



***James Monroe Chapter No. 549
Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of 76***

National Sojourners, Inc.
Charlottesville, Virginia

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A meeting of James Monroe Chapter No. 549, was held at Aberdeen Barn Restaurant in Charlottesville, VA on Wednesday, 6 December 2017, with the following present:

Goldie Tomlin	Ed Crebbs	Kent Schlusel	Bill Baskerville
Tom Province	Kirk Sheap	Fred Soutter	David Goodman
Terry Ellison	Jeff Hodges		

Visitors: Logan Ostrowsky, Laura Ostrowsky, Alyssa True

Ladies present: Susan Hodges, Sara Tomlin, Charlaine Crebbs, Judy Schlusel, Norma Sheap, Randy Baskerville, Beverly Soutter, Emily Goodwin

Opening: President Crebbs called the meeting to order at 6:35pm in proper form. Before the meeting, drinks were order while everyone gathered. After orders for meals were taken, the meeting continued.

Officers present were: President: Ed Crebbs; Third Vice President: Fred Soutter;
Secretary/Treasurer: Kent Schlusel.

Purpose: President read the Purpose of the Order followed by the opening prayer led by acting Chaplain Jeff Hodges

Introductions: President welcomed everyone and introduced the guests.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of the October 2017 meeting were approved as distributed to the members via email. Motion to accept was made, seconded and passed.

Report of Treasurer:

Checking Account Balance: Current as of 6 December 2017:	\$3757.21
Camp Followers Fund:	\$90.94
(no change)	
Chapter Fund:	\$2037.47
(Increase of \$230.00 since 4 October 2017)	

Youth Leadership Fund: \$94.63
(Decrease of 65.82 since 4 October 2017)

Unrestricted Fund: \$1534.17
(no change)

TOTAL: \$3757.21

It was noted that to send students to the Youth Leadership Conference, we will need to raise much more money.

Reading of Communications:

--IRS Notice concerning filing of 999N form. This was caused by changing of filing dates from the Chapter to Headquarters

--Notice from Brother James Cady (who petition the chapter) is moving to Michigan. His petition will be held until he moves back to Virginia (if and when).

Announcements:

Chapter:

- 1) Brother Goldie Tomlin, who is leading our annual Toys for Tots program for 2017, reviewed our progress to date. We will gather on Saturday, 9 December 2017 in front of Toy-R-U's in Albemarle County to present toys and money. As of this date, we have six boxes of toys and \$1200. Heroes of '76 are requested to wear their colonials along with the ladies.
- 2) The **February 6th, 2018** meeting location will be announced at a future date. Many of the ladies believed it should be a "Valentine" theme. Various locations will be considered.
- 3) The April 4th, 2018 meeting will be held at the home of Brother Bill and Lady Randy Baskerville's home in Charlottesville. We will be having a flag disposal ceremony.
- 4) The National Conference this year will be in Norfolk, VA in June 2018. The President announced he will be going. Several of the brothers also expressed interest in going.
- 5) President Crebbs announced that a local American Legion Post might be willing to sponsor 2 to 4 students to attend the Sojourner' Youth Leadership Conference in Valley Forge. President Crebbs will be speaking to other VFW and American Legion chapters to determine if they would like to help us send students to the YLC.
- 6) Letters will be going out to the 19 Lodges that we cover asking for donations to our YLC fund.

Camp:

- 1) A Bivouac will be held on **Wednesday, 3 January 2018**, for the purpose of degree work at Waddell Lodge at 1800 (6pm) hours.
- 2) Received some great comments on the 27 November 2017 Flag presentation for the Grand Master's visit for to the Richmond Scottish Rite.
- 3) Received a request for Flag presentation for the 7th and 10th Masonic Districts for the Grand Master visit on 16 March 2018 at the Lousia Baptist Church.

Presentation of Petition: The one presentation of petition was withdrawn due to the brother moving out of the state.

Secret Balloting on Petitions: See above.

Initiation of New Members: N/A

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Reports of Standing Committees:

--Americanism Awards: None

--Membership: None

Program—Buckingham County High School JROTC Cadet Alyssa True gave her reflection on her experience at the Youth Leadership Conference. The Chapter sponsored four students this past summer (one spoke at the last meeting and two had talked earlier).

