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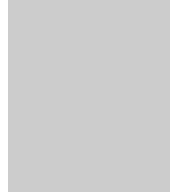
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PURPOSES

The Purposes of National Sojourners shall be to organize Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers of the uniformed forces (past and present) of the United States, and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons, into Chapters, for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true Patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military need of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My Brothers:

There are a number of topics that must be covered in this message to you, so permit me to get right to them:

Please get your reservations in for the Mid-Winter Meeting. Brother Stan Miller has posted all you need to know about Salem, as well as the necessary paperwork to make your arrangements. Some of you may think that Salem is in another State (Massachusetts); it really is the Capital of Oregon. I guarantee that you will enjoy the fraternal friendships as well as 'get your hands dirty' working together with the committees of National Sojourners. Fill out the papers today!

Take a look at the National Sojourners webpage. I have asked Brother Bob Ferguson to develop a "Letters to....", so that you can send in your comments and questions when they come to mind. Don't be concerned with the content as Brother Bob will use discretion and first ask a couple of neutral Brothers for the 'OK' if necessary. Where appropriate, the Chairman of the Publications Review Board will be consulted, also.

Your attention is directed toward the East—to National Headquarters, if you please. Perhaps you have overlooked the fact that Maryanne and Shirley will have left by the end of the year. Believe me, they will be missed. Let's flood them with good wishes as they take on a 'new' life.

While all of you expect the best from your elected officers, I must report that your National Commander and I have had a great time representing you at many functions. A highlight was the parade at Yorktown, Virginia, celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the British surrender. The parade was a bit long for an old man like me, but when Barney Lau showed up as spry as a young man,

I knew that I had to 'hold up my end of the line.' It was fun, and the publicity received, great! (Oh yes, Brother Barney has offered to start Chinese language training. Ask him about it.)

Now is the time to start collecting money to sponsor our youth for upcoming training programs. If each of you gave \$5.00, my math says that our youth account would end up with about \$45,000. That's a lot to ask, but check with your Collingwood Representative or Secretary to get the procedure for making a tax-deductible donation for our youth programs. Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is our primary training venue; but those presented by the MOWW should be your choice when economics is the overriding consideration. Remember, my Brothers, our support of these programs, regardless of who presents them, is National Sojourners best public advertising.

The holiday season is here. The wonderful fact of our organization is that there are many different backgrounds, religions and ethnicities represented in National Sojourners. I suggest that each of us devote some time to learn more about another religion so that you can join in discussions about another's beliefs. Freemasonry has no boundaries; and National Sojourners with its military link, should be foremost in assuring this.

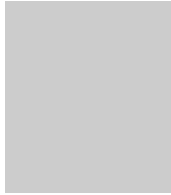
The peace of our Supreme Being be with each of you throughout the holidays and into 2007.

Phil

SEASONS GREETINGS!

TO ALL SOJOURNERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM YOUR NATIONAL LINE OFFICERS!

Philip and Victoria Tilson
James and Martha Vann
Joseph and Beverly Baker
Frederick and Carol Vihovde
Harry and Lyn Sanders

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE


I always loved Thanksgiving and I still do, but it's a love that has matured much like marriage. The lust of pumpkin pies and the roast turkey with cranberry sauce, the family friends and of course, the lack of school; all propelled this not yet winter festival to adoring heights in the minds of most 8 or 10 year olds. I dare not even mention the play; we all know "the play." The one where the grateful pilgrims sit and eat with their Indian (I mean Native American) friends. Over time, of course, the vacation is nice, the food is good, family and friends get on your nerves, but you get to hang out with some cousins or other family you do like; and that pretty much sums up the teenage years of Thanksgiving.

As we get older and more reflective, as we learn, relearn and re-live similarities in history, the Thanksgiving holiday takes on a different meaning. After all, the Indians saved the pilgrims from starving, the pilgrims and those arriving after, brought disease and mistrust, every bargain, deal or treaty was abrogated as the "white man" saw fit.

I still love Thanksgiving but it is the mature love of being grateful that we live in this wonderful country. That we live under the protection of laws and a government that doesn't oppress its own people, anymore, sort of. Thanksgiving, I believe, means different things for Native Americans who saw their lands and communities destroyed. Or for African-Americans who came here against their will. Or the Chinese and other Asians that built up our west coast and rail lines only to be denied basic rights.

This Thanksgiving be thankful for the many cultures that make up this great land, which love it, died for it and weren't always thanked for their contributions.

This Thanksgiving, Lord, we ask Your blessings on our country for the liberty

we have and for the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines of many cultures, religions and creeds who were prepared to lay down their life so we might dine in security and peace.

Ira M. Fax

TAPS

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DOD: 3/17/06

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DOD: 06/10/06

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2006**

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In memory of Lyle Hamann
Charles and Betty Wallens

In memory of Bill B. Larson
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In memory of August H. Luhrsen
Milwaukee #27

In memory of Robert E. Mueller, Sr.
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Clarence and Vera Nelson
Frances A. Lyon
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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2006**

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 Charleston #28
 Hot Springs #70
 Oakland #108
 Fort Jackson #184
 Okinawa #264
 Pasadena #265
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**MAY THE HOLIDAY BLESSINGS OF
PEACE AND JOY BE YOURS THROUGH-
OUT THE NEW YEAR!**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE
NATIONAL HEROES OF '76 LINE**

Roy and Carol Ota
 David and Beth Warburton
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BLUE LODGE-MASTER MASON STEIN

This stein is ceramic white shell body that measures 7-1/4" tall by 4" wide at the base and 3" at the lid. The stein has a ceramic insert lid that says Master Mason of the Blue Lodge. It has a Holy Bible on top in color. The front of the stein bears the Bible verse, Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." On the right hand side of the stein there are ten symbols all in color to represent the Blue Lodge body. On the left-hand side of the stein is a poem called "A True Mason." On the bottom of the stein is wording and a casket and each stein is numbered. The price of the stein is \$59.95, which includes shipping and insurance. A donation of \$7 will go to the Grand Lodge in your state to benefit Masonic charities as they see fit.

