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Thanks for attending our September meeting of Old Dominion Chapter No. 364, National Sojourner's. Lady Margaret and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting on October the 15th, 2008. As usual we will meet at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge located at 8421 Arlington Blvd. (Route 50). The Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge is less than a mile west of Interstate 495. Our uniform is Coat and Tie for our members. If you haven't been to a meeting in a long time, this is the time to come back. If you come to each and every meeting, thanks for your participation and we'll see you on the 15th.

Our Brother Woody Bentley presented a program on a member of the Colony at Jamestowne. He appeared in period costume with a great deal of information about life at Jamestowne, the trip to America, the building of an emergency ship, his marriage to a famous native American, developing the new cash crop (tobacco), and many other aspects of his life and times. We also took our Officer picture and presented some awards to members of the Chapter. On a sad note we said goodbye to long time friends who are preparing to move. Past President and Commander Frank Dunaway and his Lady Connie are moving to Florida in the next few weeks. You will both be truly missed, thanks for all you help and support.

This month our program will be a presentation "Freemasonry during the Civil War". Our Commander, Brother Les Albers, will give this program. Brother Les studies history, teaches history, and has presented many programs on different aspects of history. We live in an area where important Civil War sites are all around us. I'm sure that this will be a wonderful program on an interesting part of our past. Let your friends know so that they can come out and enjoy dinner with us that evening.

We have an important future program to put on your calendar. At our November meeting we will welcome some of the soon to be military and national leaders in the form of our ROTC and JROTC students and their instructors. Our ROTC Appreciation Night will take place this year on November the 19th, 2008. Mark your calendars now and plan to be with us as we thank these young people.

Lady Margaret and I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to come out and attend our meetings. For all our members whose health will not permit them to be with us, we keep you in our hearts and in our prayers. Have a great fall, enjoy the weather and the leaves, and come and see us when you can.
"Thomas"

Commander's Message

Brothers, we encourage your participation at the Wednesday 29 October Bivouac at Camp Collingwood as we examine another Recruit. This is the time to start putting your uniform together and prepare your tricorne. We are planning an activity for the camp followers. The meal will be Italian food, cost \$15. Social time begins at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7 PM, and the meeting commences at 7:30 PM. Watch for the email alert. This month we recall October 1776: 11th: Brother Benedict Arnold (Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, CT) and his makeshift fleet defeated a British attempt to seize Lake Champlain in New York. 27-28th: Brother George Washington was defeated at White Plains, New York, losing 300 men. He then divided his army, leaving 11,000 to block a British push to New England while he returned to New Jersey with 2,500 men.

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In Brotherhood, Les Albers

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17 September 2008 Meeting Minutes

Revvng Up the Engine & Opening / Call To Order

We gathered together about 1830 hrs. and enjoyed the company, fellowship, and libation. A truly nice hummm was heard throughout the room. Ladies Margaret, Ruth, Charlotte, Dottie, Rose, and others made the room warm and beautiful, as well. We got to dinner and had tooooooo many choices, AND they were all good !!!

Following the delicious dinner with fellowship, the members relaxed in the uniform of the day (back to coat and tie) and President Tom Little called the Chapter to order at 1955 hrs. at the Arlington – Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188. Bro. Tom led All in the Pledge of Allegiance to our great Flag. Chaplain Dan Clark offered the opening prayer. President Tom delivered the Purposes of National Sojourners followed by A Toast To The Flag by Bro. Scotty Cameron.

We then turned back to clock and Bro. Tom invited Bro. Woody Bentley forward. He noted the certificate in his hand and made apologies for those necessary as he proceeded to acknowledge Bro. Woody's accomplishments for National Sojourners through a Presidential Citation – for 2004-2005 !!! We chuckled and applauded appropriately ... better late than never.

Introductions of VIP's ~ We had the traditional dignitaries that exemplify their dedication to the Order, but want to make special note of Bro. Frank and Lady Connie Dunaway. Why, you ask, because we likely will not see them again very soon ... they are relocating to Florida. We wish them safe travels and hope to see them soon.

