



THE SAN DIEGO SOJOURNER
SAN DIEGO CHAPTER NO. 45 NATIONAL SOJOURNERS
JANUARY 2017



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Greetings, Brother Sojourners, As the first month of the year began, I was informed by James F. Helt, our Secretary/Treasurer, that Brother Dione Maceda, our President had resigned his post due to a personal family health reason. As you all know, in the second quarter of 2016 [*due to the resignation of two Vice Presidents, Editor*] We moved up our line of officers in their order of succession to keep the line up filled.

There was a need that someone from the officers line of National Sojourner Chapter 45 pick up the torch to lead as President and others volunteer to fill up the officer's line and continue to bring on the spirit of Masonic brotherhood and camaraderie to our organization.

In light of these developments, I have nothing to view a brother on my back and front except that I am now the one left at the front and so therefore I have to assume in the **interim** to finish the term of Brother Maceda until a President and succeeding line of new officers installed for the year 2017.

Our prayers and support go to Brother Dione at this most difficult time.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the holidays.

"Damn the torpedoes... full speed ahead!"

- David Farragut

Sincerely and Fraternally

Jose P De Vera Jr.

President



FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

Brothers, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and may this New Year brings us peace, love and prosperity.

It is sad to hear the resignation of our president and I'm glad to know that another brother is willing to assume the position to continue the future of San Diego 45. You have my "sincere" support.

My wife and I will be out of the country for a couple of weeks starting on the 16th of this month. I hope to see you all next stated meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Rodolfo R. Bautista

Commander

Maligayang Bagong Taon



SECRETARY'S COMMENTS
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

San Diego Chapter #45 met for a Christmas Party in December, we did not open the Chapter for business. President Maceda welcomed everyone and the Chaplain provided a blessing for the meal, the season, and for us all. Brother Bautista introduced his guests for the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Hermie and Myrna Gregorio.

Dinner was served to 18 members, 11 ladies and three guests for a total of 32 present.

Musical entertainment was provided by Ben Llanes.

Brother's Dave Schreck, Jim Helt and Bob Johnson made some brief and entertaining remarks appropriate to the season. Sandy Helt reminded everyone that Toys and cash donations would be received up to the end of the meeting for Toys for Tots, our Christmas charity of choice for this year. She also reminded everyone that their donated ornaments were decorating a small tree to be raffled off at the end of the meeting. The raffle was won by Brothers who proposed that the tree could serve a better purpose and it was given to the AFJROTC Unit at Mira Mesa High School. The tree was accepted for the unit by Brother Charles Olander.

There were two large black bags of toys and two boxes of stuffed Snoppys and \$200.00 in cash collected and donated to Toys for Tots.

Since our December Christmas, I received a letter of resignation from our President, Brother Dione Maceda. Brother Maceda's resignation was accepted with regret, but please understand it was with good and sufficient reason. As Masons we took an obligation that our duties to the fraternity would not interfere with the duty we owed to God, our family, our nation and ourselves.

I welcome Brother Jose De Vera, our elected 2nd Vice President as he steps up to the role as President of San Diego Chapter. I am sure he will do a great job as President and he is deserving of our support.

There are still a few Brothers who have not yet paid their dues for 2017. I will not print their names in this newsletter, but I must remind them that dues were due by 31 December 2016 and if they are not

paid before 1 April 2017 they will be dropped from membership. They have or will soon receive another reminder from National Headquarters. Brothers, if you are not a MIP, you must pay dues annually. Check that pile of mail on your desk, find that dues statement and mail a check in the amount of \$25.00 made out to **San Diego Chapter 45, National Sojourners Inc.** to James F. Helt at 5774 Del Cerro Blvd., San Diego CA 92120-4514. Please do not make the checks out to me.

I hope you've had a great holiday celebration and please have a happy new year!

Sincerely and Fraternally

James F. Helt

Secretary

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01-11-1919	PO1	Austin D.	BROWN	USN Ret
01-16-1936	LCDR	Robert T.	GUSTAFSON	USN Ret
01-18-1939	CMDCM	Joseph F.	CIOKON, Jr.	USN Ret
01-31-1953	MCPO	Richard	BASKIN	USN Ret

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!

EDITOR'S NOTE: If I have missed your birthday, or have the wrong date, please let me know so that I can correct my database.

