



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



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Sorry for not being able to attend our stated meeting. Still out of town and will take care of personal business when I get back.

I missed the Flag Team's presentations and would like to express my gratitude to the members who participated in them. I'll be glad to get back on track and move on with our business at hand. First, we are faced with our installation, and it was proposed that we take some time to conduct a Camp Followers degree. We also need to schedule Camp Bivouacs to practice our parts and be prepared when we conduct our degrees.

Let's make extra effort to attend our meetings to continue camaraderie and our bond to further our goals.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Jose P De Vera Jr.

President



FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER June is a busy month for us. We performed a Historic Flag Program to the Daughters of American Revolution on June 03, 2017 at Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, and at the Scottish Rite Event Center on June 11, 2017 for the San Diego and Imperial Valley Past Masters Association. We are also scheduled to perform at SDSU for the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference.

The installation will be delayed until our July meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. I hope that we will have your support in making this upcoming Stated Meeting on the 22nd a successful one by participating in the process. Please contact Brother Alex Manzano with ample time for the reservation in order to have better preparation. The same menu as planned for May will be used.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Be safe and God bless..

Sincerely and Fraternally

Rodolfo R. Bautista

Commander



SECRETARY'S COMMENTS The scheduled regular meeting of 25 May 2017 was cancelled because there were so few reservations, so there are no minutes.

Brothers, we need your support and attendance at our meetings. National Sojourners is a Masonic related activity where your wives are welcome and included.

A special mail ballot was mailed to replace the ballots that would have been held at our cancelled May meeting. The ballot included the election of officers for the 2017-2018 term, the proposed Chapter budget for

the same period and a proposed change in our bylaws to reflect the recent national changes in membership qualifications. Individuals were asked to respond, only if they objected to any of the ballot items. No objections were filed, so the ballot issues passed and are accepted. The installation, normally held in June after May elections, has been changed to our July meeting because some participants will be out of town. The Installing Officer will be Brother Christopher Gunn, Past President and Past Commander.

At our June meeting, we are planning a special activity for the ladies. In the Heroes of '76 we welcome the activities of the ladies and include them in a group called the Camp Followers. We have a number of ladies of recent heroes who have not had the opportunity to be initiated into the Camp Followers. This is usually done at an encampment of all the Heroes Camps in Southern California. We have not held an encampment for several years due to a lack of interest.

At our June meeting, we will hold a Camp Follower's initiation in the traditional method. You should be there and enjoy the fun. There are 10 ladies, whose husbands have been made heroes since 2010. Please plan to attend the initiation. The initiation will be conducted by the Camp Followers of San Diego 45.

Respectfully Submitted:

James F. Helt

Secretary

Approved:

Jose P. De Vera

President

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06-01-1922	CPT	Chris R.	CHRISTOFF	AUS Ret
06-07-1931	COL	Charles E.	McNOLDY	USA Ret
06-09-1944	MCPO	Alfonso U.	TOJINO Jr.	USN Ret
06-10-1935	MCPO	Charles R.	HILL	USN Ret
06-19-1943	HON	Larry S.	MILLER	
06-22-1936	COL	Charles O.	ASHCRAFT	USA Ret
06-22-1955	PO1	Rodolfo F.	NOBLEZA	USN Ret
06-25-1944	MCPO	Rodolfo A.	ZAPANTA	USN Ret

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	Austin Brown
Truman and Georgia Brown	Jack Evans
Dick Fasig	Bob Hampton
Will & Norma Hays	Lee Hoffman
Ernie and Della Latham	Pat Maceda
Clarence Nelson	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!

**REGULAR MEETING
BEST WESTERN SEVEN SEAS
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017**

411 Hotel Circle South
Social Hour 1715 - 1815

Choice of Entree

ROAST PRIME RIB

with baked potato and vegetables.

OR

BAKED LASAGNA

with Italian stir fry vegetables.

ALL DINNERS WITH

Soup or Salad, Hot Rolls & Butter

DESSERT

RASPBERRY WHITE CHOCOLATE

CHEESECAKE

Ice Cream

Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea

**VEGAN, VEGETARIAN, GLUTENFREE 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, 16 JUNE 2017, at (619) 938-5760
(Cell) or email: amanzanopm88@att.net.**

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

06/22/2017 Dinner Meeting

07/27/2017 Dinner Meeting - Installation

08/24/2017 Dinner Meeting

09/28/2017 Dinner Meeting

10/26/2017 Dinner Meeting

11/2017 Chapter is Dark in November

12/07/2017 Dinner Meeting - Christmas Party

INSTALLATION

A reminder, our annual installation, usually scheduled in June, will be held at our July 27, 2017 meeting. Brother Christopher Gunn, Installing Officer.



CANDLE LIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Brothers, It is my sad duty to report that Brother SGT Edward F. Backe passed away on 5 May 2017.

