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AREA CONFERENCES AND ENCAMPMENTS

The Mid-Winter Meeting will be held on January 7-9 2013 at the Best Western in Alexandria, Louisiana. Point of Contact is Brother James F. Benson, Jr. 760-940-0224.

The next GLACE (Great Lakes Area Conference Encampment) will be held on April 26 & 27, 2013 at the Holiday Inn, Gateway Centre, Flint, Michigan. Point of contact is Brother Armand Cote 810-796-2002 or Brother Gene Pisha 313-561-8728.

The 93rd Annual Convention will be held June 17-23 2013 at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Point of Contact is Brother James F. Benson, Jr. 760-940-0224.

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Dear Brother Sojourners,

The relationship between National Sojourners and all the other Masonic bodies, that we are members of, or may be considering becoming members, is commonly referred to as Fraternal Relations. Of course, the Blue Lodge is the basic point of departure for all Masons. Where we go from there is purely up to the individual. The Scottish Rite is one avenue that you can pursue and enjoy the Lodge of Perfection along with the other bodies, Kadosh, and Rose Croix. As members of these organizations we are exposed to potential individuals for membership in National Sojourners. How many of you have talked to your fellow Scottish Rite, York Rite or Shrine members and discussed our organization? Hopefully, many of you have accomplished this and have signed up members. How about, have you presented a short briefing on National Sojourners to your Scottish Rite, York Rite or Shrine bodies? This is one way to get the message about our organization to other Masonic bodies. We must always keep in touch with our Masonic Brothers. They are the life blood of this organization. Through our fraternal relations we maintain a relationship with all the Grand Lodges. Your National Line Officers attend the Conference of Grand Masters. At this conference the National Sojourners display is set up to let them know of our organization, our programs, and provide membership applications if they are so inclined. At this conference the Grand Masters Chapter holds an annual meeting and initiates eligible members who have applied into the Chapter. Members, not yet eligible for the Grand Masters Chapter, are also presented information about our organization and presented a membership application for consideration. All this interaction with the Masonic bodies makes for good relationships, develops friendships and promotes harmony among the craft. I would suggest that each of us make a concerted effort to attend our own Lodge, visit other Lodges in our area, and other Masonic Organization to inform them of who we are and what our purposes are all about. Think positive and we will continue “Onward and Upward”,

I look forward to visiting many of you in the coming months.

S & F

Bob

KNICKERBOCKER - WEST POINT #13, CPT Ronald J. Steiner, Secretary, 18 Buena Vista Rd., Suffern, NY 10901-1730.

L-r: The Most Worshipful James E. Sullivan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York; a newly obligated Brother Sojourner in our chapter, Major Robert E. Seaman, III; and the Most Worshipful Dorian R. Glover, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in the State of New York. Picture captures an historic moment in time when two Grand Masters of two New York Grand Lodges were obligated as Honorary Members of National Sojourners. More than 100 Sojourners, Masons, ladies and guests were on hand to witness this event at an annual luncheon meeting in the New York Metropolitan area held by our chapter. The event took place October 7th at the historic Old ’76 House in Tappan, NY ... site of the imprisonment of Major John Andre following his capture in the Revolutionary War after he negotiated to obtain the plans for West Point with General Benedict Arnold. The Brother seen between Grand Master Sullivan and Major Seaman is Bro. Bill Thorne, President and former Senior Vice Commander, Department of New York, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN #16, Mr. Leonard R. Bezar, Secretary, 31455 Valley Forge Circle, King of Prussia 19406. Our guest speaker at our September meeting was May Bezar Brill, Senior Vice Commander of the Cherry Hill, NJ Post #126 of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA. Her talk was about Women in the Military from the early French and Indian Wars of the 18th Century, to Operations “Enduring Freedom” and “Iraqi Freedom” of the 21st Century. In the early days women were posted as lookouts to alert the troops if enemy combatants were approaching. She mentioned the roles of Molly Pitcher in the Revolutionary War, and women as combatants in the Spanish American War, and through each war until today. May served as a WAVE during WW2 and described her work experiences, so that sailors could be deployed to sea-going combat vessels. She closed her remarks by stating that many women now returning home from deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan are experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and are suffering the same as our returning male soldiers, except that they are not getting the treatment and care that the men get. After an active round of questions by the members and guests, President Portnoy presented May with an engraved mirror compact and a certificate of appreciation. He also presented her with a copy of “Toast to the Flag” by John Daly, which May had requested after hearing PP Winton Hewitt’s fine recital of the poem at the opening of the Chapter’s Meeting.

