



OLD DOMINION CHAPTER No. 364
“ NATIONAL SOJOURNERS ”
“ A CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE IN 2004 ”



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
 Brother Sojourners,

Our August program proved successful and I wish to thank Bro. Terry Gigure, our 1st VP for the very interesting presentation outlining his experiences serving with the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) while deployed to Iraq. We congratulate Bro. Terry for his service and his safe return home. I would also like to thank the brethren and ladies for their generous response in donating relief to our Florida brethren afflicted by the recent hurricane. Our September program will feature a presentation by Bro RADM Ken Moritsugu, Acting Surgeon General of the United States. We shall also hear from three young ladies whom we sponsored to attend the Spirit of America Youth Conference in Valley Forge. I would also like announce a meeting of the line officers and trustees to be held at Collingwood on 25 September at 1000. This will follow the Collingwood Heroes meeting scheduled for 0900 hours on the same day.

Looking ahead, we are attempting to persuade a person of national importance to address the October meeting. I am also happy to announce that the National Chaplain, Bro. Dick Stinson, attended by his lady Annie, will be the speaker at our November meeting. Lastly I would like to thank the brethren and ladies for their kind thoughts on the recent passing of my mother. I look forward to seeing you all at our 16 September meeting.

Hans S. Pawlisch
 President, OD Chapter 364

The September meeting is on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 AT 1830 HOURS
 At GADSBY'S TAVERN AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA

SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM:

UNIFORM OF THE DAY IS DRESS SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS

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, September 13

THE NEXT HEROES OF '76 ENCAMPMENT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:30PM, AT CAMP COLLINGWOOD, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Commander's Message September 2004



My Fellow Heroes:

Well, let's begin with Baby Watch 2004. Lady Heather and I are pleased to report that our son, Jacob Luis Arbeen, was born on 10 August 2004 at 1:31 pm. He weighed 6 lbs, 4 oz, and was 19 ¾ inches long. Mommy and baby are doing very well, and Jake looks forward to meeting everyone at the next Chapter meeting and the next Camp Bivouac. Thank you to all who have sent cards, e-mails, and phone calls.

Speaking of the next bivouac, a spy was caught attempting to gain entrance into our camp. The Officer of the Day and Commander of the Guard have him under arrest, awaiting the pleasure of the Camp. He claims to be a Treasurer. Maybe a bribe is in order? Who knows? Come out 29 September 2004, we will find out. A fine Chinese dinner will be served. The cost for this dinner (only this month) will be **\$15.00 per person**.

To prepare for our next bivouac, I ask all the Camp Officers, who can make it, to report to Fort Collingwood on 25 September 2004, at 0900 hours, for rehearsal and officers meeting. It should take no more than an hour.

Keep having fun this year!

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

NATIONAL SOJOURNER 2005 ESSAY CONTEST

Old Dominion Chapter is supporting the 2005 National Essay contest. Bro. Dave Lang has agreed to chair this event and needs our help to promote the contest. We need each member to sign up youth to participate. One copy of the Essay Contest form is enclosed with the newsletter and contains the details. Help us find interested high school students (9th thru 12th grade) and sign them up to participate by giving them a copy of the contest form. Potential student participants may include relatives, neighbors, ROTC members, Masonic Youth, etc. You should also promote the contest in your Blue Lodge. You may make additional copies, as you need them. Additional copies will also be available at the September chapter meeting. You can also download copies from the Chapter website (www.olddominion364.org). Please keep Bro. Lang informed of the student participants you sign up by providing him their name, address and phone number. His contact information is as follows: e-mail - dtlang@mac.com; address - 13354 Goodhart Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176-6100; Phone: 540-822-3044.