If interested, please send your check or money order to Stanley C. Buz, P. O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.

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**AREA CONFERENCES
AND ENCAMPMENTS**

SOUTHEASTERN AREA CONFERENCE/ENCAMPMENT: will be held on 16-17 March 2007 at the Holiday Inn (N), 2800 Manchester Expressway, Columbus Georgia. Point of contact is Brother MAJ John G. Norris, 7401 Peppercom Drive, Columbus, GA 31909-2632. Telephone: 706-324-0522. Email: nrmargar@bellsouth.net.

GREAT LAKES AREA CONFERENCE/ENCAMPMENT (GLACE): Will be held 30-31 March 2007 at the Adams Mark Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Deadline for hotel registration is 1 March 2007 and must be made directly with the hotel. Reservations can be made at 317-248-2481. Mention National Sojourners for group rate, which is \$79.00 plus tax. Point of contact is Brother Richard D. Sutton, 10692 North Mann Road, Mooresville, IN 46158-6593. Telephone: 317-831-8179. Email: sutton9wtf@cs.com.

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA, NORTH, CONFERENCE/ENCAMPMENT: Will be held 30 March-1 April 2007. Point of contact is Brother William C. Staton, Area Representative, 806 Shadybrook Lane, Cedar Hill, TX 75104-4758. Telephone: (972) 291-7629. Email: cw3allarmy@msn.com.

FEDERAL AREA ENCAMPMENT: Is tentatively scheduled for 19 May 2007 at Fort Collingwood, 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308-1399. Point of contact is Brother William G. L. Turner, P. O. Box 7788, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-7788. (540) 654-5511. Email: WGLT@att.net.

FUTURE MEETING INFORMATION

2007 MID-WINTER MEETING: will be held from 17-21 January at the Phoenix Grand Hotel in Salem, Oregon. *NOTE: GROUP RATE RESERVATIONS CUT OFF DATE: 17 DECEMBER 2006.* Contact: Phoenix Grand Hotel: Phone: 1-503-540-7800 or 1 877-540-7800 or www.phoenixgrandhotel.com. For group rates, mention "National Sojourners Convention."

87th ANNUAL CONVENTION: will be held 12-16 June 2007 at the Holiday Inn-Crown Plaza in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Registration and other information will be sent to the Chapter Secretaries at a later date.

**DALLAS L. KNOLL
BULLETIN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

REMINDER! Submissions for the Dallas L. Knoll Bulletin Of The Year Award must be received at National Headquarters **NO LATER THAN December 31, 2006.**

Please refer to National Regulation 9.1.2. Those submissions received not in accordance with the regulation will not be considered.

a. To be considered for the award:

(1) At least six (6) Chapter Bulletins must have been published during the 12-month period from January through December of the calendar year preceding the National Convention.

(2) Five (5) copies of each of the six (6) or more Chapter Bulletins being submitted must be received NLT 31 December of the year preceding the January Mid-Winter Meeting by the National Secretary-Treasurer and copy clearly marked "For Bulletin of the Year Consideration."

Please see page 4 of the Awards & Citations brochure, 1999, by the Education and Training Committee for further guidelines.

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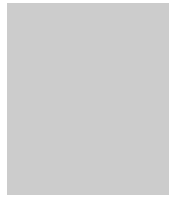
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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Mele Kalikimaka, Brethren:

It's a little "early" but it'll be close to Christmas when you receive this. The Sojourner year is almost half over and its time to start thinking about recognizing those hard working Brothers who have supported your area. What better way to reward them than by completing the awards form, which you can download from the National website. If you're unsure about our awards program, check out Chapter 5 of the Heroes Manual (the effective edition is C4, 14 June 2001). Please note the deadline for the submission of these nominations. The National Adjutant should receive them by 15 March 2007 in order that it can be processed in time to be presented at the 87th National Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia. I encourage all Chapter Presidents and Camp Commanders to support your people. Even ladies are eligible for the Commander's Award of Excellence.

The highlight of my year so far as National Commander occurred on 19 October when I was privileged to lead a contingent of Heroes and Camp Followers in the 225th Annual Yorktown (Virginia) Parade. The weather was cloudy with temperatures in the mid-60s as we proudly stepped off around 1030 hours with our banners streaming. A big M-A-H-A-L-0 to Brother Lorange D. Lisle, National Junior Lieutenant, who spearheaded this event as well as the Laying of a Wreath at the Tomb of The Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, the reception hosted by Light Horse Harry Camp (Old Dominion #364) and the Yorktown Association Banquet at Fort Eustis. I especially want to recognize Brother William G. L. Turner, Past National

Commander, and his lady Patti, who were the perfect hosts during my stay back East and for arranging the presentation of a Patriot of '76 Award to Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis in front of the Victory Statue for her support of our organization.

I also enjoyed the fellowship luncheon with Brother David N. Silver and the Brethren and ladies of Arlington Hall Chapter #440. I would be remiss if I did not recognize Tom and Martha Copes for providing temporary "comms" and a cook's tour of the Yorktown grounds and the COGARD TRACEN. And lastly, a BRAVO ZULU to my COS, ACOS, OOD, Jr2LT and our National President and National Third Vice President and all those who finished the 1-1/2 mile march in spite of various physical ailments. There were no casualties. The genesis of this Yorktown project began in early 2005 as the brainchild of Brother John W. White, President of Hartford #56. Although you weren't there, you marched with us in spirit!