Brother Backe was a member of SD 45 since 2009 and a member of Heartland Lodge #576, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the Shrine.

A Candlelight Service for Brother Backe will be held at our June meeting.

Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place

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 24 May 2007. President Richard Dedrick opened the meeting after dinner was served to twenty-one members, two guests, twelve wives of members and seven Honored Ladies for a total of 42. *(Note: meal costs were \$24.00 per person in those days, we have not kept up with inflation for our meal costs)*

Following a lengthy discussion concerning the timing and methods used to honor our deceased members, the Chapter voted to honor each with a Candle Light service following notification of death. It has also been customary for the Chapter to make a memorial donation of \$25 to Collingwood in honor of a member's passing. Additionally, an annual remembrance service will be held in May to honor all who may have died during the preceding twelve months. *(The last two items, the memorial gift and the annual remembrance service have been neglected for some years - should we start these practices again?).*

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 28 June 2012. President Alex Manzano opened the meeting after dinner was served to sixteen members, nine wives of members, one Honored Lady, and three guests for a total of 29.

Elections were held and the nominated officers for the 2012-2013 term were elected. The proposed budget was accepted.

ATTENDANCE

Brothers, I've been including little reports of our past meetings for two reasons. One, a reminder of our history and two, as a gentle spur to increase our attendance. Ten and five years ago, we had 42 and then 29 members and guests at our meetings. Last month, we had so few indications that members would attend, that we had to cancel the meeting.

I don't believe that you paid the initiation fees and dues or spent the money to purchase a Membership in perpetuity just to get a card and a medal and so that you could brag that you were a member of National Sojourners. You attended at least one meeting before you were initiated and you must have been interested in a Masonic related organization of veterans like yourself that welcomed both you and your wife. You were sponsored by at least one Brother who believed you would be an asset to the organization and you were accepted for membership by your Masonic Brothers and veterans.

You can only get your money's worth and enjoy the fraternity and fellowship of your Brothers by attending meetings. We miss you and hope to see you back soon.

SOJOURNER ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL FUND

At each dinner we pass the charity basket for the Sojourners Endowment Memorial (SEM) Fund. This fund is maintained by National Sojourners as a separate fund where only the investment proceeds can be used for National Sojourners current operations.

All donations, gifts, memorials, contributions and bequests received for the SEM fund are deposited in the fund. After deductions for necessary management expenses, the National Trustees may authorize the earnings of these investments to be transferred to the General Fund.

3-6-5 Club and Life 3-6-5 Club

Membership in the 3-6-5 Club or Life 3-6-5 Club is open to all members as a way of supporting the Sojourners Endowment Memorial Fund.

3-6-5 Club - The special category 3-6-5 Club alludes to the everyday operation of our order. This special club can earn a chapter recognition - a streamer for the chapter flag - with the participation of \$3.65 each year by each member.

Life Membership (L-3-6-5) in this special club is a one-time payment of \$36.50. The payment applies only to the specific chapter designated in the donation. It should be made payable to the SEM Fund and in the memo of the check it should reflect 3-6-5 Club or L-3-6-5 Club and the chapter name and number. If you are a member of more than one chapter and wish to contribute toward a banner in another chapter, another donation as previously described must be made.

San Diego Chapter has earned several 3-6-5 streamers in the past. We need to make a conscientious effort to earn another one in the 2017-2018 term. The way to do this is for each of us, who is not already a life member to write one check for \$36.50 as described above. We need to become a 100% Life 3-6-5 member chapter.

MASONIC MEMBERSHIP LECTURE CARD

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship, with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, hungry and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among Brothers and friends. It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who has sworn to defend and protect mine,

as I have sworn to defend and protect theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune, through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally, it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body, friends and Brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

It tells me that, and a great deal more, this little card, it makes me proud, yet humble, that I can possess this passport, into a Society of Friends and Brothers, that are numbered in the millions. (Source unknown)

BBQ Season Refresher Course

We are finally coming to BBQ season. Therefore, it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this outdoor cooking ritual, as it's the only type of cooking a real man will do.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ, the following chain of events is put into motion:

1. The woman buys the food.
 2. The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.
 3. The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.
- Here comes the important part:

4. **THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.**
 5. The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
 6. The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.
 7. **THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.**
 8. The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.
 9. After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes. And most important of all:
 10. **Everyone PRAISES THE MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.**
 11. The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off" and, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women!
- Happy BBQ Season to thoughtful men everywhere....

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

34 YEARS AGO - Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space.

69 YEARS AGO - The Berlin Airlift begins.

73 YEARS AGO - D Day

75 YEARS AGO - The battle of Midway

COMING EVENTS

Historic Flag Program

San Diego Youth Leadership Conference
1430, 27 June 2017 SDSU

97TH National Convention

12-17 June 2017, Crowne Plaza, Austin, TX

Historic Flag Program

SDYLC, SDSU

2:15 27 June 2017

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

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