



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER No. 364

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

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OCTOBER 2004 NEWSLETTER



Brother Sojourners,

Our September meeting was very well attended and I wish to thank all the brethren, particularly Bro. Mark Arbeen and Bro Harry Sanders for helping with our program. Two young ladies briefed their participation in the Sprit of America Conference held each year at Freedom's Foundation. The principal speaker for the evening RADM Ken Moritsugu, Deputy Surgeon General of the United States, then delivered an informative speech on the United States Public Health Service and its role in defense against terrorism, natural disasters and epidemics.

This month we will celebrate our annual military night in which we honor outstanding ROTC cadets and their instructors. Old Dominion Chapter 364 has a long-standing tradition of reaching out to nine Senior and thirteen Junior ROTC Detachments in five states and the District of Columbia. Bro. Ralph Smith who chairs our ROTC Committee has done an extraordinary job maintaining liaison with these detachments and administering our ROTC awards--the National Sojourner Americanism Award and the Excellence and Patriotism Award. We are especially grateful to Bro. Ralph for his efforts. So please support your chapter and attend our next meeting, and if it still fits, wear your uniform to honor our cadets and your past service. We plan to have a very good program for the evening featuring a high-ranking speaker.

I would also like to remind our membership to check in with our website. It is easier than shuffling paper and you don't have to worry about losing your newsletter. On this site you will see other important information dealing with Chapter issues and other Masonic business (<http://olddominion364.org/>)

.I am looking forward to seeing you all again on the 20th at the GWMNM.

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

OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION

The October meeting is on WEDNESDAY, October 20, 2004 at 1830 Hours
at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA

UNIFORM OF THE DAY IS COAT AND TIE OR MILITARY SERVICE 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, October 18

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



Commander's Message October 2004

My Fellow Heroes:

What a wonderful bivouac we had. After due examination, and the learning of some important lessons, our Brother Jerry Pate was created a Hero of '76. Congratulations Bro. Jerry, we all look forward to seeing you at future bivouacs and encampments. I offer a big tip of the tri-corn to WB Ralph Smith for coordinating the reservations and RW Bro. Howard Sobel for arranging the great Chinese dinner.

Thank you brethren, you do a great job in support of our Camp.

We have a busy fall season coming up. As you read in this newsletter, we have the opportunity to support Collingwood, at its semi-annual clean-up day, 30 October. Collingwood is the home of this Camp, and we need to support its endeavors. I ask for your full support.

On 6 November, if duly elected, our Brother John Quinley will be installed as the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. He has asked his Camp to support him, by providing a color guard for the installation. While we have selected the five Heroes to participate, I ask for your support. If you can, please come down to the Grand Lodge Installation, which begins at 7:30 PM at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 Broad Street, Richmond Virginia. In addition to RW John being installed, he announced that our own Past Commander, Bro. Frank Dunaway, will be installed as the District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 1-A. Please come out and support your Grand Lodge Officers for the coming Masonic year.

Normally, we meet on the 5th Wednesday of the month. However, since the next 5th Wednesday is on 29 December, and most of our brethren will be traveling for the holidays, I have decided to move that meeting to 26 January 2005. More information on this bivouac will be announced in future newsletters.

Please put the following events on your calendar:

- 30 October – Collingwood Clean-up Day
- 6 November – Grand Lodge Installation
- 26 January – January Bivouac – Annual Spaghetti Dinner
- 27 February – Annual Wreath Laying at Mount Vernon
- 30 March – March Bivouac – Pizza Night
- 14 May – Federal Area Encampment

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!

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).