The SOCAL San Onofre Encampment (15-17 September) at Camp Pendleton was a blast! This column isn't long enough to properly recognize all the Brethren and ladies who made it a success. Heading the list would be John and Angie Stonebreaker who were the overseers for the three day activity; Bill and Rose May, the Area Representative who MC'd; Katie Ryland and the ladies who ran the Camp Followers degree; Daniel C. Kaffka, Jr. and the Point Mugu/Ventura Brothers who hauled the camp paraphernalia south; Brother Clarence M. Nelson, PNC, for running the degree and Sunday Divine Services. Congratulations to Brother Kaulayaw "Kelly" S. Medina (#45), the recruit who successfully crossed the "D" that afternoon as well as the four new Camp Followers: Treba Scott (Hal), Evelyn Nazareno (Rudy) and Etsuko Medina (Kelly) from San Diego #45 and Ora Sterling (Kermit Rosenthal, Santa Ana/EI Toro #250). The only time I've seen more PNCs/PNPs and other dignitaries are at the Mid-Winter Meeting or National Convention. Even the National President

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Recommendations for national awards ***MUST*** reach the Incentives and Awards Chairman (BG Benjamin T. Sutherlin, 10181 Kings Street, Los Alamitos, CA 90720-2229) ***NO LATER THAN 31 MARCH 2007*** in order to be considered for awards presented at the June 2007 National Convention.

Effective as of August 2003, ***ALL*** recommendations for national awards must be made on the Awards Recommendation form. It is applicable for both Sojourner and Hero recommendations. This form may be reproduced locally. ***Recommendations submitted in a different format will be returned.***

The Awards Recommendation form is available through your Area or Regional Representatives, Chapter Secretaries or National Headquarters.

and his lady were in attendance.

The Pacific Northwest Encampment (13-14 October) was another memorable event. Kudos to Brother Chester R. Olszta and the Brethren and ladies who coordinated and orchestrated this two-day event. Several Oregonians from down south assisted them. Brother Joseph W. Illies exemplified outstanding ritualistic work during the induction of Brother Robert K. Clubb (#539) into the order. Lady Deanne Miller and her corps of officers successfully initiated three Camp Followers: Kay Pursey (Mike, #80), Diane Reid (Jim, #89) and Sara Bechler (Bryan, #40). A Kamp Kids Degree was also conducted immediately following. After the evening banquet, five members, including our National President, were made members in good standing in the Lewis and Clark Expeditionary Force by looking yonder.

By way of this column, I am formally announcing that Brother Bernard S. K. Lau, the NOOD, has been officially designated as my aide-de-camp. That's why you'll see him wearing the two-strand aiguillette around his left arm the next time you see him. By the same token, the NCOS is now sporting a three-strand. Also, via this forum, I want to clear up a couple of things. Class A is the formal continental uniform that is appropriate for wear on any occasion. Class B is your frontier or field uniform normally worn at bivouacs and encampments. Both require a tricorne hat and regulation medals to be considered in uniform. Miniature medals are usually worn on your mess jacket or suit at a formal banquet. Also, honorary members are eligible to assume any station on the chapter level. They can be installed as Chapter Presidents or Camp Commanders. The ONLY positions for which they are ineligible at this time are the National Progressive Line and the Honor Awards Committee (Ref: NR 3.1 dtd C7 14 JUN 2005).

Brother D. B. "Ben" Houle, National Surgeon, is a native Texan. He was born in Eastland, Texas in 1927 and graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in 1943. He en-

tered Texas A&M that year and was drafted in the Army in May 1945. He served a year in Fukuoka, Japan until his discharge in December 1946. Brother Houle then entered Texas Christian University to finish his undergraduate degree in 1949. After graduating from Tufts Medical School four years later, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the US Air Force. He retired as a Colonel in 1973 and entered private practice in Austin, Texas. He retired a second time in 1997. Brother Houle was initiated an Entered Apprentice in 1949 and was finally raised to the sublime degree 41 years later in Parsons Lodge No. 222 in Austin, Texas. He affiliated with National Sojourners that same year in 2000.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Haoli Makahiki Hou. See you all at the Mid-Winter Meeting in Salem, Oregon!

Aloha Pumehana

Roy Ota

VICTORY AT YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA ~ 2006

On 19 October 2006, Brother Roy T. Ota, National Commander, mustered a strong contingent of Heroes of '76 and Camp Followers. He marched them to the field for another assault on the opposition forces and achieved deserved accolades and victory for our Order. The Heroes and Camp Followers were among numerous organizations represented in the 225th Anniversary Victory Parade at the Yorktown Day Celebration. The Line-of-March was well over a mile in the heavy mist

and cool temperatures, but all were proud to be present. The National Commander led the contingent that included a full Color Guard (National Colors, Bennington Flag and National Sojourners Flag) and Colonial Flags. The contingent included Brothers David C. Warburton, National Chief of Staff, Richard A. Sutton, National Assistant Chief of Staff, Bernard S. K. Lau, National Officer of the Day, Philip A. Tilson, National President and Harry E. Sanders, Jr., National Third Vice President.

The troops departed the mustering field and marched past many on-lookers that applauded with wonderful comments about the uniforms and Camp Followers, as well as the Colonial Flags. The excellent announcement of our Order, which was written by Brother Lorance D. Lisle, National Junior Lieutenant, came just prior to the Reviewing Stand and brought a vigorous applause. It was an excellent venue for the Review – The Yorktown Victory Monument. It was at this monument that prior to the parade, Brother Ota presented a *Patriot of '76 Award* to U.S. Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis of "America's First District," the First Congressional District of Virginia. Ms. Davis was visibly moved and honored to receive the award. In his presentation remarks he said, "You have been and continue to be an ardent supporter of our country and our men and women in uniform. You have also supported our Order with flags flown over the U.S. Capitol, so that our members can present them to our fellow Americans on a day that is special in their lives. The recipients are always overcome with joy on these special occasions, and you have played a significant part in that emotional occasion. Freemasons throughout the Commonwealth and the entire Country appreciate your support to our purposes."

