



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



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: I would like to thank everyone for your presence during our last meeting. The attendance is getting better and hoping there will be more brothers showing up this month stated meeting.

Sister Shirley Hoffman, the wife of our Brother Lee Hoffman is undergoing some serious health issues. Let's continue offering prayers for her complete recovery.

Brother David Hollowell's health is improving as relayed by his friend Maggie. We pray for his speedy recovery.

I would like to welcome back Brother Dione Maceda and family after a well-spent vacation in the Philippines.

We have two significant activities this April which I would like to direct your attention;

April 15, 2017 at 1100 hrs – Color presentation at the Scottish Rite for the Filipino-American Officers Association.

April 29, 2017, 0800H – Heroes degree for Brother Perfecto Ortiz. The Bivouac location is the Community Center at the Spring Hills Mobile Estate in El Cajon.

See you all in our April stated meeting!

"Suffering... tempers life. Life tempers suffering".

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Sincerely and Fraternally

Jose P De Vera Jr.

President



FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

Brothers, sisters and friends, warm fraternal greetings to each and every one of you. March came and went like the proverbial saying and we are now facing with the Lenten season, hoping that all its blessings will fulfill our hopes and prayers for the days ahead.

We received information that Brother David Hollowell's condition has improved and he has been released from the ICU. Bro David is well enough to receive guests, so let's pay him a visit to lift-up his spirit and continue our prayers for his speedy recovery.

My sincere appreciation to the brothers of the Flag Team for their quick response in preparation for our upcoming flag presentation on April 15, 2017 at the Scottish Rite Center for the Filipino-American Officers Association anniversary celebration.

For the brothers of the CONSTITUTION CAMP, please support us on April 29, 2017 in making our candidate, Brother Perfecto Ortiz a new hero on our first Bivouac.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Rodolfo R. Bautista

Commander



SECRETARY'S COMMENTS The regular meeting of San Diego Chapter No. 45, National Sojourners, Inc. was held at the Best Western, Seven Seas, San Diego, CA on 25 March 2017.

With the only officers present being the President, Brother Jose DeVera, the first Vice President, Brother Pepito Salgatar and the Secretary/Treasurer Brother James Helt, the President opened the Chapter in due form at 1820 and welcomed all present.

The meeting was recessed for dinner at 1825.

After the dinner was served to sixteen members, twelve wives of members, one guest and one honored lady for a total of thirty, the meeting was called to order by President DeVera at 1910.

The President then introduced the Camp Followers of the Year, Sandra Helt, 2002-2003; Carol Benson, 2011-2012 and Nelia Manzano, 2012-2013, the Commander of Constitution Camp, Heroes of '76, Brother Rudolfo Bautista, the Regional Rep South, California Area South, Brother James Helt and the National Assistant Chief of Staff, Heroes of '76, Brother James Benson.

The Secretary Brother James Helt made a motion that the minutes of the last regular meeting of 23 February 2017 be accepted as printed in the March newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Secretary/Treasurer, Brother Jim Helt reported the checking account balance was \$1039.36 after spending \$245.00 for ROTC/JROTC Medal sets and certificates for twenty-four awards. The charity basket was passed and donations totaling \$30.00 were collected for the Sojourners Endowment Memorial (SEM) fund.

There was no correspondence.

There were no applications for membership.

The Secretary announced that it was nearing time for the annual presentation of ROTC/JROTC medals and certificates. We expect to make 24 awards, beginning in April and we will be making requests at our April meeting for individuals to make those presentations. He also announced that four Brothers had failed to pay their dues for 2017 and they would be suspended from membership as of 31 March.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the President reminded the Brothers that elections for the next year will be held in May and the installation of officers will be held in June. He then appointed Brother Alex Manzano, as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and directed him to report the nominations for our 2017-2018 term at our April Meeting.

The Secretary then discussed the Officers Jewels of Office, neckbands with medals and title bars, and their loss or disappearance over time. He made a motion that the Secretary/Treasurer be allowed to expend up to \$300.00 for the purchase of new neckbands, medals, and title bars so that we can have a complete set of Officer's Jewels for San Diego #45 and Constitution Camp.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were then acknowledged. Brother Lee Hoffman stood to acknowledge his 85th birthday and he and Shirley's 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Lady Sandra Helt made a brief report on the individuals on our ailing or indisposed list. The names included: Ed Behm, John Brosnahan, Austin Brown, Truman and Georgia Brown, Jack Evans, Dick Fasig, Dick Fleet, Bob Hampton, Will and Norma Hays, Ernie and Della Latham, Pat Maceda, Etsuko Medina, Clarence Nelson, and Les Peich. These Brothers and ladies are all ailing or indisposed and in need of our support and prayers.

Following the closing prayer by the Chaplain, the meeting was closed at 1935.

Respectfully Submitted:

James F. Helt

Secretary

Approved:

Jose P. De Vera

President

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it." And "You don't lead by hitting people over the head-that's assault, not leadership."

-General Dwight D. Eisenhower

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04-06-1942	MCPO	Angel M.	MAGDALUJO	USN Ret
04-06-1923	Capt	Clarence	NELSON	USMC Ret
04-08-1936	PO1	Perfecto M.	ORTIZ	USN Ret
04-09-1944	Maj	Kenneth	GROOVER	USMC Ret
04-10-1946	SCPO	Louis	CUI	USN Ret
04-15-1945	CPO	Jose	QUINTUA	USN Ret
04-19-1947	SCPO	Daniel F.	MACARAEG	USN Ret
04-20-1929	CPO	Amado	SUPNET	USN Ret
04-23-1934	LTC	Timothy A.	HORAN, Jr.	USA Ret
04-26-1942	HON	Charles B.	HARRIS	

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.

