



REDSTONE CHAPTER NO. 353 MEETING NOTICE

Our November meeting will be next Friday (3 November) at the Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW Suite E.

I will continue to try to make calls to make sure everyone knows about the meeting. If you're not contacted and plan on coming to our meeting, please let me know at 256-539-3379 or tfcraig@aol.com.



WIDOWS' NIGHT POSTPONED

Due to the concern the Parkway construction might make access difficult and no notifications to the widows being sent out, we decided at our Executive Committee meeting to postpone our annual Widows' Night.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brethren and Ladies:

We have a petition in hand and should have a new member to initiate at this meeting. I'm looking forward to it and letting those who don't already know Brother Jason Crowe have an opportunity to meet him.

We continue to search for a more suitable meeting place. Several have been suggested, although some of them have been unwilling to host our small group on one of their busiest nights (Friday). There are still some potential meeting places with which we have not discussed the possibility of meeting. In the meantime, if you can think of a potential place, please let us know. It has also been suggested we change the meeting night, so please let us know your thoughts on that.

Fraternally,

Mike Morgan

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Hero's, Patriots, and Friends of National Sojourners Inc.:

I understand we have many flags needing to be retired, so we need to discuss when and where we could hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony. We might also want to have some Camp event at the ceremony. Please let me know what you think and what other ideas you may have.

We need to start thinking more about our Americanism projects and what we can do to further our Sojourner work in that area.

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James Wojcik

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

We've received notice from National Headquarters that Brother Caldwell is officially a member of our Chapter. We certainly appreciate his joining as an MMIP. We also hope to initiate a new member at our November meeting.

I've ordered additional ROTC medals for the next round of awards, which will probably start in January (one or two schools have their ceremonies in that month, although most wait until April or May). They haven't arrived yet, but we still have several months before most schools have their ceremonies. I need to also get busy validating contacts and addresses for the schools (Grissom should have a new address, and although I'm not aware of any changes in Senior Instructors, there could be some). I'll also try to check the lists on the national ROTC sites to see if there are any new schools. If you're aware of a program we are not supporting, please let us know.

Brother Morgan continues his search for an appropriate meeting place. Although the meal selection is good at the current location, noise from the kitchen can be distracting and access is somewhat difficult due to the Parkway construction. The early closing time is also a problem, although most of our meetings can be ended by closing time. We really need to find a place that will be family-friendly (not that the Blue Plate isn't) to try to increase attendance by family members.

We realized we needed to change some of the dates for our Executive Committee meetings since in some months the second Monday comes right after the first Friday. The schedule on the next page should correct that, but we may need to readjust some dates.

Brother Wojcik has identified a possible Veterans' Day presentation at Grissom High School using the Building the Flag PowerPoint presentation.

Sincerely,

Tom Craig



WE NEED SOMEONE TO DO THE "TOAST TO THE FLAG" FOR THE MOWW/NS YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2 NOVEMBER AT 6 PM. LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN DO IT PLEASE.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please pray for our brethren, both our fellow Chapter members and our other brethren

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Zito	11/1	Ronald Sortino	11/13
David Tollison	11/16	Wayne Jordan	11/20

CAMP FOLLOWERS

During the American Revolution thousands of women took an active role in both the American and British armies. Most were the wives or daughters of officers or soldiers and it was these women who maintained an almost constant presence in military camps, and were called "Camp Followers." Camp Followers were also people who have served with the army, but who were not "listed" included: waggoners, sutlers, servants, children, craftsmen, and gentlemen volunteers. Their presence enriched camp life and greatly enhanced the labor force necessary to support an army in the field. Specific duties may be primarily of cooking, mending, laundry, childcare, and nursing the sick to which these woman were paid a small wage and was supplied with a half ration of food for herself. The movie "Last of the Mohicans" visualized excellent examples of the importance of the role of a Camp Follower within the British army and the dangers they faced in Colonial America.