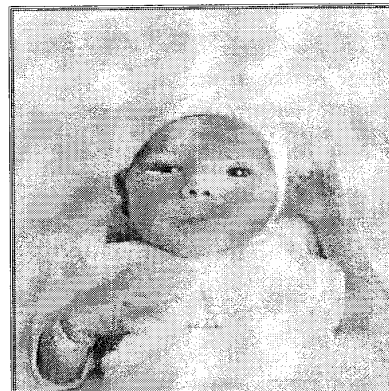
OPERATION NEW MEMBER

Have you been to your Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, Scottish Rite, or Shrine functions lately? While you were there did you talk to someone that might share a military background or strong interest in patriotism? Did you invite them to join Old Dominion or any other chapter of National Sojourners? Remember Sojourners whenever you are at a Masonic function. There are a lot of good men out there who share our interests and concerns and would be interested if they just knew about us. Let's not keep all the fun to ourselves; get out the word, invite the good men we see all the time who are not yet members. And if you see an old, wait not old, I mean experienced, member who hasn't been to a meeting in a while, encourage him to come out too. We have a great Chapter with a great program and have a lot of fun. More members will help us do even more and have more fun. Applications are available on line or at the meetings from Bill Sanner, 2nd Vice President and Chapter Membership Chairman.



August meeting speaker
1st VP Terry Gigure
talking about his Iraq
experience

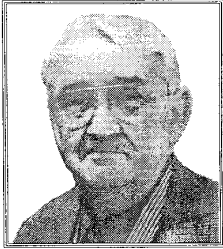
Visiting Sojourner Albert
McClelland of Northern
Indiana Chapter 544
pinning the membership
medal on his newly initiated
son Matthew at the
August meeting



Future Sojourner Jacob
Luis Arbeen

Old Dominion Chapter No. 364 National Sojourners

Minutes of the Meeting August 18, 2004



At 1900 hours, President Hans Pawlisch sounded the gavel of attention and asked Bro. Peter Nelson to offer grace for dinner held at Gadsby Tavern in Old Town Alexandria. We all enjoyed baked chicken with potatoes and veggies. There were 49 members and guests in attendance. At 1945 hours President Pawlisch again sounded the gavel to begin the meeting and directed Marshal Bro. Gary Akin and color bearers to post the colors and we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Bro. Nelson then opened the Bible giving the Opening Prayer, and Bro. Scotty Cameron presented The Toast to The Flag. President Pawlisch read The Purpose of the Sojourners and declared the Chapter open for business.

President Pawlisch then recognized distinguished guests to include MW Bro. Monty Quick, RW Bro. Howard Sobel, and special guests Bro. Albert McClelland, and his son Matthew J. McClelland, of Northern Indiana Sojourners #544. Matthew was there to be initiated as a courtesy at the request of his father. There were fourteen other distinguished guests noted and the list will be filed with the minutes.

The July minutes were approved and the Secretary cleared his desk. A message from Bro. Roy L. Daisey, 88 years young and Charter member, via a phone call with the Secretary, advised that Bro. Roy has had a minor stroke and now lives in Salisbury, MD. Bro. Roy said he misses the meetings and members but just lives too far away. The Secretary reported that he had sent a card signed by all and a letter to Mt. Wor. Albert Hugh Tignor, Jr., Grand Treasurer, of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, who was suffering with cancer. Unfortunately, it arrived too late. The new Web Domain is now in effect and is OldDominion364.org. In addition, the full year chapter schedule is now on line. Many thanks to Bro. Rick Reichert, our Webmaster. An email was read from 3rd VP Bro. Bob Tidwell reporting that Bro. Mark Arbeen, Cmdr Camp LHHL, could not attend the meeting due to the birth of his child, Jake, and Lady Heather who had a C-Section. Both are doing fine. Also, Bro. George Hallanan is in Walter Reed Hosp. for surgery on a cancerous kidney. An email from Bro. Bill Turner was read informing us that Worshipful Master Randy Barger, Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge #81 donated \$50.00 for our Americanism philanthropic endeavors in that Bro. Turner wore his Colonial attire and presented an interpretation program of Wor. Bro. George Washington. A letter of appreciation will be sent for that donation. A letter was read reporting that Bro. George A. Barten (join date 7/20/77..MIP and Hero) died on June 6/7/04 and his Lady Ortha died 6/11/04. They lived in Fairfax. A memo from National Sec. Nelson Newcombe was sent reminding us that the 2005 dues will be raised to \$34.00 for OD #364 members. (See last Newsletter) A letter was received from National reporting that Bro. Russell K. Shultz of Doylestown, PA has become an MIP. A letter was read from Bro. Albert McClelland requesting the courtesy initiation of his son Matthew which was conducted later in the meeting.

