



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER No. 364

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

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NOVEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER



Brother Sojourners,

I wish to thank you all for supporting our chapter during the October Military Night. This annual observance once again featured awards for outstanding ROTC cadets from local universities and high schools. Bro Ralph Smith has done a remarkable job managing this very important outreach program. Our speaker BG David Armstrong delivered a paper placing the current security problem within the broader context of national emergencies stemming from Pear Harbor and the Cold War. He was grateful for the opportunity to speak to the chapter and intends to submit his paper for publication in a major journal in the near future.

Congratulations to Bro. Robert Ray Ormsbee on his election to membership in our chapter. We look forward to his initiation during our November meeting. The speaker for November will be National Chaplain Dick Stinson who has previously spoken to this Chapter. Let us not forget then the service of those who have passed before us in the nation's wars. Nor should we forget the sacrifices made by our young men and women who serve this nation on so many fronts in the Global War on Terrorism. This being Thanksgiving season, there is much in these difficult times for which to be grateful—for being a free and prosperous people governed by a democracy shaped by founders steeped in the principles of our great fraternity.

Yours fraternally,
Hans S. Pawlisch
President, OD Chapter 364

NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

The November meeting is on WEDNESDAY, November 17, 2004 at 1830 Hours
at Gadsby's Tavern American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA

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, October 18

THE NEXT HEROES OF '76 ENCAMPMENT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2005, 6:30PM, AT CAMP
COLLINGWOOD, ALEXANDRIA, VA.



Ten ROTC cadets and their instructors from nine area universities and high schools were presented the Patriot of 76 awards by BG Gen. David Armstrong (Ret), speaker for the evening, on Oct. 20, 2004, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial dinner meeting of Old Dominion No. 364. Pictured on the left is Bro. Ralph Smith, ROTC Chairman, and Bro. Hans Pawlisch, President, on the right.



Commander's Message November 2004

SPECIAL DUES REMINDER: Members who pay dues on an annual basis have or will soon receive their dues notice for \$34.00. Please send your check to your Chapter Secretary as soon as possible. If you have not mailed in your dues by Dec. 31, you will receive a reminder notice. If dues are not paid by Jan. 31, you will become "inactive" until the dues are paid.

My Fellow Heroes:

I will see you at the meeting this month.

Keep having fun this year!

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

Chapter Essay Contest How YOU Can Help!

WHAT TO DO: Identify high school students (9th thru 12th grade) and sign them up to participate by giving them a copy of the contest form (a copy was included with last month's newsletter and additional copies may be easily downloaded from the chapter web site at (<http://olddominion364.org/>)). The success of this program is in your hands --- put a form to work and do your part to help in *Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism!*

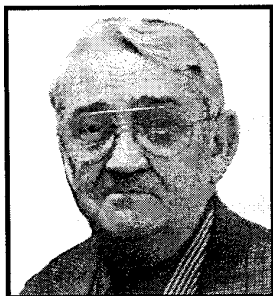
New Source for Heroes Uniforms

Contact Joyce Hutton in Williamsburg, VA at 757-645-4520 (Home) or 757-218-6500 (Cell). Joyce is a provider of authentic period costumes for Williamsburg reenactors. Special thanks to MW Brother Fred Martin for bringing this new source of quality Heroes uniforms to our attention at the September chapter meeting.

WHERE TO FIND ESSAY PARTICIPANTS: Relatives, neighbors, ROTC members, Masonic Youth, etc. You may also wish to promote the contest in your Blue Lodge. Our goal is that every Brother signs up at least one participant!

MORE INFORMATION: Contact our chapter Essay Contest Chairman --- Bro. Dave Lang (e-mail - dtlang@mac.com; address - 13354 Goodhart Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176-6100; Phone: 540-822-3044).

