



Piedmont Chapter No. 504
National Sojourners, Inc.
and
Guilford Courthouse Camp, Heroes of '76



Dispatches

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From the President:

I would like to thank all the Brethren who attended the meeting and encourage the Brethren that weren't present, to attend the next meeting in February.

I would like to thank every one that participated in the initiating of Brother Jerry D. Ridings from Goldsboro into the Piedmont Chapter 504 National Sojourners, Inc.

Brethren, for the Freedoms Foundation we need to find students to send; so if you have a young person you would like to see go, please let me know.

Brethren, I going to have one more raffle for a Home Weather Station, it includes: wind sensor, rain sensor, temperature sensor & radio transmitter, ac/dc adaptor. Measures 10 key weather conditions. Hope to get the tickets out the first weekend in February.

If you have anything you would like to come before the ExCom meeting, E-mail me. Here is how the ExCom meeting works, the second week of the month I will E-mail all Committee Chairman and Officers, asking if they have anything that needs to come up at the regular meeting, if so they will let us know by reply to all. If something comes up that can't wait, e-mail or call me. This is the 21ST Century and we need to move in that direction.

Brethren we all are on the Membership Committee, so every opportunity you get to talk to your Brethren about the Sojourners please do. We need to continue to grow.

I look forward in seeing you all at the February meeting. My E-mail address is bkitchen@ec.rr.com
Thank you. Bobby

Minutes of Meeting of 1-17-07:

**The meeting was declared open at 6:30 PM by President Bobby Kitchen. The prayer was offered by Bro. Ken Whichard; the Pledge to the Flag was led by Bro. Gerald Ringler; and the "Toast to the Flag" was given by Bro. Bobby Kitchen.

** Dinner served. Attendance: 8 Sojourners and 1 Lady (our attendance was less than normal due to three of our members at the Mid-Winter Conference in Oregon and four other members with situations that prevented them from attending). Happy box: \$8.00.

**President Kitchen introduced Bro. Gerald Ringler, Commander of Guilford Courthouse Camp, Heroes of 76. Bro. Ringler discussed the upcoming Middle Atlantic Area Conference which will take place on February 16 and 17 at the Wilmington Scottish Rite Temple. He passed out copies of the letter and forms that cover all of the information in regard to the conference.

**Secretary read a "Thank You" note from Shirley Grumbling for our check in the amount of \$50.00 (for her retirement from the National Sojourners national office - after 43 years.

**Treasurer reported our checking account balance of \$XXXXXX.

**INITIATION: Bro. Bob Murphy acted as Marshall and introduced Bro. Jerry Ridings for initiation. The Lecture and Obligation were presented by President Kitchen and the Sojourner Medal Lecture was presented by Bro. Ken Whichard. Bro. Ridings has joined as an M.I.P. member and already received his letter and silver star from the National Headquarters. The secretary presented him with his Sojourner Medal.

**Bro. Whichard stated that he has another new member and the application will be presented at our February meeting. As of this date we have 58 members. Bro. Whichard also announced that he and Bro. Fred Scott are assisting in the 2008 National Convention that will be held in Wilmington.

**President Kitchen asked that all members continue to "talk up" the annual Freedom Foundation Camp at Valley Forge, PA - - and obtain student recommendations.

President Kitchen announced a new Fund Raiser: We will raffle a "Weather System" device. Tickets will be \$1.00 each and the drawing will be in April.

**Bro. Gerald Ringler recently had a cardiac catheterization exam and he will have a heart operation on February 3 - - and be "back in action" on March 1. Keep Bro. Ringler in your prayers.

Meeting closed in prayer by Bro. Ken Whichard.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Schafer, Secretary

From the Camp Commander:

I.E.A.R

Fellow Heroes:

A first is going to happen in February 2007 in Wilmington, NC. The 2007 Middle Atlantic Area Conference/Encampment is to be held in Wilmington, North Carolina on February 16 and 17, 2007. This occasion will provide you an opportunity to meet with the National President and National Commander along with many other Sojourners/Heroes of '76 from outside and inside North Carolina.

The complete schedule, hotel reservations information, and registration is yours in hand by an email or phone call to me. The package can be emailed or sent by USPS directly from me to you. It is free for the asking.

Many other items can claim out attention to promote the purposes of the National Sojourners thus preserve and prepare our Nation for the storms we are now in the middle of and those yet to be received. Assist me to prepare.

Fraternally

Gerald

E.I.A.R.

News Flash from Your Editor:

I just got off the phone with Brother Gerald Ringler and am happy to report that the old “Gunny” is doing just great! He came through the operation with flying colors and tells me that he will be released from the hospital this afternoon (Wednesday Feb 7).

He plans to visit with his daughter in Kinston for a few days but expects to be back at home base by Sunday.

He says that he will be monitoring his email if you would like to contact him. His address is:

gring2@earthlink.net

He sounded like his old self and was in very good spirits.

I know that everyone is happy to hear of his progress.

Semper Fi guy!

From Your Editor:

Let's make a real effort to support the area meeting/encampment in Wilmington on the 16th and 17th. Brother George Jones has put a lot of hard work into this meeting. We will be bringing a Brother into our Heroes Camp at the encampment so all Heroes should be there to support him. The degree will be put on by Cornelius Harnett Camp from Fayetteville and there is an excellent chance that several of the national officers will be in attendance.

See you in Wilmington!

Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007

DINNER: 6:30 PM

GOLDEN CORRAL RESTAURANT – GARNER, N.C.

Hope to see all of you there!

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Groundhog Day Raleigh York Rite Meets	3
4	5 329 Meets	6	7	8 Raleigh Scottish Rite Meets	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 546 Meets	16 Area Meeting Wilmington	17 Area Meeting Wilmington
18	19 President's Day	20 Mardi Gras	21 Ash Wednesday 97 ExCom Meets 504 Meets	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24
25	26	27 97 Meets	28			