



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01-11-1919 PO1 Austin D. BROWN USN Ret  
01-16-1936 LCDR Robert T. GUSTAFSON USN Ret  
01-18-1939 CMDCM Joseph F. CIOKON, Jr. USN Ret

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL AND BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR!**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If this is wrong, please contact me so I can correct my database.

### REGULAR MEETING BEST WESTERN SEVEN SEAS THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

411 Hotel Circle South  
Social Hour 1715 - 1815

#### DINNER BUFFET

Mixed Green Salad  
Hot Rolls & Butter  
Fresh Fruit  
Pot Roast with Pot Roast Gravy  
Roast Pork Loin  
Red Potatos  
Mixed Vegetables

#### DESSERT

Apple Pie  
Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea

**COST \$27.00**

**VEGAN, VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN FREE OR OTHER  
CHOICES FOR SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS MUST BE  
REQUESTED IN ADVANCE**

**For Reservations: You Must Contact Alex  
Manzano by Noon, FRIDAY, 16 JANUARY 2018,  
at 619-938-5760 or by e-mail at  
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### ANNUAL DUES

Brothers it is time for annual dues again. You should have received an annual dues statement from National Headquarter in the mail. Check your mail, if you have a dues notice then make a check for \$25.00 payable to "**San Diego Chapter, National Sojourners**" and hand it to the Secretary/Treasurer at meeting or mail it to him at James F. Helt, 5774 Del Cerro Blvd, San Diego, CA 92120-4514.

I recently sent some of you a reminder that I had not yet received your dues payments. Since the letter went out in December, I have received a few payments. Brothers please check your mail and submit your dues payments now. *Right now, no one*

*knows but you and the Secretary. So pay your dues!*  
**Note: A Membership in Perpetuity (MIP) is an option! See the Secretary.**



## CANDLE LIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Brothers, It is my sad duty to report that Brother CDR James J. Gordon passed away on 12 December 2017.

Brother Gordon was a member of SD 45 since 1982 and a member of San Diego Lodge #35. Brother Gordon was very active in the Chapter and in National Sojourners. He served the Chapter as President in 1994-1995 and as Camp Commandeer of Constitution Camp from 1987-1992. He served on the national Committee of '33 and received the Houghton Memorial Award for superior accomplishment in advancing the purpose of National Sojourners. A Candlelight Service for Brother Gordon will be held at our January 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 25 January 2007. At 1805 hours, President Dedrick welcomed all present, and after opening, dinner was served to 21 members, two guests, 14 wives of members and six Honored Ladies for a total of 43.

Regional Representative, Brother Jim Helt reminded members of the annual SOCAL planning session to be held 3 February 2007 at the Santa Ana Elks Club. Marshall Leon Hoffman sought and received permission from the Chapter to provide a new altar cloth for our meetings. Constitution Camp Commander Dedrick announced that a Bivouac would be held on 20 February 2007 at our regular Chula Vista location and that a suitable RECRUIT has been identified.

The Chapter was closed at 2010.

### 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 24 January 2013.

At 1805 hours, President Brother Bryan Pettengill opened the Chapter and welcomed all present. Dinner was served to 17 members, nine wives of members, one Honored Lady, and one guest for a total of 28.

After dinner, the President introduced our speaker, Dr. Gregory A. Daniels, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California and the Moores Cancer Center who spoke on the best methods of avoiding skin cancers, especially

melanoma.

The Chapter was closed in due form at 2015.

### MISSING EMAIL ADDRESSES

I do not have correct e-mail addresses for the following Chapter members.

Domingo B Alinio  
John C Crook  
Rogerio T Delatorre  
Joel A Encarnacion  
Oscar S Garcia  
Charles B Harris  
David L Heafner  
Wilburn C Huntsinger  
Amando Lastrella  
Angel M. Magdaluyo  
Dennie L Miller  
Larry S Miller  
Eligio D Pangilinan  
Marcelo B Quintua  
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Rodolfo A Zapanta

Brothers if your name is on this list, I would like to have your current email address to ensure rapid communication of Chapter news. I would also send the Chapter newsletter by email so that you would get it in a more timely fashion and the Chapter could save the mailing cost.

Simply send me an email and I'll capture your email address. Email to [jf36helt@att.net](mailto:jf36helt@att.net)

### CAMEL CORPS AND OTHER ENCAMPMENTS

Brothers, some of you received in your email, a registration form for the Camel Corps Encampment at Laughlin Nevada in February. Some of you may be thinking so what, and what's an encampment?

When a Heros of '76 camp has a meeting and/or an initiation, it is called a bivouac. When two or more camp's come together to hold an initiation, it is called an encampment.

The California Area South of National Sojourners, referred to as SOCAL, consists of nine chapters:

Los Angeles #26  
San Diego #45  
Camp Joseph H Pendleton #243  
Santa Ana / El Toro #250  
Pasadena #265  
Arrowhead #421  
Ventura County #494  
Los Alamitos #519  
East Valley #521

Until recent years, SOCAL sponsored two encampments a year, bringing heros from the camps associated with these nine chapters together for fellowship and a joint Heros initiation of one or two National Sojourners. They were held at Point Mugu in the spring and at Camp Pendleton in the fall.

An additional joint encampment was held with the Southwest Area of National Sojourners with Chapters in Arizona, and New Mexico, at Laughlin Nevada in February. This was called the Camel Corps, because of the historic association of the area with the US Army's use of camels to supply desert outposts prior to the Civil war.

The encampment were scheduled to occur on a weekend, Friday evening through Sunday morning, or because casino hotel rates are cheaper on weekdays, from Sunday evening through Monday night for Camel Corps. They included social activities, meals, and a Heros of '76 degree. They drew large crowds and a great time was had by all.

In recent years, attendance fell off due to age and the dwindling numbers of active members in the various chapters and the encampments had to be cancelled.

There is now an effort to revitalize the SOCAL Area and reinstate these encampments. Camel Corps, held in Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel and the Bullhead City, AZ Shrine Club on February 25-26, 2018 is the first. Encampment activities are scheduled for Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> and include a meeting, lunch, a Camp Followers Degree, the heros degree, and a banquet. It is always a lot of fellowship and fun, unless you're unlucky in the Casino. If you are interested and didn't receive a registration form, please ask the secretary for one.

### WHY DO WE SAY THAT?

"Mind your Ps and Qs."

At taverns, people drank from pint or quart containers. The bar maid's job was to remember who was drinking what. She minded her Ps and Qs.

Local opinion: "Gossip."

Early politicians had no radios or TVs to tell them what people thought. They sent their assistants to taverns where they were told to "go sip some ale" and listen to conversations. Eventually, the words "go and sip" morphed into gossip.

"Go to pot."

The idea is that it is a one-way trip for a chicken or another animal bound for the cooking pot.

**COMING EVENTS**

01/25/2018 **Regular Dinner Meeting**

02/22/2018 **Regular Dinner Meeting**

02/25-26/2018 **CAMEL CORPS**

**ENCAMPMENT, Laughlin NV**

03/22/2018 **Regular Dinner Meeting**

**PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**NOW!**

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