OMAHA #19, CWO Gerald D. Verbeek, Secretary, 1550 North Lincoln Ave, Fremont, NE 68025. Although dark in June, when six members plus ladies attended the annual convention in Vermont, a busy
summer followed. Six journeyed 200 plus miles to York Lodge #56 to present a vibrant “Colonial Ladies at the Table”. PNC Ed Nolte made a superb flag presentation to more than 80 at Crete, NE. On July 4, 2012 we presented the “Lodge of Military Tribute Ceremony” in Tekamah Lodge #31. Bros. Dick Curley, Carl Diamond, A. J. Johnson, Ed Nolte, and Jerry Verbeek filling the chairs with three, also properly uniformed, members of the lodge assisting. The chapter presented 22 ROTC awards, 18 in Nebraska, 3 in South Dakota and 1 in Iowa.

PASADENA #265, LTC Joe Ryland, Secretary, 5215 Kauffman Ave, Temple City, CA 91780-3948. Our chapter holds bimonthly regular meetings at the Barkley Restaurant in South Pasadena, CA. Last year there was sufficient space for our meetings; now we are a bit crowded because we have a large attendance. It was proposed that we find another restaurant with more room. However, everybody said “NO” because they like this meeting place and it is in a convenient location. One reason for the popularity of our meetings is the laid back, casual way that we conduct the meetings. The restaurant offers a selection of two or three entrees that everyone says are good. A recent survey indicates that our members consider themselves to be well-informed about Sojourners activities at both the national and area levels. At most chapter meetings, the chairman of our Education & Training Committee, Bernie Harris, presents a talk about a subject that is related to the interests of National Sojourners.

Portsmouth #386, Maj. C. William Willey, Secretary. PO Box 1264, Dover, NH 03820. The annual Ben Hill Picnic for Portsmouth Chapter #386 Portsmouth, New Hampshire was held August 18, 2012 at the Portsmouth Naval Ship Kittery, Maine Yard in the Jamaica Recreation Area. After a fine picnic dinner the regular meeting of Portsmouth Chapter #386 was opened in regular form by the Chapter President, Brother Philip M Reed with Brother Richard Dewing reciting the Purposes of National Sojourners from memory. Brother Andrew F. Hirst did the Sacred Roll Call of our departed Brethren which was followed by the playing of Taps with all Sojourners rendering a hand salute. Brother Andrew F. Hirst, Area Rep. presented the chapter with the Past National President’s award 2nd Runner up (Development).

Brethren and guests who attended the Annual Ben Hill picnic.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA #435, PO2 Thomas A. Olsen, Secretary, 3030 Woodveil Lane, Orange Park, FL 32073. At our meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, we were pleased to have as our speaker, John Meserve, Captain, USN Ret., who spoke to us about some of his flying experiences and also about the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park, which is a Park located in Atlantic Beach, Florida. Captain Meserve served as Mayor of Atlantic Beach for four years. The Park is entering a new fundraising and memorials to include six monuments and marble benches to be built to honor each of the six military branches. Captain Meserve explained that the fundraising involves commemorative bricks which can be purchased by groups or individuals.

L-r: Bros. Andrew F. Hirst, Area Rep., presenting Philip Reed, President, receiving Past National President’s award 2nd Runner up (Development) C. William Willey, Secretary, looking on.

L-r: Bros. Van Owen, Doug Bridges, Joe Ryland, and Ben Masoyan

GREEN MOUNTAIN #527, Mr. Cedric L. Smith, Secretary, PO Box 586, South Barre, VT 05670-0586.