Her Honor, Ms. Davis, replied with emotional appreciation for the award and appreciation for our dedication to educating our youth about Americanism through our flag programs. What a special day for all Americans!

Shown are the parade participants: Camp Followers Lyn Sanders, Patti Turner, and Brothers Bernard S. K. Lau, Carl W. "Gabe" Gaborik, Past National Commander, Lorance D. Lisle, David C. Warburton, Phil Tilson, Harry Sanders and William G. L. Turner, Past National Commander.

CAMP NEWS

CAPT KERMIT L. LAY CAMP (Golden Gate #18). Brother Donald F. Holmgren was installed as the camp's Commander. The Building the Flag team has presented several programs this year.

ROBERT MORRIS CAMP (Minnesota #25). Brother J. Thomas Parry, Robert J. Selden, William W. Larson, Don Bauman, Chapter President and John J. Aguilar presented the colors of the uniformed forces in the pre-game ceremonies of the University of Minnesota's Gopher and Temple football game on 16 September. It was Masonic Day at the game, honoring returning troops from Iraq who were the guests of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

L-r: Brothers Parry, Selden, Larson, Bauman and Aguilar.

PAUL REVERE CAMP (Milwaukee #27). On 8 July, the camp convened at Mason Woods in Cecil, Wisconsin, the northern state Masonic Home, providing the opportunity for the members in northeastern Wisconsin to participate in a chapter and camp meeting. Brothers Charles C. Anderson, Roger L. Magoon, Past Grand Master and Louis White successfully passed muster and crossed the Delaware several times. After the bivouac the chapter conducted a dinner meeting. On 26 August the chapter and camp met in Madison, Wisconsin to accommodate members in western Wisconsin. Brothers David D. Mahoney and John K. Pecotte provided entertainment for the Heroes assembled. Although they were a disheveled pair with little discipline or respect, they finally satisfied the assembled Heroes after getting stimulated by an icy Delaware. After dinner, the Flag Team presented the "Building the Flag" program. Brother Charles N. Wallens, Collingwood Representative, provided

an update on the construction plans for the Legacy Center and the status of the fundraising.

NATHANAEL GREENE CAMP (Tinker #43). The camp met with due solemnity on Friday, 22 September. A raucous and unruly individual of questionable character who demanded entrance and acceptance at the out gates disturbed the tranquility of the camp. His behavior brought on a series of questions with no ready answer: for instance, he claimed to be a Sojourner and said he was endorsed for membership. No sponsor could be found (it was later discovered that his sponsor had entered a monastery) however, after a certain amount of persuasion a stalwart and otherwise honorable member agreed to sponsor this miscreant. To say that the candidate was questioned intently is to say the very least. He was without proper orders, failed to understand the significance of the General Orders and was generally lacking in detail required of Heroes. He failed the usual tests. Following several trips to the "D" you could see the intelligence returning to his features, which had been devoid of intellectual comprehension. After this experience, which at other times may have been called a healing experience, he was found acceptable to the membership. He redeemed himself through testimony, a liberal donation and complete adherence to the hallowed traditions of this worthy order. Brother Lewis E. Keltch, Jr. was welcomed into the camp.

OZARK CAMP (Harry S Truman #152).

L-r: Brothers Edward L. Conley and Billy L. Ransdall, who crossed the "Big D" on 15 October, are the camp's newest Heroes.

JOHN J. PERSHING CAMP (Pasadena #265). The camp was alerted that an intruder prowling around the perimeter had been apprehended.

This sort of conduct just cannot be tolerated. Therefore, he was taken into custody and secured in the guardhouse. This ruffian claimed to be a Sojourner but the Heroes present had grave doubts about this. So, with extra precautions, this imposter was taken to Brother Harry R. Sprague, Commander, who turned him over to Brother Robert B. Church, Chief of Staff, for interrogation. After a grueling interrogation and many trips through the big "D," it was assuring to find that Brother Richard K. Pierce was, in fact, a Sojourner in good standing and he was welcomed as a Hero of the camp.

L-r: Brothers Harry R. Sprague, Kermit E. Rosenthal and W. Joseph Ryland, Sr.

LIGHT HORSE HARRY LEE CAMP (Old Dominion #364). The camp was busy this past October, having two bivouacs including one where we had the pleasure of having Brother Roy Ota, our National Commander in our presence on October 17th. After that event, a recruit was snagged lurking around Camp Collingwood on 26 October. The recruit had a dose of the "D" and he remarkably survived his journey. Welcome to the Heroes, Brother Ray Whitney.

GEN WILLIAM WHIPPLE CAMP (Portsmouth #386).

The camp was honored to have Brother Philip A. Tilson, National President, visit on 25 August. While maintaining a peaceful encampment with Heroes from John Stark Camp (Green Mountain #527) and GEN Henry Knox

Camp (Portland #92), the Sentinels reported a disturbance outside the guard lines. Upon further investigation it was discovered that Right Worshipful Brother L. Forbes "Doc" Getchell and Most Worshipful Brother David J. Lamprey, Sr., Grand Master of New Hampshire, were desirous of joining the Heroes. After rigorous questioning and being taught a true lesson in humility, they were both accepted as Heroes. Right Worshipful Brother Getchell was made a member of GEN William Whipple Camp and Most Worshipful Brother Lamprey became a member of King Kalakaua Camp (Honolulu #11) as a courtesy. The following day Brother Tilson honored the chapter and camp by attending the annual cookout. In his comments to the members and guests he was very positive of the mission and future of National Sojourners and was an inspiration to all present.

L-r: Brothers Bill Willey, Adjutant, L. Forbes Getchell, David J. Lamprey, Sr., Andrew F. Hirst, Commander and Phil Tilson.