Your Help Needed to Support the Collingwood Work Day

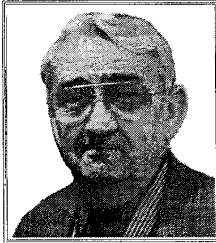
The Foundation for Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism (CLMA) is one of the "crown jewels" of our order. In addition to its mission of providing a home for National Sojourners, it also preserves the memory of a defining period in our nation's history --- the struggle of a fledging nation for freedom and independence. Collingwood is also the home of the Light Horse Harry Lee Heroes of '76 Camp bivouacs. Maintenance and upkeep of CLMA requires our support in two important ways: (1) generous giving to the annual fund drive and (2) investment of sweat equity through semi-annual workdays. The Fall Workday will be held at Collingwood on Saturday, October 30th, from 0800 to 1400 hrs. Please wear your work clothes and join your Old Dominion brothers in the quarries of Collingwood as we tackle various chores together, share in fellowship and enjoy a wonderful lunch. Every Sojourner is requested to support this workday so that many hands will make for light work --- see you there! If you will be able to help, please call or e-mail the Chapter Secretary, Bro. Ron Dooley (PH: 703-250-3402; e-mail: patronrd@earthlink.net) before October 27th and ask that your name be put on the Fall Workday list.

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.

Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 National Sojourners

Minutes of the Meeting September 15, 2004



The Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 meeting was called to attention by Pres. Hans Pawlisch at 1900 hours with 47 members and guests present. Chaplain Bro. Larry Lisle offered grace and we enjoyed a great meal once again. At 1945 hrs. Pres. Pawlisch called the meeting to order for business and directed Marshal Gary Akin to have the color bearers post the colors. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by 2nd VP Bill Sanner. Bro. Lisle opened the Bible and Scotty Cameron presented The Toast To The Flag. 1st VP Terry Gigure read The Purposes of National Sojourners.

Pres. Pawlisch welcomed all visiting distinguished guests and all other members and ladies. We welcomed visiting Bro. MW Frederick Garrison Martin, PGM, Grand Lodge of Virginia 2002-2003, member of Fort Lee, Richmond Chapter No. 72, and Commander of James Monroe Camp, Heroes of 76, National Sojourners, and Bro. Ronald A. Seale, SGC, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

The August business meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Bro. Ron Dooley, Secretary, cleared his desk, reporting a letter of appreciation was sent to WM Randy Barger, Arlington Centennial – Glebe Lodge No. 81, thanking him for his donation of \$50.00 to the Chapter, and a thank you letter was sent to Bro. Terry Gigure for his informative presentation on Iraq during the August meeting. The Secretary also sent a letter of invitation to Bro. David H. Lent who recently moved here from another chapter. There were no applications for action read. The Treasurer had to leave early so there was no report.

Committee Reports: **Americanism:** Bro. Larry Lisle reported that we are being asked again this year to participate in the Freedom Fest Walk by posting members on the route near National Headquarters at three checkpoints. There are about 12 participants in the 26 mile marathon on Saturday, October 23, 2004. Bro. Larry needs at least four volunteers. **Membership:** Bro. Sanner asks that we bring new members. Pres. Pawlisch indicated he is probably one of the youngest members in the Chapter, being 56, and we need to attempt to attract younger lodge members. **ROTC:** Bro. Ralph Smith reported he has disseminated emails to the ROTC units and is following-up with letters providing the needed info for participation in the Essay Contest and Military night. **Programs:** Bro Terry Gigure again reiterated there would be programs. **Sick and Distressed:** Bro. George Hallanan, Jr. will have a kidney removed on Sept. 23. We wish him well, and Glenna Page, Bro. Dorsie Page's lady, is not feeling well. Cards will be sent to both.

There was no **Old Business**. Pres. Pawlisch called for **New Business** under which we had a new member to initiate who had been duly elected for membership on 4/21/04. Pres. Pawlisch directed the Marshal to present Earl E. Ihle, Jr. (MIP) to the front. Bro. Bill Sanner read the Sojourner Lecture, the Secretary read the Obligation, and Bro. Gigure read the Medal Lecture. Bro. Ihle was presented with his medal and new member booklet and was soundly welcomed by all.