The Secretary ~ Bro. Tom attempted to call for a motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting, but was overwhelmed with a call to accept them as published followed by a unanimous viva voce vote ... all without formality, I might add. The membership status was a reduction of one (1) with the transfer of Bro. Gaylord Thomas. Unfortunately, again, Bro. Steve Carter indicated he would be present and join our ranks, but was not seen approaching our ranks ... we hope he is all right, since we haven't heard from him. Bro. Bill then deferred to Bro. Johnny Mayers, Treasurer, for his report before returning to his correspondence.

The Treasurer ~ Bro. Johnny gave a very detailed and precise accounting, reported that we had ...

The following check book balance was on record at the start of the meeting: \$2,208.?? and "about" \$8,543.?? in our money market account.

The Secretary ~ Bro. Bill came close to the Snooze-Factor. Here's his offering for all ... in no particular order.

From NIVP, Bro. Harry Sanders ~ an invitation to ALL – Sojourners, Heroes, and Ladies/Camp Followers – to attend the Virginia Masonic Family Day. It is on Saturday, 11 Oct, and arrival is encouraged at 10 AM. Colonial attire would be nice for the parade, but not essential. MWBro. Fred Martin will organize the Sojourners participation in the parade. Great fun for kids, too. Good Food and Good Fellowship !!!

Osborn Park High School/James R. Porter ~ their NJROTC program is seeking to start a Fife & Drum Corps. They are asking our support in acquiring a "vintage marching drum." In his request, he also noted that an OD Chap #364 sponsored student to FFVF is now a "Rat" (a.k.a. Freshman) at VMI (Virginia Military Academy – Lexington, VA).

Heroes of '76 & CLMA/ALC // Director Harry Sanders ~ Asked N2VP Bill Turner to help in establishing an Honor Guard for the Dedication and Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of the American Legacy Center. Heroes in Dress Colonials are requested to contact Bro. Bill [(540) 654-5511]. This will be at CLMA on 17 Oct @ 1530 hrs. (3:30 PM). Please Help !!

Heroes of '76 & Grand Lodge of VA Opening // Planning Committee Chair Harry Sanders ~ Asked N2VP Bill Turner to help in establishing an Honor Guard for the Opening of Grand Lodge. This is 07 Nov at 0830 hrs. (8:30 AM). Heroes in Dress Colonials are requested to contact Bro. Bill [(540) 654-5511]. This is in support of our very own MWBro. Ed Cohen, GM in VA. Please Help !!

Passing of Bro. John Stonebreaker ~ This California Brother went to our Grand Commander on 01 Sep.

Bro. John Cole Recovering Well ~ We were very happy to hear from Bro. John Cole in a Thank You letter, where he says he is most thankful of our cards, calls, and visits. He says he is weak but working hard on his Rehab.

CLMA Donations ~ We received letters from CLMA Treasurer/ Mayers acknowledging donations by the Chapter or its membership totaling \$59.00 for this reporting period. Thanks for the Help !!!

The Program ~ As we turned our heads, entered John Rolfe (1585-1622) of Jamestowne Colony. His attire was quite interesting and nothing the likes of which we had seen in many a day. He talked of his birth in England and the employment he gained in the Virginia Company that got him on a sailing vessel to the new world. The charter had him leaving in 1606, whereupon he landed in Jamestowne. He talked of the hardships of the Indians, the disease, and the serious lack of food. Recalling John Smith, in 1609 as resupply left England, but found itself in Bermuda with damaged ships. After some reconstruction that only got them two ships from the original six, they set sail for Jamestowne. The new colony was very desolate and many deaths occurred in the very early years ... almost to the point of abandoning the outpost. John was an educated man who contributed significantly to the ultimate success of the colony. He was Secretary and a farmer. Much of the survival of the colony is owed to his cultivation and bartering of tobacco to Europe. After the passing of his wife and son to disease, he fell in love with Pocahontas and he wrote to the Governor, Mr. Dale, for permission to marry. It was granted. In due time and after much hardship, he and Pocahontas went to England with their son. She was received in the Royal Court, because she was of the same stature in America as a daughter of the Chief, Powhatan. He returned to the colony leaving them in England, because of their failing health and ultimate demise. In 1622, in the colony, he too passed away. Thanks and a round of applause was given to John Rolfe-revealed – Bro. Woody Bentley.