GEN JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT CAMP (Kit Carson #447). While recently patrolling the southern border, the guards apprehended one of Pancho Villa's former soldiers, Worshipful Brother Victor J. Perez, along with his coyote, Worshipful Brother Mansell E. Gilmore. They were taken into custody and questioned. Their answers were not satisfactory to the Heroes assembled. After several emersions in the Rio Grande it was suggested that they be transported to the "D." After attempting to cross the "D" several times they each confessed their premeditated guilt and humbly begged our pardon. Both being upright American citizen, their pardons were granted and they were welcomed into the camp by Brother Larry M. McDougal, Commander.

L-r: Brothers Perez, McDougal and Gilmore.

COWPENS CAMP (GEN William J. Worth #463). Having received a warning that an intruder was planning to attempt access to the camp on 16 September, fourteen members of the camp reinforced by two members of Goliad Camp (Audie Leon Murphy #112) gathered to protect the fort. A suspected intruder was indeed found lurking near the guard lines and was captured by Brother John E. Lutz, III, Sentinel. During the interrogation of the prisoner, there was disagreement among the members and the camp became quite unruly. After Brother David H. Gardner, Regional Representative, threatened to pull the camp's charter however, things settled down and Brother Robert Y. Rodriguez was allowed entrance and made a Hero of the camp.

MARVIN SHIELDS CAMP (Olympic #539). The camp bivouacked at the newly created outdoor lodge at Quilcene, Washington on 30 September when the outposts reported alleged Sojourner Norman Wayne Bright lurking around the periphery and seeking admission to the camp. After a rigorous investigation into his character and with the aid of a few drops of water from the Delaware River, Brother Bright did seem to remember the appropriate responses and was initiated in the camp by Brother Morris E. "Mike" Moug, Camp Commander who was assisted by twelve members of the camp and one visitor.

L-r: Shown is Recruit Bright being interrogated by Brother Joseph W. Illes with Lieutenants David J. Larson (left) and Paul J. Carmean (right) standing ready.

JOE FOSS CAMP (Chattanooga #540). September 30th was a sunny fall day and most of the volunteers still had not returned from the autumn harvest. Brother Billy D. Felker was temporarily in charge of the encampment.

The Officer of the Day reported that there was a scraggly recruit in the guardhouse waiting the commander's attention. The recruit claimed to have been with the aerospace forces. His memory proved to be a bit foggy, but a quick dip in the "D" helped to revive it. Having proven himself to be an honorable and worthy companion, Brother Kelly D. Crownover was enrolled into the ranks of the camp.

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A National Sojourner wanted to read his copy of THE SOJOURNER magazine but was being bothered by his eight-year old daughter who wanted to see what the United States looked like. Finally, the father tore a sheet out of his new THE SOJOURNER magazine on which was printed a picture map of the United States.

Cutting out the picture map of the United States in several pieces, he gave it to his daughter and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today."

After a few minutes, she returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together showing the complete United States. The father was moved, asking how she had finished so quickly. She replied, "On the other side of the map you gave me there was written "The Lord's Prayer." When I got the words to "The Lord's Prayer" in place, I turned the paper over, then I saw our country clearly become whole and together."

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**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON WITH
HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY
THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR!**

Your National Headquarters Staff, Nelson, Shirley and Maryanne!

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS

Brother Ronald D. R. Sortino will assume the chairmanship of the National Americanism Committee at the fall of the gavel at the January 2007 Mid-Winter Meeting.

His address is: 212 Edgewood Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28546-9200. Telephone: 910-347-1660. Email: rsortino@ec.rr.com.

CHAPTER NEWS

GOLDEN GATE #18, CWO Kerry C. O'Brien, Secretary. P. O. Box 230, Fairfield, CA 94533-0022. The chapter met aboard the S. S. Jeremiah O'Brien, Liberty Ship on 18 September with some 90 in attendance. Members from Sacramento Chapter #133, Stockton Chapter #266 and GEN Robert F. Travis Chapter #490 were welcomed. The meeting honored the Sea Services; US Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. Dignitaries and guests included Rear Admiral Thomas Patterson, USMS, RET, and the Chief of the Maritime Administration for the Western United States to the Near and Far East, Rear Admiral Frank X. Johnston, USMS.

MILWAUKEE #27, LTC Charles N. Wallens, Secretary. 611 East Glencoe Place, Milwaukee, WI 53217-1838. Brother Paul E. Peterson, President, presented the Toast to the Flag to 350 members and guests during the 52nd reunion of the Third Marine Division Association on 12 August 2006 at the Hyatt Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY #42, CW4 John Pfeifer, Secretary. 58 Elmwood Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009-2204. Brother Curtis Balmer, President conducted the 21 September meeting.

The chapter welcomed Most Worshipful Brother Raymond Vanden Berghe, Sr., PGM of New Jersey, as a multiple member in July. Ms. Sylvia Campbell, a retired school teacher, world traveler and a member of Earth Watch presented an interesting and entertaining program.

SAN DIEGO #45, COL George E. Swick, Secretary. 8875 Costa Verde Boulevard, #1104. San Diego, CA 92122-6663. Brother Harlan C. May received his certificate and Collingwood Patron plaque during the SOCAL Encampment. Brother George E. Swick made the presentation.

FORT LEWIS #89, LTC Wendell A. Dutt, Secretary. 1668 South Geiger, Tacoma, WA 98465-1510. USN JROTC Cadets Erica Vega and Steven Manning assisted their Instructor, LTCOL Ron Eisel in presenting an educational program to the chapter. Cadet Vega is a sophomore and Cadet Manning is a senior at Spanaway High School. Cadet Vega is Drill team Commander, and participates in educational games, the color guard, PT, and Rifle competitions. Cadet Manning explained the program requirements needed for advancement, such as community service, attendance at Boot Camp and outreach to 9th grade students.

L-r: Cadet Vega, LTCOL Eisel, Brother Don Patrick, President and Cadet Manning.