REGULAR MEETING

BEST WESTERN SEVEN SEAS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

411 Hotel Circle South

Social Hour 1715 - 1815

Choice of Entree

ROAST PORK LOIN

with mashed potatoes and gravy

OR

HAWAIIAN CHICKEN

over white rice

ALL DINNERS WITH

Vegetables, Soup or Salad, Hot Rolls & Butter

DESSERT

GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE

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, 21 APRIL 2017, at (619) 938-5760 (Cell) or email: amanzanopm88@att.net.

SICK OR INDISPOSED

Ed Behm	Jean Bowlin	Austin Brown
Truman and Georgia Brown		Jack Evans
Dick Fasig	Dick Fleet	Bob Hampton
Will & Norma Hays		John Brosnahan
Ernie and Della Latham		Pat Maceda
Clarence Nelson	Shirley and Lee Hoffman	Les Peich.
Armond Brattland		Bernie Domingo

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

APRIL PROGRAM

Our speaker for April is Martin H Lloyd, Royal Air Force Rtd. Martin Lloyd has seen life from both in and out of a wheelchair, and he is in a unique position to discuss the different ways that able-bodied and less able-bodied people see things. Of course, before the motorcycle accident that claimed his right leg, Martin Lloyd led a very different life.

After graduating from high school, Martin joined the British Royal Air Force and flew many different types of aircraft from bases throughout the U.K., Europe, and North America. He additionally served in the Persian Gulf. After 14 years, he left the Royal Air Force but not his love of flying. Ultimately, Martin gained his commercial flying license and fulfilled his boyhood ambition of becoming an airline pilot. He flew as a First Officer for one of British Airway's franchise airlines for just over a year before his life changed forever.

The motorcycle crash sent Martin into a ten-day battle for his life, involving multiple operations with metalwork to fix broken bones and at least five complete blood transfusions. He lost a whole month of memory, his entire right leg and was left permanently disfigured. At the time of his motorcycle crash, Martin had a dream job, a wife, three teenage stepchildren, two Great Danes, two cars and a mortgage, but the sudden lifestyle change ended his flying career and eventually, his marriage. In addition, he lost all of his vehicle operation licenses, including all of his hard-earned pilot licenses.

Would you have been able to recover from such circumstances? Well, Martin did. He took courage and inspiration from his all-time hero, the World War Two flying ace Sir Douglas Bader, who lost his legs in a 1931 flying crash. This inspiration sustained Martin throughout his 3 month hospital stay. Not long after Martin's release from the hospital, he was approached by a charity that Sir Douglas Bader had set up while he was still alive, promoting the return of handicapped fliers to the cockpit. Under their auspices, Martin traveled to California to learn to fly with his new physicality and was successful in being awarded a Federal Aviation Authority private pilot's license, an instrument rating and a helicopter flight instructor qualification.

Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

TEN YEARS AGO

The regular meeting of San Diego Chapter No. 45, National Sojourners, Inc. was held at the Imperial House Restaurant, San Diego, CA on 26 April 2007.

Dinner was served to 17 members, two guests, 10 wives of members and five Honored Ladies for a total of 34. This was one of our lowest head counts in recent memory.

President Dick Dedrick presiding, the Chapter discussed preparations for the SOCAL Camp Pendleton encampment for 2007 and the National Convention in Williamsburg VA.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The regular meeting of San Diego Chapter No. 45, National Sojourners, Inc. was held at the Best Western, Seven Seas, San Diego, CA on 26 April 2012.

President Alex Manzano opened the Chapter and dinner was served to 17 members, 8 wives of members, 1 Honored Lady, and 1 guest for a total of 27.

A Candlelight Memorial Service was held for our Brother Dick Dedrick.

The President then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Brother James Bonner. Brother Bonner presented "Protecting the Sea Lanes and America's Commerce" produced by the Navy League. It was an informative program on the importance of America's sea borne commerce and the protection of freedom of the seas.

APRIL THE MONTH THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR BEGAN

April 14, 1775 - Massachusetts Governor Gage is secretly ordered by the British to enforce the Coercive Acts and suppress "open rebellion" among colonists by using all necessary force.

April 18, 1775 - General Gage orders 700 British soldiers to Concord to destroy the colonists' weapons depot.

That night, Paul Revere and William Dawes are sent from Boston to warn colonists.

At dawn on April 19 about 70 armed Massachusetts militiamen stand face to face on Lexington Green with the British advance guard. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' begins the American Revolution. A British volley and a bayonet charge result in eight American casualties. The British regroup and proceed on their mission and to Concord and they destroy the colonist's weapons.

At the North Bridge in Concord, a British platoon is attacked by militiamen, with 14 casualties.

British forces then begin a long retreat from Lexington back to Boston and are harassed and shot at all along the way by farmers and rebels and suffer more than 250 casualties.

April 23, 1775 - The Provincial Congress in Massachusetts orders 13,600 American soldiers to be mobilized. Colonial volunteers from all over New England assemble and head for Boston, then establish camps around the city and begin a year-long siege of British-held Boston.

THE WAR IS ON!

COMING EVENTS

FLAG TEAM

Present the Colors

Filipino-American Officers Association

Scottish Rite Temple at 1100 hours on 15 April, 2017

Historic Flag Program

Daughters of the American Revolution, June 2018!

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

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