Programs: Bro. Harry Sanders spoke on the National Sojourner 2005 Essay, calling our attention to the info that could be found in the September Newsletter and on the OD web site. Bro. Dave Lang is chairing this endeavor and needs help. Bro. Lang may be contacted at 540-822-3044. Bro. Harry then spoke briefly on the Spirit of America and its goals...mainly to teach young Americans about America. Bro. Harry was proud that we sponsored three students to the Conference this year, and introduced two young ladies and their parents: Miss Rianna Mendelsohn, and her mother and father, and Miss Samantha Kinne and her mother Brenda. A third young lady, Miss Chelsea Dodson, could not be in attendance this evening. These two young ladies presented a very well organized summary of their experiences at the Conference and thanked the Chapter for allowing them this opportunity. Both received a resounding ovation.

1st VP Bro. Terry Gigure then introduced the speaker for the evening, RADM Ken Moritsugu, Acting Surgeon General of the United States. After recognizing this as a very special year due to the opening of the WWII Memorial and thanking those who defended our country, RADM Moritsugu, with the aid of Power Point, presented a theory of change in military and public health strategies in the world today. Basically, 9/11/01 changed everything as to who and where the enemy is located...but on 10/15 of the same year when an intern on Capitol Hill opened an envelope with anthrax, 290 million people were affected. The need to combine a well-disciplined public health corps and the military became much more necessary. Thus, the United States Public Health Service is now 6000 officers strong. The Corps was first called upon to assist the military in 1890. Today, in conjunction with the Surgeon General's office, the three priorities are prevention, public health preparedness, and eliminating health disparities...which are to assure security in the future dealing with man made as well as natural disasters and illnesses. The threat of terrorism is changing our culture and increasing our anxiety and the PH Corps and government at all levels must be ready to respond and to recover. We are better prepared but we still lack a sense of urgency. One thing we need is a volunteer reserve medical corps for local community needs. We also need a uniform national preparedness agenda for all types of emergencies. RADM Moritsugu summarized by saying we need to all work together regardless of the color of the uniform. He was given resounding applause.

Pres. Pawlisch then asked RW Bro. Fred Martin to come forward with his announcement concerning Heroes uniforms. RW Martin first proposed that the speech by RADM Moritsugu be printed in the Masonic Herald. He also expressed his desire to see all Heroes of 76 participate in uniform at the Masonic Parade. He then showed a uniform he had purchased in Williamsburg...and a dress made for his Lady. The seamstress makes period clothes for Williamsburg employees etc. The contact is **Joyce Hutton at 757-645-4520 or at her cell 757-218-6500.**

Pres. Pawlisch announced he will be having a meeting for the line officers on September 25th at 1000 hours at the Collingwood Headquarters. Commander Mark Arbeen also announced a meeting of Heroes officers on the same date at 0900 hours, same place. There will be a bivouac on September 29th at 1830 hours...and there is a scoundrel in our midst. There will be a highly requested return of a Chinese dinner. The price is \$15.00.

With there being no further business the President passed the gavel. RADM Moritsugu thanked all for allowing him to join the group and speak...Bro. Mark Arbeen introduced the newest Hero, Baby Jacob Luis Arbeen, saying it would not be his last meeting. Lady Heather also thanked everyone for the cards etc.

Our newest member, Bro. Earl Ihle, commented that he had been to many Masonic gatherings but had never seen a friendlier group than OD 364. Our National Secretary, Bro. Nelson Newcombe, announced he was a little worried about the Louisiana and Mobile Chapters and hoped they came through Hurricane Ivan ok. The two visiting young ladies once again thanked all for the support given them for the Freedom's Foundation Spirit of America Conference.

Pres. Pawlisch called for the Chaplain to close the Bible and offer the closing prayer. The Marshal and color bearers retired the flags, and the meeting was officially closed at 2107 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Dooley
Secretary/Adjutant