PORTLAND #92, SCPO Edward L. King, Secretary. P. O. Box 816, Bangor, ME 04402-0816. Brother Andrew F. Hirst, Northeast Area Representative, visited the chapter on 5 October and presented a Presidential Citation to Brother Gordon L. Kimball. He also presented Brother Steve Nichols, President, with the chapter's Presidential Citation as First Runner Up for the Youth Emphasis Award.

Shown from L-r: Brothers Hirst, Kimball and Nichols.

FORT SILL #129, LTC Roy E. Penepacker, Secretary. 119 SE Berkshire Way, Lawton, OK 73501-6354. Ms. Maria Hehn, Administrative Assistant for the Lawton Food Bank, presented the program for the September 5th meeting. Twenty-seven members and guests attended the 5 October meeting. Comanche County Commissioner, Ron Kirby spoke on current and projected programs to improve county facilities and the 911 system.

CARLISLE #130, CW3 Thomas F. Stenehjem, Secretary. 2223 Douglas Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013-1026. Brother Robert Church, President, greeted the members and guests to the 18 October meeting. LTC Mary J. Choate, USMC, spoke on her observations of the many changes that had transpired in the Marine Corps, mainly for female officers and Marines over the period of time that she has been in the military. She also spoke on her experiences in Iraq as the Wing Supply Officer during "Iraqi Freedom 04-06" at Al Asad Air Base.

SACRAMENTO #133, MSGT Gary C. Young, Secretary. 7028 Pera Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683-9559. Thirty-four members, wives and guests attended the September 17th joint meeting of the chapter and Fort Sutter Camp, Heroes of '76. Brother Michael Burror, President, initiated Brothers John A. Lindell, Philip A. Hardiman and Ronald J. Reycraft. Brothers Ralph F. Sahagun, Kerry C. O'Brien and Gary C. Young presented the "Building the Flag" program. Following the luncheon, Brothers Ralph Sahagun, Acting Commander, Gary Young, Adjutant and Lou Minor, Chaplain, performed a Flag Disposal Ceremony in continental uniform.

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI #171, LTC Jack L. Kilcrease, Secretary. 720 Tyler Avenue, Tylertown, MS 39667-2152. Brother Jordan Downs was initiated during the 28 September meeting. Present for the meeting were Brothers Leon Roberts, Regional Representative, Giles Grice, Deputy Grand Master, Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., Past Grand Master and Most Worshipful Brother Billy J. Smith, Grand Master.

L-r: Brothers Roberts, Grice, Sullivan, Downs and his wife Gail, Most Worshipful Brother Smith and Roger King, President.

PASADENA #265, LTC W. Joseph Ryland, Sr., Secretary. 5215 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City, CA 91780-3948.

The chapter viewed "The Story of National Sojourners" DVD. Many chapter members wanted to show it to their Masonic friends. As a result, the DVD was shown at two Masonic stated meetings, a Scottish Rite meeting and

three High Twelve Club meetings. This DVD is an excellent recruiting tool.

L-r: Brothers Robert B. Church, Michael C. Arnold, Harlin C. May, Daniel C. Kaffka, Jr., Harry R. Sprague, William C. Brack, Michael A. McLaird and D. Edward Griffiths.

CAMP LEJEUNE #329, Mr. Emmett J. Highsmith, Secretary. 4869 Highsmith Road, Rocky Point, NC 28457-7971. The chapter was honored to have Brothers James E. Vann, National President-Elect and Harry E. Sanders, National Third Vice President, present for the chapter's annual Americanism meeting on 4 September as well as the initiation of Brothers Russell Jones and Steve Burgess. A significant part of the meeting was the introduction of the youth who attended the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Mr. Thomas St. Louis spoke briefly about the highlights of his experiences while attending the conference this past July.

L-r: Brothers Vann, Jones, Burgess and Sanders.

OLD DOMINION #364, SGT Ronald A. Dooley, Secretary. 6822 Jeremiah Court, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. During the September 20, 2006 meeting a miniature folding flag was presented to Brother Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., for obtaining three new members. These miniature flags are a gift from the National Membership Committee. A Hero of '76 Meritorious Service Award was presented to Brother S. Woodruff Bentley, Sr. Brother Harry E. Sanders,

National Third Vice President, introduced the three students who attended the Valley Forge Spirit of America Youth Conference in July: Miss Hannah Shepherd from James Wood High School in Winchester, Virginia and Ken Tamres and Ben Brooks, both members of Herndon Chapter, DeMolay International. All three students commented on the great time they had and how they appreciated the opportunity to go to the Conference. Brother Sanner presented all three with certificates. Brother Sanders gave a brief account of the events during the conference, all having to do with a working simulation of democracy in action.

INDIANA MASONIC HOME #541, SGM John D. Gauld, Secretary. 970 Solomon Drive, Franklin, IN 46131-2581. Brother Ellsworth M. Chapman, President, greeted fifty-nine members and guests to the 5 October meeting, including Ms. Brenda Jones-Matthews, Mayor of Franklin and James L. Taflinger, International Commander, Shrine Legion of Honor. Brother Raymond L. Alexander of Indianapolis-Fort Harrison Chapter #66 presented the Building the Flag program. The chapter welcomed into membership Brothers N. Dean Appleton, John L. Scheidel, III, Edward J. Schmeler and Roy L. Barnett. The chapter will support Miss Alexandra Moore in her quest for National American Miss 2007. She is the Franklin DeMolay Chapter Sweetheart, a member of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and Past State Sweetheart, Indiana DeMolay.

Shown is Miss Moore, Indiana National American Miss 2006.

MASONS: WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY?

**BY: JOHN C. COLE,
CAMP FANNIN #228**

In 1959, the highest point of Masonic membership in the United States was 4,103,161. As the population of the United States has increased Masonic membership has decreased each year until 2003, which now reports a membership of 1,671,255. During this 44-year period the average annual membership is decreasing at a rate of approximately 56,000 members per year.