Pres. Pawlisch called for committee reports. He then acknowledged the return of Bro. Terry Gigure, 1st VP, and Chairman of Programs who received a huge hand of welcome back from Iraq. Bro. Terry announced there "would be programs." Under Sick and Distressed; in addition to those mentioned above, Lady Patti Turner announced that Bro. Jack Hansel's lady died and that she had sent a card. She also sent a card to Pres. Pawlisch. The Secretary announced that Pres. Pawlisch received news of his mother's death while he was in Morocco on business. There were no further committee reports.

Old/New business, Bro. Nelson Newcombe announced an appeal for donations for the victim lodges and chapters in Florida resulting from the hurricanes. This resulted in a total of \$446.00, which will be given to the Masonic Services Association. Bro. Monty Quick presented a Federal Encampment award for "Hero of the Year" to Bro. Past Comdr. Bill Sanner who was Commander of Camp LHHL and made all functions, sometimes alone. He also presented the "Lady Follower of the Year" award to Lady Lyn Sanders. Both received a resounding applause.

President Pawlisch then directed Marshal Akin to escort Matthew McClelland to the front for initiation. 2nd VP Bill Sanner presented the Sojourner Lecture, Pres. Pawlisch read the Obligation, and 1st VP Terry Gigure the Medal Lecture. Bro. McClelland was presented his dues card, and a New Member Handbook. His father, Bro. Albert McClelland was called up front to present the Sojourner Medal to his son along with several comments of pride.

Our speaker for the night, 1st VP Bro. Terry Gigure, talked on his 6 months experience in Iraq since Feb. 6, 2004. He flew out of Dulles to Frankfurt and then to Kuwait City. He flew into Baghdad International on a C-130 packed with people on a cold day and placed on a thin skin bus to be taken to the "Green-Zone" seven miles away through enemy territory. He slept in a tent with 200 other people. He then was assigned to check all seventeen cell phone sites throughout the city with the MCI representative, to include outside the Green-Zone, to keep the system working. He learned from that experience that not all stories we hear about the anti-American rhetoric are true. The average person in Iraq is trying to make things better and they are very industrious people. His answer to "should we be there" was a resounding yes and we should support our troops wholeheartedly. One deed Bro. Terry is proud of is the rebuilding of the Boy Scouts in Iraq, which Saddam Hussein had suppressed. There are now 40-50 boys active. Bro. Terry is honored to have served his country but is glad to be home. There were numerous questions and then a resounding applause and standing ovation. Hopefully he will have pictures at the next meeting.

Under announcements, Bro Bill Swann advised he has fourteen tickets for the Spirit of America show conducted by the 3d Infantry Regiment, The Old Guard, in September at the MCI Center. Pres. Pawlisch announced he is trying to coordinate a staff meeting along with the Heroes meeting in September, hopefully the 25th. He will announce the date later.

There being no further business, the gavel was passed, and Brother Harry Sanders announced that the three young ladies we sponsored to the Spirit of America Youth Conference in Valley Forge will attend the September meeting. Brother Scotty Cameron announced that Brother Gene Reeder has moved to Idaho and would love to have visitors any time. The new address is, Eugene P. Reeder, 702 S. Spellman Lane, Meridian, ID 83642. Bro. Bob Tidwell, 3rd VP, thanked Bro. Ralph Smith for the thorough transfer of info for the 3rd VP position. Newly initiated Matthew McClelland thanked the Chapter and stated he was honored to have been initiated by us. His father also thanked everyone for the honor. President Pawlisch then called for the Chaplain to close the Bible and for the Marshal and color bearers to retire the colors. The Chapter was closed for business at 2102 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Dooley
Secretary/Adjutant