, Larry Lisle, Hans Pawlisch, and all the Heroes who made this a most special year.

And what would a great year be without our Camp Followers. To Patti Turner and Lyn Sanders, who served this year as co-Den Mothers. Sisters, I truly appreciate everything you have done to ensure that we had a successful year. In addition, you went beyond the call of duty when you threw Heather a baby shower at our first bivouac. You are truly great ladies who deserve the love and admiration of all Sojourners and Heroes.

And finally a big thank you to the two loves of my life, my Camp Follower Heather and our Camp's newest Patriot, Jake. Without your love and devotion, I could not perform the duties of my office. I love you both!!

Heroes, we are finishing off with the last major event of the year, the Federal Area Encampment. I hope to see all of you at Fort Collingwood as we bring a newly arrested Rekrut across the "D." Let's help him be a humble servant for the Cause of Patriotism.

We had fun this year, and under our new Commander, I can assure you we will continue having fun!

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

Youth Candidates Needed for the 2005 Spirit of America Youth Conference at Freedoms Foundation – Valley Forge

Your chapter has funded scholarships to sponsor 4 students to the 2005 Spirit of America Youth Conference at Freedoms Foundation – Valley Forge (21 – 24 July) and 3 scholarships remain to be awarded at this time. Please provide your student recommendations to Bro. Harry Sanders by not later than our 18 May 05 chapter meeting. Candidates must currently be in the 10th or 11th grades and demonstrate leadership ability. Sources of potential student candidates include: Masonic Youth; ROTC; friends and family; church and neighbors [Note that affiliation with a Masonic organization is NOT required!]. This is a once in a lifetime experience for a young person --- but YOU are key! Be part of the National Sojourner goal of teaching young Americans about America by recommending a student candidate! Contact Bro. Harry at 703-978-0421 or at harry.sanders@2asc.com.

First Annual Westmoreland County James Monroe Day Celebrated at Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199, Colonial Beach, Virginia April 30, 2005



Under the direction of Bro. Harry Sanders, National Americanism Committee Chairman, a contingent of 20 Heroes and Camp Followers proudly participated in the wreath laying ceremonies held in Westmoreland County, Virginia, to honor the life, ideals, works and memory of James Monroe --- a Brother Mason, a Revolutionary War hero, the author of the Monroe Doctrine and the fifth President of the United States of America --- on his birthday. Bad weather caused the ceremony to be held indoors at nearby Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199 and not outdoors at the James Monroe birthplace as originally planned. Participants included Brother Heroes Bill Turner who served as the Heroes of '76 formation Commander, Woody Bentley, Terry Gigure, Bill Volkstadt, Randy Geck, Al Crane, Fred Martin (Past Grand Master of Virginia - 2003), Bill Greshel, Tom Grove, Tim Butcher, Harold "Leo" Powell, Phil Tilson (National First Vice President), Tom Copes and Harry Sanders. Camp Follower participants included Ladies Pat Martin, Patti Turner, Lyn Sanders, Linda Crane, Carol Geck

and Kip Volkstadt. Lady Kip Volkstadt led the singing of the National Anthem and Bro. Hero Bill Turner presented an inspiring rendition of the Toast to the Flag. Participating dignitaries included Bro. G. William Thomas Jr., President of the James Monroe Foundation; the Hon. Helen Marie Taylor; Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis; and MW Bro. John Randall Quinley, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia (and Brother Hero). The inaugural event was sponsored by Colonial Beach Lodge No. 199 under the direction of Brother Mark Slaw.



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Minutes of the Meeting, April 20, 2005

President Hans Pawlisch sounded the gavel at 1900 hours calling all to dinner at the Gadsby's Tavern meeting location with 41 members and guests present. At 1945 hrs, the gavel was sounded for the business meeting to begin. Marshal Bro. Gary Akins, along with Bros. Johnny Mayer, Bill Turner and Dan Levin, presented the Colors after which all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Bro. Mark Arbeen opened the Bible and Bro. Scotty Cameron presented the Toast to the Flag. 1st VP Bro. Terry Gigure read the Purpose of the Sojourners. Pres. Pawlisch introduced the various VIP's and his guest Col. Jeff Freeman, USA 20 years, now working in JCS History at the Pentagon. Once again, a Point of Order was called due to members not wearing proper medals etc.