Only two states (Oklahoma and Louisiana) bordering Texas reported a membership increase. At this rate by 2031, Masonic membership would be approximately 200,000 or less. Today in 2006, all Masonic organizations i.e., National Sojourners Inc., Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite and others must draw their members from this shrinking membership pool. It is especially difficult for the National Sojourners, which depends on Masons with military service.

Today the membership is still in decline and many lodges have had to close their doors. This fraternity contributed to the founding of this nation and in the early days, of the colonies. Many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were Masons. The Continental Army Masons, from generals to privates, met together in the many military lodges of that day.

The strength of Masons added to the backbone of the Revolution that fought for our liberty and freedom. They shed their blood and their fortunes to allow us to be free today. Masons who died on the battlefields were willing to pay the ultimate price. The members of this fraternity have fought in every battle to keep America free. Their blood was shed to grow the tree of liberty. What fraternity has given more to their nation?

What has happened to cause the men of this nation to reject our fraternity? Is it our leadership or an apathetic membership that has created our loss of membership? It seems that all fraternal and service organizations are having membership problems. Many of our citizens are no longer interested in the Brotherhood and service to their fellow citizens. What is it that causes so many new Masons to stop after the first degree? Should there be two categories of membership "Regular Masons and Ritual Masons?" Ritual Masons would be those who elect to advance through the chairs and regulars to

be members only.

Many have predicted the death of our fraternity. It would be a shame to see the Brotherhood of Freemasons pass away from our society. We have a message for all but we don't seem to be able to make our message known.

Is this a problem for Grand Lodges to solve or is it the responsibility of all Masons? The big question is: What can we do? I personally don't know but I think it is a question ALL Masons, members and leaders, should discuss. Let's not try to hide the problem and hope it will go away.

COLLINGWOOD BOARD DEVELOPS PLAN AND FIRST EVENT TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SOJOURNERS YOUTH EDUCATION ON AMERICANISM BY S. WOODRUFF BENTLEY, SR.

Over the past few months, members of the Collingwood Board of Directors assisted by fellow Sojourners have developed a plan to use the site, facilities and status of the Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism (CLMA) to directly support and facilitate the youth leadership program of the National Sojourners Americanism Committee. The basic concept was set forth by Assistant Director S. Woodruff Bentley, Sr., during the June 2006 National Convention in presentations to the Board of Directors of Collingwood and the Americanism Committee. The basic concept is to take advantage of the physical facilities and the location of CLMA in the Nation's Capitol combined with its status as a repository and research site on Americanism materials to promote programs originated by the Americanism Committee to educate youth on our patriotic history and American ideals.

The committee has met a number of times and developed a tentative plan for the first joint CLMA/Americanism Committee Program to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, May 19, 2007 at CLMA. It is tentatively called Junior ROTC Day and will serve approximately 100 Junior ROTC cadets from schools in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. National Sojourners Americanism Committee members as well as Heroes of 76 from the Light Horse Harry Lee Chapter will serve as hosts and guides. Cadets from different schools will be organized into groups of 10 and rotate through a series of stations, each with a short workshop on matters of interest to the

cadets using invited representatives of each branch of the Armed Forces, the military Academies, senior ROTC, and the area military museums.

Refreshments will be served and the cadets will have opportunities for informal discussions with Sojourners, organizational representatives, and each other. The emphasis will be on stimulating the cadets by increasing their knowledge so they can think and plan more for their personal futures.

Because of the use of CLMA for other purposes during this time frame, there will be a number of large tents and facilities set up on the CLMA site, which will be used for this occasion at no additional cost.

Future events will be focused on Americanism topics aimed at youth with different themes as the committee gets more input from others involved in youth programs. Other concepts considered for the future include a Patriots Day/American Heritage Day where the lives of major early American leaders are high-lighted; a Military Heroes Day where the heroic deeds of military men are presented, including major military figures and Medal of Honor recipients; a Legislative Day where youth can debate concepts relating to the Constitution and organization of American government, and a Judicial Day where youth can meet members of the Judiciary and discuss the operation of the American judicial system. Anyone with ideas for this program should contact a member of the Americanism Committee or the Collingwood Board of Directors.

Members of the steering committee include Brothers Philip A. Tilson, National President, and Harry E. Sanders, Jr. National Third Vice President, Collingwood Board President, William E. Williamson, Collingwood Board Vice President, Robert W. Klementz, Collingwood Assistant Director, S. Woodruff Bentley, Sr., Committee Education Advisors, Lester H. Albers, Jr., Ralph W. Smith, and Jay E. Patterson. Brother Albers is a Social Studies Director in the Arlington, Virginia School System and has played a major role in developing this first effort.

This initiative fully supports the CLMA mission statement that "The mission of the Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism (CLMA) is to "promote the education of the public on our nation's heritage and to foster research into the lives and deeds of those who have contributed to the establishment and well-being of our nation."

**NEW MEMBERS
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2006**

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SOCAL AREA 2006 FALL ENCAMPMENT

The Southern California camps gathered on 15-17 September at San Onofre Beach in Camp Pendleton, California for their 35th Annual Fall Encampment.

Brother John Lenon, SOCAL Area Deputy for Heroes Affairs and an outstanding degree team conferred the Heroes Degree on recruit Brother Kaulayaw S. Medina of Constitution Camp (San Diego #45). After much consternation, he finally managed to get himself across the Delaware and qualified as a Hero of '76.

The encampment had the pleasure of welcoming Brothers Roy T. Ota, National Commander and Philip A. Tilson, National President as well as several other notable Sojourners and Heroes.

Brother James E. Lenon, Jr., of COL William Biehl, Jr., Camp (Santa Ana/EI Toro #250) was named as the SOCAL Hero of the Year.