She was very impressed and had a great time at the conference. The themes that came through were learning about leadership, bolstered her confidence and learning about American history, especially about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Cadet True especially enjoyed listening to Thomas Jefferson and John Adams (portrayed by actors). At the YLC, she organized an early morning exercise program for other participants, the history of the American military and about Valley Forge. She enjoyed making new friends with other participants and talking (and admittedly too much at times) about her experience at Valley Forge.

It should be noted, with great proud, that Cadet True has enlisted in the US Army and will be reporting in June 2018. Not only will she receive her high school diploma, but also an Associate Degree from the local community college.

Laura Ostrowsky, her mother, stated that she came home with a greater appreciation of American history and patriotism. Both Cadet True and Ms. Ostrowsky expressed their appreciation for the opportunity provided and hope that we continue this program.

Program II—Brother Tom Province presented what words mean:

FREEMASON

From very early times and prior to the year **1350** all operative masons were termed *caemantarii* (a Latin word roughly translated as “trowel user” – query: check etymology of the word “cement”). In 1350 a statute was passed setting the wages of “master *freestone* masons” at 4 pennies a day, of other masons at 3 pennies, and of their servants (**apprentices**) at 1.5 pennies. This phrase (in Norman French) “Mestre mason de franche pere” is very probably the origin of the term “freemason.”

The statute was amended in **1360** and changed the wording of “mast freestone masons” to “chief masters of masons”. The 1360 statute went on to differentiate between masons of “free stone” and masons of “rough stone.” This is another indication of the derivation of the word “freemason” from the phrase “free stone.”

About 1380, John Wycliff, the English reformer, criticized rebellious guild workers who were in revolt over the statutory wages as being: "Men of subtle craft, as *Freemasons* and others, who conspire together to refuse statutory wages and insist upon a rise."

In the building records of Eton College (1441) the same man would be called variously and interchangeably: a "mason," or a "freemason" or a "master mason," just as a college professor would have been called a "master," or a "doctor" or a "professor." At first in such building records, freemasons were called simply "masons", but by 1442 the payroll records listed 41 "freemasons," as a separate classification of masons. For the week ending May 28, 1442, the payroll records listed 49 "Freemasons", 14 "rough masons", and a variety of helpers including carpenters, sawyers, daubers, jacker, 1 *tiler*, rock hewers and laborers. In 1450, further work on the same building called for the employment of 40 - 60 "Freemasons," 12 - 20 masons called "hard hewers" and 12 "layers".

The first statutory occurrence of the name *Freemason* – "frank mason" occurred in 1444. The Freemasons, like master carpenters, were allowed 5 pennies a day, while the rough-mason and under-carpenter only 4 pennies. (Again, the statute was in Norman French, not English.)

By the year 1495, English had supplanted Norman French as the official language, and the word was "*Freemason*." The Freemason and the "rough-mason" are each to be paid the same wage of 6 pennies a day. The master-mason who in 1513 contracted to work on King's College Chapel agreed that he would "keep continually 60 'Freemasons' working upon the same works."

The terms "Freemasons, rough-masons and carpenters" appeared together in a petition written in 1515.

In 1548, a statute was enacted which for the first time differentiated between "Freemasons, rough- masons, and hard-hewers."

NOTES:

CAEMANTARII – an old Latin word associated with "users of trowels"

The term *caementarium* was translated as "*rough masons*, which do make only walls" in a 1538 Latin Dictionary, published in London.

In a 1578 dictionary, the word *caementarius* is defined as being "a dauber, a pargeter, a rough-mason"; and *latomas* is translated as "a mason, one that cutteth and diggeth stones."

In 1602 the "master freemason" and the "master roughmason" who worked together on a job were paid 5 pennies a day.

JOHN WYCLIFFE - English scholastic philosopher, theologian, Biblical translator, reformer, and seminary professor at Oxford. He was an influential dissident within the Roman Catholic priesthood during the 14th century.

--The gravel was passed to all in attendance. Everyone thanked each other for the fellowship of the meeting, wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked the guests for coming.

Closing: The meeting was closed in proper form by President Crebbs at approximately 2045 hours.

Submitted

Kent Schlüssel
Kent Schlüssel, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

 Edgar M. Crebbs
Edgar M. Crebbs, Jr., President 2017-18