The minutes of the March meeting were amended to reflect that Lady Dorlien Bateman had a stroke rather than Bro. Bob Bateman as reported, and the minutes were then approved as amended. The Secretary then cleared his desk; Bro. Frank Dunaway received a letter from George D. Seghers, Executive Sec-Treas., The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, thanking the Chapter for the donation of \$200.00 in 2005. A letter from National Sec. Nelson Newcombe along with an MIP dividend check for \$1854.05 was read and the check given to the Treasurer. A letter was read from the National Secretary listing nine members who have been placed on the non-payment of dues list and have been coded "purged." A letter was read from Lady Margaret Howell, widow of Bro. Odie R. Howell, Jr., asking that we delete her name from the mailing list and thanking us for our kindness over the years. A check was enclosed for \$50.00 for newsletter expenses and a thank you letter was mailed to her. An email letter was read from Bro. Dave Meadows, now stationed in the American Embassy in London, giving us his address and informing us he is active in an English Lodge...he hopes to return in 2008. A letter was read from Bro. Eugene Reeder, living in Meridian, ID, who enclosed several business cards for discount travel arrangements. The time and place for the National encampment on May 14 was read as a reminder, and Bro. Phil Tilson announced he has 15 reservations so far. It was announced the Secretary now has an up to date list of Past Presidents, thanks to the assistance of Bro. Bill Turner. A press release from the CLMA was read concerning the announcement of the establishment of the American Legacy Center. This press release will be attached in the May Newsletter. An email from Lady Patti Turner was read where she had learned of the return of cancer to Lady Emma, wife of PNP Norm Snyder, and a card was sent to her. An email was received from Bro. Rick Reichert that Bro. Joseph D'Louhy had passed away on Feb. 13, 2005. Lady Patti sent a card. Two new MIP's were read: Bro. Jerry Pate, and new Bro. Juan Arcocha who needs to be initiated. A thank you letter was sent to Wor Donald Kerr of Hay Market Lodge No. 313 for the \$1000.00 donation by the Lodge Charitable Foundation. It was sadly announced, through Bro. George Harrington, that Bro. John Hartline's wife, Julia, passed away three weeks ago.

Committees: Brother Sanders reported on the status of the National Essay Contest. Out of 17 essays submitted the Committee submitted three in the National Contest...none of which won, but the efforts and positive results were so noted in getting young people to think about heroes. Bro. Sanders asked for help in selecting four youth to the 2005 Spirit of America Youth Program in July. So far, we have one. He asks that you call him. (703-968-5200 Days & 703-978-0421 Evenings) Bro. Sanders further reminded us of the celebration on April 30 in Colonial Beach, VA for the James Monroe Day. The Heroes of 76 have been asked to provide a Color Guard and Piper.

Membership: 2ndVP Bro. Bill Sanner reported that we have only received about 55-60 responses to the survey in the newsletter asking members if they want to have the newsletter sent via email. There are at least 45 members who have not responded. **WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU DESIRE...HARD COPY OR EMAIL. CONTACT BRO BILL SANNER ASAP.**

ROTC: Bro. Ralph Smith reported he has communicated with six colleges and universities, notifying them we will provide seven Americanism Awards and four Excellence in Patriotism Awards this year. He has also heard from four high schools in West Virginia and two from Virginia so far and anticipates at least twelve more by May 1. Bro. Smith further suggested that we consider for next year presenting, along with a certificate, a flag, which had flown over the Capitol as a special award for a particular individual. Bro. Ralph received a well deserved round of applause for his work.

Sick and Distressed: In addition to those in the Secretary's report, Lady Patti Turner announced Bro. Charlie De Meo has cancer. It was announced that RW Bro. Howard Sobel has the flu. All were devastated.

Audit Report: Bro. Ed Arndt, Chairman of the Audit committee consisting of Bros. Dan Clark and Frank Dunaway, reported the Chapter was audited on April 6, 2005. The Treasurer, Bro. Phil Tilson, was well prepared for the audit and provided all records needed. It was determined that \$1.31 could not be accounted for. There were some troublesome areas noted: too much money spent on the Newsletter; MIP dividends not sufficient due to low interest rates; dinner meetings and cash bar should be in separate accounts so that profit or loss is readily apparent; invest money not needed for monthly expenses in 3-6 month certificates; place OD 364 account in non-profit status so fees aren't charged. The full audit report was submitted to the Secretary for record.

New Business: Slate of officers for 2005-2006. A motion to put the slate of nominees up for vote was approved and all were duly elected. Pres. Pawlisch read those names elected as published in the April Newsletter, to include Bro. Hans Pawlisch as the new Trustee until May 2008.

Program: Bro. Pres. Hans Pawlisch spoke on his experience as a public historian in the office of the Chief Joint Operational History Branch, Joint History Office, Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. This was very interesting and informative as to what our brother does for the government...most dedicated to say the least. There were questions and comments...and all appreciated his time and presentation.

Announcements: Pres Pawlisch announced that Bro. Jack Hansel contacted him regarding the set up of Saigon Chapter, Nat. Sojourners, in 1955, and extends fraternal greetings to all. Bro. Scott Whippo emailed from Afghanistan wanting to know if there is an Expeditionary Chapter No. 535 in that country and where does it meet. The National secretary responded to him earlier. Bro. Mark Arbeen said he hoped all would support Bro. Sanders on the 30th for Monroe Day. Bro. Dan Levin announced he heard from Bro. Roy Daisey (Charter Member, 12-31-52) on the Eastern Shore saying hello to all...the Secretary will send a letter of mutual regards. Bro. Bill Turner would like to have any paper or article written on Freemasonry and the military community in any context for any time. Please contact him.

During Passing of the Gavel Bro. Ralph Smith announced that he saw an email from Bro. Lou Hoffman and he is going to Afghanistan May 1, 2005. He thought maybe that the Chapter could keep contact with Bros. Whippo, Hoffman, and anyone else over there. Bro. Roberts announced that he and his wife Pricilla do a National broadcast every week called "The Greatest Generation." They have a guest, particularly of the WWII era, every week. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please call Bro. Roberts at 703-415-0016.

There being no further business, the President called for the Chaplain to close the Bible, the Colors were retreated, and the Chapter was duly closed at 2125 hours.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Ron Dooley,
Secretary/Adjutant