Old Dominion Chapter No. 364
National Sojourners
Minutes of the Meeting October 20, 2004



Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 met at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on October 20, 2004 with 65 brethren and guests in attendance. Chaplain Bro. Larry Lisle offered the invocation and we enjoyed a great Oktoberfest meal and deserts. At 1955 hours, President Hans Pawlisch called the meeting to order for business. Marshal Gary Akin and Bros. Bill Turner and Harry Sanders presented the Colors, and 1st VP Bill Sanner led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Lisle offered opening prayer and Bro. Scotty Cameron presented the Toast to the Flag. 1st VP Bro. Terry Gigure read the Purpose of the Sojourners and the Chapter was declared open for business. Pres. Pawlisch introduced MW Monty Quick, PGM of Japan (71), Committee of 33, Area Rep, Past Pres, Past Cmdr, and asked the rest of the VIP members to stand as a group due to the time restraints and program for the night.

Minutes The minutes for the September meeting were approved and the Secretary cleared his desk. Outgoing and incoming letters were read, one of which was a letter from *The Masonic Service Association* thanking the Chapter for its donation of \$351.00 to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Florida. This was for the recovery of damage etc. following the hurricanes in Florida. An application was read for Bro. Robert Ray Ormsbee Jr., of Lowville Lodge 134, Lowville, NY, active USA (recalled after 21 years), sponsored by Bro. Bill Turner. Bro. Ormsbee was unanimously elected as a member. His fiancée, Michaela Koniechner, was introduced and both were welcomed by all. Initiation will take place at the November meeting.

Treasurers Report Bro. Phil Tilson reported that even with the bills we are maintaining slightly over \$2000.00. Bro. Tilson thanked all for the extra contributions toward dinners for the cadets.

Committee Reports Bro. Larry Lisle, Americanism Chair, announced he still needs brothers to assist in the Freedom Fest Walk on Oct. 23. 2nd VP Bill Sanner, Membership Chair, stated he was glad to see new members come in and thanked Bro. Turner for bringing in Bro. Ormsbee. Lady Patti Turner, Sick Committee Chair, announced she sent a get well card to the home of Bro. Bob Hines, (Fredericksburg) who was undergoing surgery for a growth on his stomach, and a card will be sent to Bro. George Harrington who is having skin cancer removed from his face, and a card will be sent to Bro. Mark Arbeen who has the flu. Lady Lyn Sanders, Widows Committee Chair, asked that anyone knowing of any new widows, or any widows needing a ride for the Nov. meeting to please let her know.

New Business Pres. Pawlisch acknowledged the evening being devoted to our ROTC program organized once again by Bro. Ralph Smith, Committee Chairman. Pres. Pawlisch read a well-deserved encomium for Bro. Smith's service to one of our most important outreach programs and asked that we give our brother a round of Masonic applause. Pres. Pawlisch then asked 1st VP Gigure to introduce the speaker for the evening, Ret. BG David A. Armstrong. Gen Armstrong was the first to be sworn in by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, as the first Director for Joint History, on July 27, 1993, and currently holds that position. General Armstrong serves as a member of the Advisory Committee of the professional journal, *Joint Force Quarterly*, and is the author of *Bullets and Bureaucrats* (greenwood Press, 1982). General Armstrong presented a striking 45-minute speech comparing our current security problems with that of the emergencies in Pearl Harbor and the Cold War days as they apply to U.S. intelligence since 911. After entertaining several questions, General Armstrong was given a resounding applause.

ROTC Event Bro Ralph Smith introduced ten ROTC cadets, and their instructors, who were invited for the evening and Gen. Armstrong presented the *Patriots of 76* award to each cadet representing nine schools...two from Howard Univ., and one each from George Washington U, Georgetown U, George Mason U, Arlington Career Center, Thomas Edison High School, Hayfield Secondary, Mt. Vernon HS, and TC Williams HS. As ever Bro. Ralph was applauded for a superb job.

Pres. Pawlisch announced once again that Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004 is workday at Collingwood, our National Headquarters, and we can use all the help we can get. Work begins around 0800...and there is always coffee and donuts. It has been reported that steak will be served for lunch.

There being no further business the gavel was passed with some comments supporting the ROTC cadets. Marine Cadet Justin Hughes stood up on behalf of the cadets and thanked the brethren for their support and an enjoyable evening.

Bro. Larry Lisle offered the closing prayer and closed the Bible; Bros. Akin, Turner, and Sanders retired the Colors; and the Chapter was officially closed at 2135 hours.

Ronald A. Dooley
Secretary/Adjutant