



Pasadena Chapter 265 National Sojourners



Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 8, 2016

The meeting was opened at 6:48 PM by the Chapter President, Daniel Hood, in compliance with the Opening Ritual of the National Order of Ceremonies. It was held at the Barkley Restaurant, 1400 Huntington Dr., South Pasadena, CA. Harvey Lyman, Chaplain, attended the Bible and gave the prayer. The Purposes of National Sojourners was given from memory by Greg Corey. The Toast to the Flag was given from memory by Nathan Marsak. The Pronouncement was given from memory by Marty Mihal. Daniel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all members and their ladies. Everyone had an entrée choice of chicken fried steak, or filet of sole.

Tickets for the free door prizes were distributed to everyone by Katie Ryland. The first lucky ticket was held by Simon McIlroy who was given a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Applebee's Restaurant. The second lucky ticket was held by Chris Lanot who was given a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Claim Jumper Restaurant.

Steve Harris gave an interesting report of the recent Sojourner convention. He discussed the resolutions that had passed and those that had failed. He showed everyone the convention souvenir book and emphasized several of the ads.

Joe stated that we had five items of correspondence:

- 1) Received an e-mail notice that the "Purposes of National Sojourners" had changed because of the membership change voted upon at the last convention. Joe noted that Greg had memorized and recited the correct version.
- 2) Joe showed everyone the California state tax return that he had filed in a timely manner. He did not file the IRS return because the National Secretary files a group return for the national organization.
- 3) Joe read the cover sheet of the 2017 Essay Contest and gave several copies to Bruce Ewald who is the chairman of our chapter essay endeavor. Anyone who wants a copy of the cover sheet should ask Bruce. The deadline for arrival at the national office is Jan 15, 2017.
- 4) Joe showed everyone the convention souvenir book that Steve had already discussed but he pointed out Bernie Harris's picture as Bernie was elected the National Surgeon.

5) Joe passed around a "get well" card for everyone to sign. The card will be sent to Sam Pitassi.

Bernie Harris discussed his plans for the activities of John J. Pershing Camp. We have averaged about 15 members of our camp and about 2 visitors at each bivouac. Bernie would like to see a larger attendance. Our first recruit for this year was Steve Klein; Bernie presented him with a Hero Certificate. Our next bivouac will be at Old Fort Hood on September 10 and Paul Clark will be the recruit.

Joe presented the following awards to Daniel:

- 1) In-Memoriam MIP for Captain John Paul Jones.
- 2) A Presidential Citation for our chapter as 1st runner-up in membership growth. With it was another streamer for our chapter banner.

Daniel presented national awards to members that were present:

Bruce Ewald - Presidential Citation
Nathan Marsak - Exceptional Meritorious Achievement
Greg Corey - Exceptional Meritorious Achievement
Bernie Harris - Exceptional Meritorious Achievement
Dave Higdon - Chapter Membership Certificate
Steve Klein - Chapter Membership Certificate

The E&T presentation was made by Steve Klein. He talked about his trip to the WWII battlefields and cemeteries in France. He emphasized the feelings he received when he saw the beaches at Normandy and the cemetery at Flanders Fields.

The chapter conducted a formal initiation of Paul Clark. Steve Harris read the 1st lecture. Simon McIlroy read the medal lecture and pointed to a large picture of the Great Seal of National Sojourners as he read. Steve Klein read the history lecture. Paul was welcomed by all as our newest member. Paul was given a name badge in a holder, a Sojourner medal, and a Members' Handbook.

In his role of Regional Representative - East, Simon McIlroy spoke briefly about the two chapters in the region he represents, and their unique needs.

In his role of Regional Representative - West, Steve Harris talked briefly about the three chapters in which he has regional responsibilities.

Joe Ryland was asked to make a financial report. He stated that we have \$471.42 in our checking account. Since the last meeting we have purchased most of the Sojourners, Heroes, and administrative items necessary to supply the affairs of the chapter and camp.

Daniel asked for announcements and there were two:

- 1) Bernie Harris announced that he and Devera were married 61 years ago. They are going to Shanghai to meet their grandson's wife's family.

2) Simon announced that the Pasadena Scottish Rite degree conferrals will be on Oct 15 and 22. Two speakers at the next reunion will be Nathan Marsak and Adam Kendell

The meeting was closed at 8:56 pm by Daniel Hood, Chapter President, in compliance with the Closing Ritual of the National Order of Ceremonies. Harvey Lyman, Chaplain, attended the Bible and gave the closing prayer.

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