Harmony and fellowship prevailed during the entire encampment. Guest Chaplain, Dudley Johnson, Chaplain Corps, USN, RET, gave a fine Sunday morning worship service.

**SOJOURNER DISPLAY PROMINENT
AT THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA**

On September 13-16, 2006, Brother David B. Easson of Des Moines Chapter #88, assisted by Brothers Frederick B. Vihovde, National Second Vice President, Thomas J. Evans, Jr. and Herman A. Brihn from Minnesota Chapter #25, manned the National Sojourners traveling display and presented a Bridge of Light Program for the Grand Lodge of Iowa's Annual Communication.

Special thanks were given to Right Worshipful Brother William Crawford, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for assisting in making the arrangements for the Sojourner display and table. This was the first exposure of National Sojourners at an Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

MAJOR MILESTONES

OLD DOMINION #364 GIVES 25 AND 50 YEAR PRESENTATIONS

During the September 20, 2006 meeting a 25-year Heroes pin and certificate were presented to Brother Robert J. "Scotty" Cameron from Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76. Brother William R. Sanner, President, presented Brother Olin H. Borum with his 50-year pins and certificates for service in the National Sojourners and Heroes of '76. Pictured on the left is Brother Cameron and on the right, Brother Borum.

SAIGON #409 GIVES 50 YEAR PRESENTATION

Brother David Warburton, National Chief of Staff had the honor and pleasure of presenting Brother Jack Hansel with his 50 Year Title Bar and Certificate. He congratulated Brother Hansel on behalf of all National Sojourners and especially the chapter. Brother Hansel was the first President of the chapter.

THE NATIONAL SOJOURNERS TRAVELING DISPLAYS VIEWED FROM COAST TO COAST!

NEW TRAVELING DISPLAY'S DEBUT!

The third, new National Sojourners traveling display made its debut during the Grand Lodge of Maryland's Harvest Home Day, a.k.a. "Cornhusking" in Cockeysville, Maryland. The display was an instant hit with all who attended this time-honored outing when harvesting and husking the corn for the Masonic Homes was an annual tradition of the then, "working farm." Today the actual cornhusking is a thing of the past but the "Days Wages" of a cornhusking coin is still paid to all who attend as a token of remembrance of by-gone days. This was a perfect venue to promote National Sojourners. Shown is Brother Oliver Strong, Commander of Lafayette Camp (Baltimore #7).

SOJOURNERS DISPLAY AT THE AIR SHOW

Members of Spokane Chapter #102 manned the National Sojourners traveling display at Fairchild AFB during their Air Show on 29 and 30 July. Many inquiries for membership in the Blue Lodge and National Sojourners were fielded. Shown are Brothers Gerald K. Gendreau, Ed Weber and John C. Wyman, Commander, William Clark Camp, Heroes of '76.

FIFTY-YEAR MASON!

OLD DOMINION #364'S "MILITARY NIGHT"

On Thursday, 17 August, Brother L. B. Wilmeth was presented his Fifty Year Masonic Service Award from the Grand Lodge of Texas at the regular meeting of Camp Fannin Chapter #228. Brother Don Meuir, his half-brother and Past Master of Princeton Lodge #1436 made the presentation.

Pictured are the nineteen ROTC Cadets and their advisors honored at Old Dominion Chapter #364's "Military Night" meeting on October 18, 2006. Brother Ralph Smith is the ROTC Chairman. Brother Harry E. Sanders, Jr. introduced the speaker for the evening, BG Mike Lee who spoke on "The Changing Nature of Warfare." He related many of his experiences during his military assignments in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

**BALTIMORE ORIOLES ASSIST BALTIMORE CHAPTER #7
BY: KENNETH L. LEWIS,
FEDERAL AREA REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, MARYLAND, NORTH**

As a youngster in the forties (nineteen that is), when listening to the news broadcasts or reading the newspaper, often you would hear or read when a correspondent asked our young servicemen, "Why are you fighting this war?" Their answer would be "for America; for baseball; hot dogs; Mom; and apple pie!" Not necessarily in that order, but always close.

Today, American League Baseball, in the guise of Peter Angelos, his family and other owners of the Baltimore Orioles, along with the management, on and off the field, the players, event staff personnel and other ball park associates are giving back some of that devotion of those young men who gave so much.

The Oriole organization is assisting Baltimore Chapter #7 to fund the participation of area teens to the Freedoms Foundation Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge each July. They are doing this by providing autographed memorabilia, along with letters of authenticity, as fundraising materials. Tom Clancy, a minority owner, has provided autographed books from his Jack Ryan series and great encouragement for the program. Aramark, the caterers of Camden Yard and the Ravens M&T Bank Stadium have also contributed.

Since the cost of sending a teen to the Conference is four hundred and fifty dollars, without the cost of transportation, it is vital to obtain assistance for the program. The selected teens, hopefully two per year, will be from those submitted by Commanders of local ROTC Units, Boys and Girl Scout troops and other local organizations.

Much thought and effort have gone into this project and I want to thank all who have worked with me to take it from an idea to a very possible reality. Anyone who would be interested in or starting up this type of program can contact me at 410-769-6937.

America must remain strong and to do so our posterity must know and appreciate all that their forefathers have accomplished in the few short years of American history beginning in 1776. We are a young nation and we have made mistakes but we have also accomplished more than many of the other nations on this planet.

May God Bless our flag, our people and America!

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FRONT COVER PICTURE

The National Headquarters and Collingwood staff will be having major personnel turnovers between mid-November and the end of January. L-r: Maryanne Cox (17+ years), Barbara Baker (8+ years), Shirley Grumbling (43+ years, she wins!) and behind the ladies, Warren Baker (8+ years) in front of Collingwood, bidding you each a fond farewell!

Photo credit: Brother Art Pierson.