



Pasadena Chapter 265 National Sojourners



Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 12, 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. Steve Klein 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 Nathan Marsak. The Pronouncement was presented by Seb Badoyan. 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, with mashed potatoes and vegetables. Also, a green salad with vinaigrette dressing, locally made hot bread, and coffee or tea were served.

Tickets for the free door prizes were distributed to everyone by Steve Harris. The first lucky ticket was held by Jeremy Chongco who was given a \$25.00 gift certificate to Claim Jumper Restaurant. The second lucky ticket was held by Nathan Marsak who was given a \$25.00 gift certificate to Olive Garden Restaurant.

Steve Harris, who was acting as Secretary while Joe was at the Annual National Convention, said he only had two items of correspondence:

- 1) The e-mail announcing that the Annual National Convention was starting in the morning of 13 Jun in Austin, TX.
- 2) Pasadena #265 received an invitation to the Federal Area Conference and Encampment August 11-12, 2017.

Daniel Hood, Chapter President, called upon Bob Reynolds for a report on our ROTC presentations. Bob presented his report and passed around a photo of himself in his uniform making one of the presentations. Daniel also commented that he did his presentations in his

Knights Templar uniform and that the schools really enjoyed seeing them. Bob encouraged everyone to try to make one of the presentations next year.

The hour being at hand, Steve Harris, Regional Rep for SoCal West, conducted the installation of both chapter and camp officers for the Sojourner year of 2017-2018. The members were asked if they still had faith and trust in the individuals elected at the last chapter meeting to serve well. All objections were rejected and the new officers were properly installed. Steve then presented Bernie Harris with his Past Commander bar, certificate, and thanked him for his service. Steve then presented Daniel Hood with his Past President bar, certificate, and also thanked him for his service. The President's book was then updated and passed to the new President, Simon McIlroy, who assumed control for the rest of the meeting. Simon thanked everyone for their vote of confidence in him.

Bernie Harris, chairman of our E&T Committee, read a very intelligent and humorous article about the use of the word "UP". He said you can look it up on the internet if you would like to.

Joven Bilog, as the newly installed John J. Pershing Camp Commander, announced that we will try to support Concord Camp at their next Heroes degree on Aug 19th.

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.

In Joe Ryland's absence, Steve Harris was asked to make a financial report. He stated that our MIP dividend income should have arrived and that the only expense at this time that he knew about was \$12.00 to Joe for donuts at the Jun 10th Heroes degree. Joe is currently spending funds at the annual meeting for next year's items and will give a detailed financial report at the August meeting.

Simon then made the rookie mistake and asked for announcements. The flood gates now being opened, the following announcements were made:

- 1) Jeremy Chongco said that Grand Master Heisner has proclaimed July as "Honor Veteran's Month" for the California Grand Lodge. Jeremy said that LA Harbor Lodge will do a musical revue at their stated meeting.
- 2) Joven Bilog announced that Joe Ryland will speak at Arcadia Lodge on July 6th. There will be a free dinner that night, and all are invited.

- 3) Dave Higdon invited everyone to join him at Tulare Lodge on 29 June for the lodge presentation of his Golden Veteran's award.
- 4) Steve Klein who had talked last meeting about the **Short Talk Bulletin**, which is published by The Masonic Service Association, announced that he had copies present for anyone who would like one.
- 5) Bruce Ewald announced that the 2018 Essay topic is "A More Perfect Union". He passed out cover sheets and emphasized that all essays need to be returned by 15 Dec.
- 6) Simon McIlroy announced that on 26 June the Cryptic Masons will be holding their Honor night, and on 26 Aug, the Super Excellent Master's degree, with full pageantry, will be presented at the Long Beach Scottish Rite.
- 7) Bernie Harris commended Greg Corey and Nathen Marsak on doing their opening parts from memory.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 pm by Simon McIlroy, Chapter President, in compliance with the Closing Ritual of the National Order of Ceremonies. Steve Klein, Acting Chaplain, attended the Bible and gave the closing prayer.

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