



Pasadena 265, May-Jun 2017
Newsletter
National Sojourners, Inc
and
John J. Pershing Camp, Heroes of '76



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Next dinner meeting at 6:30 pm

Monday, June 12, 2017 at:

The Barkley Restaurant

1400 Huntington Drive

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(at the intersection of Huntington and Fremont)

The attached copy of our membership roster is an excellent example of a chapter where everyone enjoys the meetings, the newsletters, and the minutes. We have 218 members and they all get involved. I asked eight local members to compare the alpha roster against the National Office with this local membership roster. They found several inconsistencies as did I. If you see any more errors, please tell me.

No other Masonic organization offers us such a diverse array of activities; and Sojourner events cost very little. We have a lot of fun at our chapter meetings but that is only the tip of the iceberg. National Sojourners offers a wide variety of other things at the Area and National levels. Here is what is happening:

Next meeting of our chapterJune 12, 2017
National Convention in Austin, TX.....June 14 - 17, 2017
Federal Area conference & encampment.....August 12, 2017
Summer meeting of Pasadena #265August 14, 2017
Mid-Atlantic Area encampmentAugust 18-19, 2017
Northwest Area encampment.....September 30, 2016
Pacific Northwest Area encampment October 6 - 8, 2017

Our 2017 ROTC presentation program was a complete success. This year, as in past years, we also presented Scottish Rite awards for the Valley of Pasadena. Seven of our members went to their assigned schools and participated in the Yearly Honors Programs that each school conducts. Those seven members are **Bob Reynolds**, **Nathan Marsak**, **Steve Harris**, **Bruce Ivie**, **Daniel Hood**, **Christian Lanot**, and **Bruce Ewald**. We owe them a world of gratitude because they went to a total of thirteen schools.

At the April chapter meeting there were 27 people. There were a lot of items on the agenda and everyone had a good time. This is because everyone is involved with the chapter activities and it is not easy for someone to sit back and not participate. We never conduct business at our chapter meetings; we attend to have fun and enjoy the friendship that naturally occurs. I guess we have more repeat attendance than any other chapter. Minutes are sent after each meeting. When you read the minutes, it is easy to understand why our chapter meetings are unique.

The first coast-to-coast telephone line was established in 1914.

Our current Chapter President, Dan Hood, and President Elect, Simon McIlroy, have said "We have a challenge for each and every member. The chapter number of Pasadena is 265 and currently we have 218 members. We expect everyone to work with us to get 265 members by July 1, 2018". Think of it, 47 new members in the next 14 months. We can do it.

As Sojourners, we should proudly display our patriotism by flying an American Flag in front of our homes. Actually, it can be displayed at any place or time as long as it conforms to established flag etiquette. It is most appropriate to fly the flag on the following days during June and July:

- June 6..... D Day in Europe in 1944
- June 14..... Flag Day
- June 15..... Congress established the US Army in 1775
- June 25..... Korean War began in 1950
- July 4..... Independence Day
- July 14. Gerald Ford's birthday (16th Masonic President)
- July 27..... Korean War armistice signed in 1953

We owe an allegiance to our Blue Lodges. This cannot be overemphasized. No other Masonic Order is possible unless you are a Master Mason. Our first loyalty must be to our Lodges. Do you attend stated meetings regularly? Are you present at the degrees? Our Lodge officers need our help and support.

Our National President, Jim Baker, said: "I believe that we, as Masons and National Sojourners, need to communicate the call for our nation to return to God and support only what is good for our mutual future. God and the United States of America are not mutually exclusive. Thomas Jefferson said 'The God who gave us life, gave us liberty.' It is time that we speak out to remind others of that fact. "

When the Germans demanded his surrender at the Battle of the Bulge, Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe said "Nuts".

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