SICK OR INDISPOSED

Ed Behm	Jean Bowlin	Austin Brown
Truman and Georgia Brown		Jack Evans
Dick Fasig	Dick Fleet	Bob Hampton
Norma Hays		Lee and Shirley Hoffman
Ernie and Della Latham	Dione and Pat Maceda	
Etsuko Medina	Clarence Nelson	Les Peich.
John Schneidmiller		Bernie Domingo

These Ladies and Brothers need our support and prayer. Let them know you care, send them a card or call. Please call the Chapter Secretary if you know of someone who should be on this list!

VACANCIES

Brothers, in our December Newsletter, you were informed that some big holes had appeared in our officer's line with the resignation of our 1st and 3rd Vice Presidents in October. This month, our President also resigned. Our 2nd Vice President has stepped forward and accepted the position as President. He needs your support and he needs some volunteers to step forward and fill the positions of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice President for the remainder of this term. I won't repeat my December comments on this issue, but Brother De Vera needs you to step in and support the chapter. This will be discussed at the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

BEST WESTERN SEVEN SEAS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017

411 Hotel Circle South

Social Hour 1715 - 1815

Choice of Entree

RIB EYE STEAK

with mashed potato

OR

FILLET OF SOLE

with rice pilaf

ALL DINNERS WITH

Vegetables, Soup or Salad, Hot Rolls & Butter

DESSERT

APPLE PIE

Ice Cream

Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea

VEGAN, VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN FREE OR OTHER CHOICES FOR SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS MUST BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE

COST \$27.00

For Reservations: You Must Contact ALEX MANZANO by Noon, FRIDAY, 20 JANUARY 2017, at (619) 938-5760 (Cell) or (619) 401-3477 (Home) or email: amanzanopm88@att.net.

Please make your dinner reservations in advance! Plan ahead, last minute walk-ins cause problems with the kitchen and seating arrangements. **You will be charged for the cost of a meal if you make a reservation and do not show up.**

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Do you recall hearing the fourth stanza of our National Anthem. I think the majority of the time I've heard it, only the first stanza was sung. I'm sure that many of our citizens believe that's all there is.

Recently, at the beginning of a special program on TV, all four stanzas were performed. I was amazed, I think it was the first time I had ever heard them all.

If you Goggle "Star Spangled Banner Lyrics" you'll get only the first commonly heard stanza. Here is all four stanzas:

*O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;*

*O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

*On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country, should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

Wow! What a difference.

On 7 September, 1814, Frances Scott Key and John Stuart Skinner approached the British Fleet, attacking Baltimore, under a flag of truce to seek the exchange of prisoners. Together they spoke with Major General Robert Ross and Vice Admiral Alexander Cochrane over dinner while the two officers discussed war plans. Because they overheard those plans they were detained overnight aboard the British flagship HMS Tonnant and then on other British ships until the British attack was repulsed.

Key observed the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the night of 13 September and was inspired by the American victory and the sight of the large American flag flying triumphantly above the fort the next morning. Aboard the ship, Key wrote a poem on the back of a letter he had kept in his pocket. At twilight on September 16, he and Skinner were released in Baltimore. He completed the poem at the Indian Queen Hotel, where he was staying, and titled it "Defense of Fort M'Henry".

The first broadside printing of the poem occurred on 17 September, 1814 and On September 20, both the Baltimore Patriot and The American printed the song, with the note "Tune: Anacreon in Heaven" by English composer John Stafford Smith. The song

quickly became popular, with seventeen newspapers from Georgia to New Hampshire printing it. Soon after, Thomas Carr of the Carr Music Store in Baltimore published the words and music together under the title "The Star Spangled Banner", although it was originally called "Defense of Fort M'Henry". The song's popularity increased, and its first public performance took place in October 1814.

Until 1931, other songs served as the hymns of American officialdom. "Hail, Columbia" served this purpose at official functions for most of the 19th century. "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," whose melody is identical to "God Save the Queen," the British national anthem, also served as a de facto anthem. Following the War of 1812 and subsequent American wars, other songs emerged to compete for popularity at public events, among them "The Star-Spangled Banner," as well as "America the Beautiful."

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was recognized for official use by the United States Navy in 1889, and by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, and was made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931 (46 Stat. 1508, codified at 36 U.S.C. § 301), which was signed by President Herbert Hoover.

Washington Post Neologism Winners

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk
5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent
6. Negligent (adj), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoye (n), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
13. A will is a dead giveaway.
14. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
15. A backward poet writes inverse.
16. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

COMING EVENTS

FLAG TEAM

Historic Flag Program

Daughters of the American Revolution, June 2018!

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

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