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As you can see from the attached minutes there is a lot going on and everyone is encouraged to participate in anything they can. In October we have the Parade at the Grand Lodge Family Day, the dinner at Collingwood on the 17th with the National Commander, our regular meeting on the 18th, the Yorktown Surrender Anniversary Parade on the 19th. Brother Larry Lisle has also asked for help to support the Folks March checkpoint. And then in November on the 12th is the Massing of the Colors at Annapolis. Lots going on, what can you be a part of? Get out your calendars now and look for some free space on one of the days mentioned above.

Our WEB Page is officially moved, thank you Brothers Handley Ward and Rick Reichert for all the time and effort that goes into this living WEB Page.

We would like to practice the initiation ceremony a few more times this year, how about looking for some candidates as you visit your Lodges and other Appendant Body meetings? I would love to make a presentation of a Briefcase Flag to every member of the Chapter.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Military and ROTC Night, remember to wear your uniform if you would like to and can. Sponsorships for our attending guests and donations to the Al Ungerleider Youth Education Fund are always in order.

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Bill Sanner, President

The next chapter meeting is on **Wednesday, October 18, 2006**, at 1830 hours at the American Legion Post 176, located at 6520 Amherst Avenue in Springfield.

Make your reservations through Brother JOE SPRUILL, Chairman of Membership/Call Committee, at: J_S22309@yahoo.com or cell: 703-615-6275. Or notify your Calling Committee Member. Dinner cost: \$20.00 per person.

DEADLINE IS 1200 HOURS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006!

Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Coming up real soon will be our next Bivouac on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at Collingwood. A REKRUT has been lurking in the shadows of Collingwood and will probably be in the Guard House by the time of our next bivouac. We need ALL Heroes to attend to help us with this delightful ceremony.

A dinner will be provided starting at 6:30 PM at the low cost of only \$10.00 per person. I am sure all will enjoy the fixings. Please call our Secretary to make your reservation. PLEASE do this so we can assure that all will be provided for. We are trying to keep the cost LOW and this is one way you can assist. Ron's telephone number is: 703-250-3402 or e-mail him at: patron@earthlink.net

For our Officers, please remember our rehearsal on October 19th at 5:00 PM at Collingwood. Brother Larry Lisle will go over the fine points with us and if all get there on time we can conclude in a short fashion.

Dan Levin, Commander

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK...



Minutes of the Meeting, September 20, 2006

At 1900 hours, President Bro. Bill Sanner rang the dinner bell and 46 members and guests enjoyed a fine meal with all the trimmings and great desserts. Bro. Dan Clark, our Chaplain, asked the Blessing.

At 1947 hours, Bro. Sanner once again sounded the gavel and called for order for the business meeting. Marshal Bro. Les Albers, along with Bros. Howard Sobel and Carlos Rogue, posted the Colors and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Bro. Dan Clark then opened the Bible and gave the Opening Prayer. Bro. Scotty Cameron recited the Toast to the Flag in his usual and exceptional patriotic manner. Bro. Mark Arbeen, 2nd VP, presented the Purposes of the National Sojourners. Bro. Sanner introduced all VIP members, guests, and ladies asking them to stand for recognition and thanking them all for coming.

Secretary: The minutes of the August meeting were approved unanimously with no corrections. The Secretary cleared his desk announcing the death of Rt. Wor. Stanley Johnson; a receipt of an email from Bro. Frank Dunaway on the knee surgery of Lady Connie (Bro. Frank announced all is going well); the death of Lady Martha Minnick was received by email 08-20-06, wife of Bro. Ted Minnick who passed on 09-17-83; a new address for Bro. Carl Goembel is 1288 Riverside Pl., Vero Beach, FL. 32963. Costs for the Newsletter are at normal price of \$139.00; letters sent out were to Bro. Harry Sanders re: the Convention Ad; to Mr. George Danielson re: his presentation in August on golf; and a letter to Bro. Scotty Cameron re: his presence for his 25-year Heroes pin. The Secretary has the paperwork regarding the 2007 Mid-Winter Conference in Salem, Oregon 01-17-20, 2007. Anyone desiring info contact the secretary. An announcement was received by email concerning the Massing of the Colors for this year and will be discussed later.

