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##  Pasadena Chapter 265

###  National Sojourners

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 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 3, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 6:30 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. Daniel Hood attended the Bible and gave the prayer. The Purposes of National Sojourners was recited from memory by Greg Corey. The Toast to the Flag was given from memory by Joe Ryland. The Pronouncement was presented from memory by Marty Mihal. Daniel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg Corey introduced his new wife, Lissa. It is always nice to have newlyweds at our chapter meetings.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all members and their ladies. Everyone had an entrée choice of chicken fried steak, or filet of sole, with mashed potatoes and vegetables. Also, a green salad with vinegarette dressing, and locally made hot bread, and drinks.

Tickets for the free door prizes were distributed to everyone by Katie Ryland. The first lucky ticket was held by Greg Corey who was given a $25.00 gift certificate to Black Angus Restaurant. The second lucky ticket was held by Lissa Corey who was given a $25.00 gift certificate to BJ's Bar & Restaurant.

Joe said he only had three items of correspondence:

1) He received a call from PNP Andrew McVeigh who is working with the current Natl. Pres, Jim Baker, to manage the Austin convention. There is a possibility the convention agenda may be changed. So, Joe warned those going to the convention to wait before making flight and hotel reservations.

2) Pasadena #265 received an MIP certificate making John Glenn an In-Memoriam MIP in Pasadena #265.

3) Joe received an e-mail from Kermit Rosenthal who forwarded an e-mail from Ganesha High School requesting ROTC awards. He sent an e-mail to Kermit assuring him we would do it.

Bob Reynolds and Joe talked about ROTC award presentations. Joe gave each presenter a list of his schools with instructions to contact each school and get the student names and date of the school "Honors Program". Joe will print the names, dates, etc. on the certificates and return them to the presenters for presentation.

Daniel Hood, Chapter President, conducted the elections of both chapter and camp officers for the Sojourner year of 2017-2018. The nominating committee had presented a proposed list of officers with the last chapter newsletter. There were no nominations from the floor so Daniel declared each officer elected by acclamation. The chapter will conduct the formal installation at the next chapter meeting on June 12th. Our Regional Representative, Steve Harris, has agreed to be the installing officer.

Bernie Harris, chairman of our E&T Committee, read a very intelligent and humorous letter from the Canadian Defense Department to a lady who criticized Canada for the treatment of convicted terrorists.

Joe explained the "Old Goat Award" which was not an official award and has not been awarded for a long time.

Steve Klein talked about the **Short Talk Bulletin** which is published by The Masonic Service Association. He also talked about his visit to the Scottish Rite in Guthrie, OK where he witnessed all 29 Scottish Rite degrees.

Bernie Harris, Commander of John Pershing Camp, discussed his plans for the activities of our Heroes. He informed us that he had made the necessary coordination and that Seb Badoyan will be the recruit on June 10th at Old Fort Hood.

Joe Ryland was asked to make a financial report. He stated that we have spent $150.00 for the In-Memoriam MIP for John Glenn. We also spent $75.00 for a 1/2 page ad in the convention souvenir ad book. We now have a total of $191.00 in our checking account. Our dividend income should arrive in about one or two weeks. Joe requested that he be reimbursed for the donuts and sweet rolls that he purchases prior to each Hero degree and that Daniel be reimbursed for the coffee that he buys and brews before each degree. It was a unanimous agreement that Joe be given $12.00 for each batch of donuts and that Daniel be given a single $20.00 each year.

In his role of Regional Representative - East, Simon McIlroy spoke briefly about Arrowhead #421 and East Valley #521. These chapters are in his regional responsibility.

In his role of Regional Representative - West, Steve Harris talked briefly about his chapters: Los Angeles #26, Pasadena #265, and Ventura County #494.

Dan asked for announcements .

1) Steve Harris said that California Grand Lodge will dedicate the Shrine Hospital in Pasadena on April 13. Seating is limited so we should arrive early.

2) Steve said Grand Lodge Public Schools Month kick-off will begin on April 21 at Franklin Elementary School.

3) Steve reminded everyone that the Sojourner Annual Convention will be June 13 through June 17.

4) Simon McIlroy announced that on April 23 Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge will be constituted.

5) Simon announced that on April 18 Nathan Marsak will deliver a lecture about burial sites.

6) Bruce Ewald said that we should give essay instructions to high school students earlier because we have received no essays in the past two years. He suggested the students need more time.

7) Dave Higdon explained how Tulare Lodge conducted their essay contest.

The meeting was closed at 8:38 pm by Daniel Hood, Chapter President, in compliance with the Closing Ritual of the National Order of Ceremonies. Simon McIlroy, Acting Chaplain, attended the Bible and gave the closing prayer.

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