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OLD DOMINION CHAPTER #364

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✧ President's Message ✧

Congratulations, we initialed two new sojourners last month and hopefully will initiate two more this month. Let's keep this train rolling. I want to thank all of those who contributed to the Challenge Grant for Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism. We have meet our goal by the 8th of this month. Again thanks for your generosity. This month is also the birthday of the United States Navy, October 13th. So when you see Navy personnel, wish them a Happy Birthday!

Next we have a scheduled speaker and I am awaiting confirmation on him. This is also our ROTC/JROTC Night and would appreciated a good turn-out for this meeting. So mark your calendar, for Wednesday, November 17th, 2010. The following month is our annual Christmas Party and we have invited Arlington Hall Chapter #440 to join us in this celebration. So remember to keep Wednesday, December 15th, 2010 on your radar scope.

Fraternally,

Kent

✧ Commander's Message ✧

Brethren:

We had a good Light Horse Harry Lee Camp Bivouac at Camp Collingwood on Sep. 29 where our new Hero crossed the D successfully. We had a limited number of attendees, but all present pitched in with enthusiasm to assist our Brother. Our new Officer of the Day Rick Abell performed his part ably (pun!). My thanks go also to Bro. Ralph Smith who served as both CS and A/CS and Acting Adjutant Johnny Meyers. We enjoyed a hot Italian dinner which was well received. Thanks to all that attended, but wish more of you could have been there. Our next Bivouac will be on Jan. 26, 2011.

Our newest Hero is Major David Leroy Buffaloe, 39, US Army, a 1996 graduate of the United States Military Academy, now serving with the G-3, FORCECOM. He has 20 years' service with one Iraq tour, two Afghanistan tours, two Germany tours, and one tour in Macedonia. A seasoned veteran, he crossed the D with great fortitude. Please join us in welcoming him to the Heroes' ranks.

We need to continue to assist our Old Dominion 364 Chapter and the Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76 by attending our meetings and seeking out more Masonic Brothers to join us in our mission of promoting Americanism and Patriotism. I encourage each of you to make a special effort to identify fellow Masons who are eligible or interested in membership as well as helping me identify prospective candidates to become Rekruits. Our Masonic order and the related camp offer a great deal to our military comrades. Let us all make an effort to give more of them an opportunity to be members.

Please remember that one of our primary purposes is to put on Americanism and Bridge of Light ceremonies for adult and youth groups. Remain alert for any possible opportunity to present a program to a group of which you are a member or know about.

Please feel free to call me at 703-281-7489 or email me at ciddad@aol.com
<<mailto:ciddad@aol.com>> with any questions or suggestions.

Woody Bentley
Camp Commander

✧ Secretary Minutes ✧

September 15, 2010 Minutes

Opening / Call to Order:

The September 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 Chinese food and most of all the fellowship that surrounded our membership.

Attendance: 21 (7 women, 14 men).

The Chapter was called to order by President Bro. Kent Webber at 1935 hours. The Colors were posted in place. 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. Kent Webber.

Correspondence (Secretary Les Albers):

Mail received: Letter from Collingwood reviewing donations: \$220 for the memorial/Honor Fund; Annual donation of \$477; Lifetime donation of \$9,256.06.

Secretary: Minutes of the last meeting (August 2010) were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer: Checking account: \$3,627.26; Capitol One Money Market account \$9,027.87.

Membership:

Application for membership: Bro. Herschel Thomas

Current active members: 194

Introductions and Welcome:

Members: Bro. Harry Sanders, National President; Bro. Bill Turner; Bro. Kent Webber, National Trustee; Bro. Scotty Cameron, Emeritus, PP, PC; Bro. Woody Bentley, NASOCOCO; CLMA; Chapter trustee, PC, PP; Past Presidents: Ralph Smith.

Program: Bro. Harry Sanders briefed his vision for National Sojourners. He introduced the Collingwood gavel that he will carry across the country. A roster of those who attend meetings with the gavel will be retained at Collingwood. His theme: Duty, Honor, Country. He stressed strategic thinking: Where does the order go from here? He focused our attention with the phrase "Roe V. Wade", likening it to Bro. Washington's challenge in crossing the Delaware. Bro. Harry's energetic plan included: The Propeller Club, 365 Club, Chapter Excellence Award, and developing plans to grow the chapter.

Commander LHHL (for: Woody Bentley): Next Heroes Bivouac at Camp Collingwood: 26 January 2011. Social time: 1830, Dinner at 1900. Program: To be determined.

Committee Reports:
ROTC: No report.

Americanism and BOL: No report.

Programs: No report.

Wellness and sadness: Reports were made on Brother Ron Dooley's family.

Collingwood (John Mayers): Extensive and costly repairs have been made to the living

Quarters caused by roof leaks and aging plaster.

Old business: None

New Business: None.

President's remarks (Bro. Kent Webber):

Next meeting: Wednesday, 20 October. Pres. Webber discussed the George Harrington matching fund. \$14,000 donated so far. The target is \$25,000. The service flags, Virginia, Maryland flags have been replaced at Collingwood.

Closing:

1. The gavel was passed to all: The wife of Bro. Bill Sheetz is recovering.

2. Collection for Collingwood: \$20. Charlotte Crane donated \$10 to the Sum Fund.

3. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers gave the closing prayer.

4. The colors were retired in place.

5. Meeting closed at 2115 hours.

At your service, Les Albers

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**The next Chapter Meeting is on
Wednesday, 20 October 2010, at the
Arlington-Fairfax BPO Elks Lodge
located at
8421 Arlington Blvd (US 50), Fairfax, VA 22031.**

Uniform of the Day: Casual

Social Hour at 1830 hrs. Dinner at 1900 Hours

Brother Harry Sanders will be attending our meeting.

**Please make reservations through Brother Joe Spruill at 703-615-6275
or joe.spruill@yahoo.com by the end of the day on Sunday, 17 October.**