From The Commander ~ Commander Les Albers, Light Horse Harry Lee Heroes of '76 Camp, reminded all Heroes that a BIV-OUAC will be held on Wednesday October 29th, 2008. Muster at Ft. Collingwood on the Potomack at 1830 hrs. Camp Followers are welcome and encouraged to attend. A fine meal will be offered, and whilst the Heroes deal with the rapsallions in the Guard House – two, I understand – the Ladies will have a program.

Committee Reports

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Americanism & BOL/Chair Ralph Smith ~ Military Night was again announced. It will be observed at our 19 Nov meeting, where the JROTC / ROTC programs in the local area will be invited to be our guests.

Wellness and Sadness/Chair Patti Turner ~ Bro. David Keithley's mother-in-law passed away unexpectedly, so he returned home to Texas to be with his wife, during this difficult time. Patti also gave more information on the passing of Bro. John Stonebreaker. Bro. Tom Little gave updated information on Bro. PNP George Harrington, who is recovering in Rehab from falls and health related conditions. He is not able to receive visitors at present. Lady Margaret Little's father just had to undergo major facial surgery and our prayers are with him, as well. Bro. Bentley also indicated that Bro. Phil Tilson is not doing well and is likely not to come out of the hospital. We also shared our grief with Bro. Scotty Cameron at the loss of Lady Lois. Cards have been sent to most, and cards were prepared this evening for others.

Old Business:

Secretary's position – truly need a replacement. Volunteers soonest, please.

Adjutant position – the Camp also needs an Adjutant and volunteers soonest, please.

Webmaster – Bro. Handley Ward, who has done a yeoman's job wishes to step down. He'll work with new person, but wishes timely replacement.

Officers remain for a picture at the end of the meeting – we'll be quick about it !!

New Business

Presentation of Awards ~ Bro. Tom presented or acknowledged the following Awards

Bro. Dorsie Page – 25-Year Certificate and Bar

Bro. Bill Turner – 25-Year Certificate and Bar

Lady Patti Turner – Certificate of Appreciation

Lady Connie Dunaway – Certificate of Appreciation

Here, Bro. Tom invited Bro. Frank Dunaway forward, as well, and recognized the two of them for their long-standing service to the Chapter and Order. He also presented them with an "Aloha" card signed by all, and wished them safe travels to Florida. We wished them well and asked them to return soon !!

Bro. Jerry Kunkle – Certificate of Appreciation ... will present at the Bivouac

Bro. George Harrington – Presidential Citation & Emeritus Certificate

Chapter/Janine Kovack – Dallas L. Knoll Award/1st Runner-Up (Turner received)

Breaking News (Editorial Comment) ~ Coming to you after the meeting, but worthy of inclusion – The 2009 National Sojourners Youth Leadership Conference conducted at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge will be from 16-19 July. The tuition is \$430.00.

Good of the Order ~ The Gavel was passed and with nothing further claiming the attention of the Chapter, President Tom Little Closed in Peace and Harmony at 2110 hrs. Oh, following Closing, we received a donation of \$40.00.

Respectfully submitted,
William G.L. Turner
Interim Secretary/Pro Tempore



John Rolfe (1585-1622) of Jamestowne Colony (Bro. Woody Bentley, L.) greets President Tom Little.



Chapter Officers (L.-R.): Johnny Mayers/Treasurer; Kent Webber/2nd VP; Les Albers/Comdr, Light Horse Harry Lee Camp; Tom Little/Pres., OD Chapter #364; Joe Spruill/1st VP, Bill Turner/Interim Scy.



Farewell to Connie & Frank Dunaway by Prez Tom Little and All.

October Meeting Announcement

The next Chapter Meeting is on
Wednesday, 15 October, 2008, at the
Arlington-Fairfax BPO Elks Lodge
located at 8421 Arlington Blvd (US 50), Fairfax, VA 22031.

Business Attire

Social hour before dinner. Dinner is at 1900 Hours
in Fairfax Room on lower floor of Lodge at \$20.00 per person.
Please make reservations through Brother Joe Spruill
at 703-615-6275 or joe.spruill@yahoo.com
by the end of the day on Sunday, 12 October.



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