While the above mentioned tasks were performed by the majority of women found within camp life, an occasional woman found herself placed in extraordinary circumstances. Her participation in such situations were frequently well beyond the roles dictated by the society of the time. Margaret Cochran Corbin and Mary Ludwig Hays (or "Molly Pitcher"), were two camp followers whose husbands were artillerymen and they assisted by nursing the wounded and bringing water to those in need. Both women saw their husband wounded on the battlefield. As they went to their aid they found themselves participating as "combatants"; taking up their husband's post as Matross or Gunner's Assistant. These ladies were acknowledged for their service to their country with military rank and honors.

The Camp Followers "un-organization" first appeared in Southern California in 1976. A National Sojourner, Hero of '76, realized that if he were ever to be successful in establishing an annual Joint Area Heroes Encampment there would have to be a role in it for the ladies. He also realized that their role must be one of equal participation and not that of subservient women-folk. It was decided that a degree, which honored the ladies and the role they played in the founding of this Nation, was the solution. The Degree was to provide innocent fun and enjoyment for both spectators and participants as well as to honor the ladies for their contribution to the Nation, Freemasonry, and the National Sojourners and Heroes of '76.

Colonial Camp Followers

To become a Camp Follower a lady must be sponsored by a Hero and must have demonstrated her support for the Heroes by attendance at an Area Encampment, Area Conference, National Convention, or such other qualifications as may be found acceptable. The degree has not been commercialized nor does it have dues, chapters, or any other form of organization. The founders never intended that it have any other purpose than to honor those ladies, who have performed outstanding service to our country and to the Heroes of '76.

Camp Followers participate in Chapter activities at whatever level they desire. They may dress in Colonial Dress and participate with their Hero in many of the Flag Programs, as well as other activities. Although participation in the activities does not require Colonial Dress, it is nice to do so for ceremonial impact. Programs are performed for Masonic, civic, youth, and other organizations. There is no better reward for performing the programs than to have a child stare in amazement at both the flags and the Colonial Dress, or to make some little girl's day by allowing her to visit with "Martha Washington."

Tentative Meetings

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Reg		1 Sept	6 Oct	3 Nov	1 Dec	5 Jan	2 Feb	2 Mar	6 Apr	4 May	1 Jun
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Widows' Night To Be Determined

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

1 November	ALL SAINTS' DAY
2 November	Decatur York Rite Bodies
2 November	Bolivar Lodge No. 127, Arab Lodge No. 663, Fyffe Lodge No 697
2 November	ALL SOULS' DAY
3 November	Gurley Lodge No. 521
4 November	FULL MOON (FROSTY MOON, BEAVER MOON)
4 November	WASHINGTON BECOMES A MASON
5 November	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
6 November	Huntsville Scottish Rite Bodies
6 November	Athens Lodge No. 16, Rising Sun Lodge No. 29
7 November	Florence York Rite Bodies, Helion Lodge No. 1
7 November	BATTLE OF TIPPECANOE
8 November	Apollo Lodge No. 921
9 November	Arab Lodge No. 663, Solar Lodge No. 914
9 November	KRISTALNACHT/FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL
10 November	US MARINE CORPS ESTABLISHED
11 November	VETERANS' DAY/ARMISTICE DAY/REMEMBRANCE DAY
13 November	Ardmore Lodge No. 24, Northern Lodge No. 278
13 November	VIET NAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL DEDICATED
14 November	Huntsville York Rite Bodies, Lunar Lodge No. 918
16 November	Bolivar Lodge No. 127, Arab Lodge No. 663, Fyffe Lodge No 697
17 November	Gurley Lodge No. 521
17 November	FIELD ARTILLERY/AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BIRTHDAY
20 November	Athens Lodge No. 16, Rising Sun Lodge No. 29
21 November	Shoals Scottish Rite Bodies, Helion Lodge No. 1
21 November	Executive Committee @ 6 PM @ West End Grille (one-time event)
22 November	Apollo Lodge No. 921
22 November	C. S. LEWIS BORN
23 November	Arab Lodge No. 663, Solar Lodge No. 914
23 November	THANKSGIVING
24 November	BATTLE OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN TN
24 November	NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
27 November	Northern Lodge No. 278
28 November	Jackson County Scottish Rite Club, Lunar Lodge No. 918
28 November	GIVING TUESDAY
30 November	Arab Lodge No. 663
30 November	BATTLE OF FRANKLIN TN/ST. ANDREW'S DAY