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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our August meeting was enjoyable as we heard about the sport of Golf and relaxed in our Golf shirts. For September we return to an agenda that promotes our Americanism and Patriotism theme as we hear from the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation scholarship winners that our Chapter sponsored this year. We look forward to hearing what went on and how they were affected by the experience. Brother Harry Sanders will provide some highlights from the Adult Sponsors point of view to summarize. This youth support program is a most important element of our annual program. With the most unfortunate passing of the Virginia Deputy Grand Master, we will have a change of speaker for January but I do expect it to be the new Grand Master who has indicated he will wherever possible honor the schedule of Brother Stan Johnson.

For our October meeting, ROTC/Military night, we will be inviting any who wish to join us from the group traveling down to Yorktown for the festivities celebrating their historic anniversary.

One of the events that I think we have had up and down support for has been the Massing of the Colors at Annapolis, I'd like to see this year be an up. This event is on a Sunday in November, not sure yet which one. Think about attending so we have a good group.

Have you heard about the idea of having a folding screen to mount our various plaques, pictures and other memorabilia on to put up during meetings and then store between meetings? I am looking for volunteers to make one or research the purchase costs. Any takers?

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September Meeting Information

The next chapter meeting is on **Wednesday, September 20, 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, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006!

The next Heroes Bivouac will be held at Collingwood on Thursday, October 26th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76 COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Well, we did find a REKRUT lurking in the shadows of Collingwood, in the person of Sojourner Lester Albers, Jr. After much to do and an initiation enjoyed by all (except Les) he became a HERO in Light Horse Harry Lee Camp of the Heroes of '76. I am sure Les will enjoy this group along as well as his lovely lady Julie.

Communication Brethren. We must improve if we are to keep this Chapter viable and smooth running. I cannot schedule things without an Email or note. A whisper in the hall does not do it. This old brain does not absorb as it once did.

Just a reminder - Our next Bivouac will be held on Thursday, October 26th. Dinner 6:30 PM. Bring your Ladies.

Dan Levin, Commander

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

All Sojourners, Heroes and Camp Followers in uniform are invited to walk (note that I said walk --- we only marched during the short distance in front of the reviewing stand) in the **Grand Lodge of Virginia Family Day Parade on Saturday, October 14th**. We will carry the colonial flags in the parade. The **muster point will be in front of the chapel at 1000 hrs.** (Note that the parade forms at 1030 and steps off at 1100 hrs). It is suggested that all arrive in uniform and change to more comfortable attire following the parade. The Grand Lodge has arranged for us to change clothes in the Babcock building. The tradition of having the Heroes of '76 appear in the parade was originally established by one of our National Sojourner giants, Bro. PNP LaVon Linn (LOH). Your National Third VP would appreciate the participation of as many Sojourners, Heroes and Camp Followers as possible. Contact Bro. Harry Sanders to sign up at 703-978-0421 or e-mail at harlyn@cox.net.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE I

Membership and participation are always on our minds. What can we do to recruit new members? Brother Frank Dunaway seems to have an answer; we will recognize him at our September meeting for bringing in three new members. We all need to be thinking about what we can do to spread the word and keep Sojourners as the fastest growing Masonic Appendant Body. And what about our current members? Just a little over 10% are actually able to get to meetings every month. We need to do more to get those who can't drive rides and to encourage those who can drive to put us on their calendars again. Bring a friend to the meeting, everyone I have talked to who has been coming tell me they are enjoying the meetings. Come find out for yourself.

Well my friends and brothers, I want to thank you for all your support and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely and fraternally,
William (Bill) Ross Sanner, President 2006-2007

A LITTLE HISTORY, "THE FORGOTTEN VETERAN REMEMBERED"

"We at Old Dominion #364 want to give a special 'well done' to Bro. Peter Pedrotti, Curator of Collingwood, and member of Old Dominion, for the fine work he is doing for all Sojourners. He has made many outstanding contributions. One of the finest this year was the recognition of some deceased servicemen in a local cemetery. (see the March Section of the accompanying notebooks.) They will be remembered henceforth in May and November on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

We believe that all National Sojourners should be told this story as a guide for what they should do also locally."

Discovered in Book No. 1 (1984) of Old Dominion papers and notes constructed by then Secretary Brother Morton Levy to place in his newsletter.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK...



Minutes of the Meeting, August 16, 2006

The familiar dinner gavel sounded at 1900 hours and 41 members and guests of Old Dominion 364 enjoyed another meal at American Legion Hall No. 176 in Springfield, VA. The approved attire was golf shirts of all makes, models, and designs.