Minutes of the Meeting, September 20, 2006 (continued).

Treasurer's Report: We have a checking account balance of \$2335.81. Interest received on the Capitol One Account was \$33.40 giving us a total of \$8,097.20.

Sick and Distressed: Lady Pattie Turner sent cards to Lady Connie Dunaway, Bro. Dick Brainard, and Gordon Thomson. Bro. Bill Sheads had a stint put in and is doing fine.

Americanism: On Tuesday, 10-17-06, Bro. Roy Ota, National Commander, Heroes of 76 will be in town for the 225th Anniversary of Yorktown. There will be a dinner at Collingwood and Bro. Larry Lisle hopes all will come, and he does need assistance. There will be a parade in Yorktown on 10-19-06, at 1000hrs. celebrating Cornwallis surrendering to Bro. George Washington. Also on 10-19-06 at 1700hrs, there will be a Heroes degree practice at Ft. Collingwood for the officers.

ROTC: We will not know until the week before the Military Night meeting in October how many ROTC students will be coming. We also need a speaker...and may have to rely on the cadets and/or their instructors to say a word or two.

National Essay Contest 2007: Bro. Sanner encourages all to take copies of the applications to the lodge meetings with them and talk to members regarding the contest.

Heroes: The next bivouac will be on Thursday 10-26-06...please call the Adjutant, Ron Dooley, for dinner reservations...cost \$10.00.

Old Business: Bro. Ron Dooley introduced Bro. Handley Ward who volunteered his services to be our new ***Webmaster***. Bro. Rick Reichert, present Webmaster, asked the Chapter to find someone local if possible due to his heavy schedule. Bro. Handley spoke on his current construction of the site and encouraged all to look at it and let him know what we want, stating he was no computer whiz but learning. He then gave out the URL, which is <http://olddominionno364.net>. In addition, Bro. Handley's personal email address is handley.millie@aeitv.net.

The Secretary stated he would wait until everyone was able to view the site and then make a motion at the October meeting. Bro. Bill Sanner spoke up and said that a vote would not be necessary and we will go with Bro. Handley's site. Bro. Reichert will be notified. Bro. Sanner also proposed that the newsletter be posted on the web site for all to print as they wish and an email would be sent to those who had been receiving it by email that it has been posted. There were no objections. Bro. Sanner announced we are sending out invitations to all the surrounding chapters/camps regarding joining our Chapter for **The Massing of the Colors** on 11-12-2006.

New Business: President Sanner presented Bro. Olin Borum with his 50-year pins and certificates for 50 years service in the National Sojourners and Heroes of 76. A 25 year Heroes pin and cert was presented to Bro. Scotty Cameron who received his 50-year SJ pin in 2004. An award of a miniature folding flag was presented to Bro. Frank Dunaway, which was sent by Bro. Irv Dietscher, LOH, who is the National Membership Chairman, for obtaining three new members in the last year, and a Heroes of 76 Meritorious Service Award Cert. was presented to Bro. Woody Bentley.

Program: Bro. Harry Sanders introduced the following three students who attended the Valley Forge Spirit of America Youth Conference in July, Hannah Shepherd from the James Wood High School in Winchester, and Ken Tamres, and Ben Brooks who are both members of the Demolay Chapter of the Herndon Lodge. All three students commented on the great time they had and how they appreciated the opportunity to go. President Sanner presented all three with certificates. Bro. Harry then gave a brief account of the events during the Conference all having to do with a working simulation of Democracy in action.

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Bro. Sanner then brought our attention to the proposed budget he had passed out earlier, indicating it was the budget he plans to go by and will ask for a vote on it next month.

There being no further business President Sanner passed the gavel and a few comments were made at that time. Bro. Sanders announced he will be taking pictures at the next meeting and would like the Heroes Commander at least to wear his uniform; and also the Masonic Family Day Parade is on 10-14-06 and Sojourners and Heroes are welcomed.

Chaplain Bro. Dan Clark presented the Closing Prayer and closed the Bible; Marshal Bro. Les Albers and team retired the Colors and the Chapter was duly closed at 2110 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Dooley, Secretary/Adjutant