At 1945 hours, Pres. Bro. Bill Sanner again sounded the gavel and the business meeting was underway. Marshal Bro. Les Albers, Jr. and Bros. Bill Swan, Jr., and Philip Graessle, II, posted the Colors and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Bro. Dan Clark attended the Bible and presented the Opening Prayer. Bro. Scotty Cameron recited the Toast to the Flag, and 3rdVP Bro. Tom Little presented the Purposes of the National Sojourners. Pres. Sanner introduced all VIP's individually, then guests and ladies.

Secretary: The July minutes were unanimously approved. Lady Ruth Ungerleider informs us that Bro. Al is doing fairly well but would rather be home. Lady Ruth encourages all to call and/or visit with Al. (if you need the address and phone number contact the Secretary or see the special announcement in the July Newsletter). Ret. Col. Bro. John D. Hartline passed away on 07-07-2006 after a long illness. A note from Lady Luella Harter was received saying that even though she could not attend the meetings she loves receiving the newsletter. A letter was received from Bro. Tom Copes, Convention Chapter Chairman, *87th Annual Nat. Sojourners Convention*, advising it is time to begin submitting chapter ads for the program book. A motion was made and carried to submit a full ad at \$150.00, and Bro. Harry Sanders will work up a design for the ad. The Newsletter remains at the average costs of \$140.00 and there were no reports of anyone not receiving their copy. A letter was sent to Bro. BG Edwin D. Woellner thanking him for his letter (07-15-06) of best regards, good cheer, and interest. A Thank You letter was sent to Mr. Warren E. Nordman thanking him for his presentation at the July meeting. A Thank You letter was sent to Bro. Donald L. Shaw (PNP, LOH) thanking him for sharing his chapter's newsletters; and letters inviting Brothers recently transferred to the area were sent to LTC Bro. Mark S. Brooks and LTC Bro. Chris E. Zimmerman.

Treasurers Report: Bro. Johnny Mayers reported we have a bank balance of **\$2,197.51**. Our Money Market total, with this month's dividends, is **\$8,063.80**.

Sick and Distressed: Bro. Ralph Smith reported that Bro. Bill Sheads would probably have to undergo a double stent procedure within the next two weeks. This was confirmed with Bro. Bill on 08-19-06.

ROTC: Bro. Ralph Smith stated responses from potential award winners should be coming in by September.

Freedoms Foundation: Bro. Harry Sanders reported that 11 of the 91 students slated to attend cancelled for some reason. We should be hearing from the three we sponsored at next month's meeting as part of the scheduled program.

2007 Essay Contest: President Sanner encouraged all members to get the information out in the lodges re: the Essay Contest...the info is on the National SJ Web site.

Heroes: Bro Woody Bentley, COS, reported that we will have an encampment on 08/30/06, 1830 hours at Ft. Collingwood which will be a cookout, all Heroes are invited. We will have a practice meeting on 08/26/06 at Collingwood at 1000 hours. All Heroes officers should attend.

Old Business: 3rd VP Bro. Tom Little asked that anyone having input ideas for the libations table to please let him know.

New Business: Pres. Bill Sanner nominated Bro. Joe Geer for Assistant Treasurer and it was unanimously carried. Bro Sanner also suggested that the Chapter construct a divided screen to accommodate our plaques etc. so that we can display them at meetings. There were no volunteers at the time.

Bro Ron Dooley, Sec., asked that anyone having factual information concerning interesting chapter history to place in the newsletter to please contact him....

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Minutes of the Meeting, August 16, 2006 (continued).

Program: Bro. Woody Bentley introduced Mr. George Danielson, PGA, and manager of the *Everybody Golf School* at four Fairfax County courses, who presented an interesting program on the basics of golf skills and equipment. There were several questions following the presentation.

There being no further business, Bro Sanner passed the gavel. Bro Bill Swan expressed his enjoyment of being a member over the last seven years...he is relocating to Brunswick, Georgia before the next meeting. Pres. Sanner thanked him for all he has done for the Chapter. Bro. Jay Patterson thanked the Heroes for making him the newest Hero to cross the frozen waters of the Big D. Bro. Rob Long thanked all for accepting him as a new MIP and expressed how much he enjoyed the meeting. New MIP member Bro. Dave Browning introduced his wife Lady Mariam.

Chaplain Bro. Dan Clark presented the Closing Prayer and closed the Bible. Marshal Les. Albers and team retired the Colors and the Chapter was closed at 2130 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Dooley, Secretary

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF MASONRY

Two women were touring the Replica Room at George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. They gushed enthusiastically about each piece of furniture. "Ruby," said one of the women, "did you notice that everything in here is in Early American?"

From *The Lighter Side of Masonry* by Bro. Stewart M.L. Pollard