In August, our chapter and camp participated in the Third Annual Masonic Motorcycle Ride for VA Hospital Veterans sponsored by Pulaski Lodge # 58 of Wells River. At the Vermont Veterans National Cemetery in Randolph Center. The chapter and camp Flag Team greeted some forty-seven riders as they assembled around the circle of flags at the cemetery entrance. Cal Keyler, PP, introduced the team which was outfitted in colonial uniforms and Tom MacPhee, PP, presented the “toast to the flag” followed by the Pledge of Allegiance”. The thirteen hundred dollars that was raised that day was added to approximately $300.00 in Veterans phone cards and many more gifts, such as toiletry items, socks, and spending money, for the veterans. These were to be presented to Bro. Tuffy Doyle, The Masonic Service Representative for Vermont at the VA Hospital. This was the third year that this important event has been sponsored by Pulaski Lodge # 58 and was by far the largest and most successful. It was the first time National Sojourners was invited to participate. Beginning at P&H Stop at Exit 17 on I-91, the riders proceeded to the VA Hospital in White River where they deposited gifts and funds. Then it was on to the Viet Nam Memorial at Sharon on I-89 and then to Randolph Center and the National Cemetery for the concluding ceremony at the circle of flags.


INDIANA MASONIC HOME #541, CPO Douglas C. Fraker, Secretary, 983 Solomon Dr. Franklin, IN 46131-2581. Major General R. Martin Umbarger, Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, spoke at the 2 August 2012 meeting of our chapter. The members of the chapter, and their ladies, were honored to hear the comments of General Umbarger. The General’s remarks were interesting and uplifting, the more so having come from a committed Master Mason. General Umbarger spoke on what Masonry means to him, the history of the
National Guard, and closed with a description of his duties as state Adjutant General.

General Umbarger making a point.

L-r: President Richard L. Moore presents a certificate of appreciation to General Umbarger.

JOHN SEVIER #548, Mr. C. Hogan Hairston, Secretary, 32 Sir Abbott St., Greenville, SC 29607.

L-r: Bros. I. Lewis Langley, LOH, Harry E. Sanders, PNP.

EDWIN HICKMAN #550, Mr. C. Frank Alexander, Secretary, 1154 Westfield Road, Dickson, TN 37055. There was a good turnout for our meeting on September 20, 2012, which included the National President, James R. McConnell, Area Rep., Dan Taylor, Regional Rep., Charley Umberger, and two RWPGM of TN. Our President Bro. Judge Sam Smith assisted by Bro. McConnell initiated 5 new members in excellent style. Bro. McConnell then presented the Chapter Charter to Bro. Smith, who then presented several handmade gifts to Bro. McConnell. Bro. Umberger then gave a short talk on the Youth Leadership Conference in Huntsville, AL, the hat was passed around and we collected sufficient funds to send two students.

No, the National President is NOT ON the warpath, he is demonstrating the handmade Bowie knife he received from Judge Smith. Judge Smith handmade the knife, engraved it, and made the presentation box which is also engraved.

Bro. McConnell is holding the handmade “Edwin Hickman Backscratcher” made of deer antler.

L-r: Bros. James R. McConnell presenting the Chapter Charter to Judge Sam Smith.

L-r: Bros. Charles Umberger, Samuel Smith, Bob McConnell “Showing off” the new Charter.

NATIONAL COMMANDERS MESSAGE

All organizations have laws and rules that are necessary for the members to have knowledge of what is expected of them and to maintain some semblance of peace and harmony. Otherwise, standards and mutual agreement of methods and practices would not exist and chaos would be inevitable. Such is the case with Masonry in general, and the National Sojourners, Inc., and the Heroes of ’76. Grand Lodges develop Laws, by-laws, and regulations to govern all Masonic activities in their jurisdiction. The National Sojourners, Inc., and National Heroes of ’76, established laws, regulations, by-laws, and operational procedures to govern our organization. This memorandum addresses the Heroes of ’76, portion of those laws, regulations, by-laws and operational procedures concerning the Camps that are chartered under said National organization and are contained in the Heroes manual. The initiation ceremony of the Heroes of ’76 is an event that is designed to make an ever lasting impression on the recruit and the Heroes Manual. Chapter V, sub-paragraph 11, gives a very plain explanation of why only one recruit is to be processed during a bivouac unless the National Commander gives a special waver. Wavers are not normally granted except under unusual circumstances. The rule further states that a maximum of two recruits per day are authorized even at an encampment and that certain procedures are required even then. Copies of Chapter Charters that only meet twice a year are dispersed for the purpose of allowing said Chapters to get credit for being represented at Area Conferences and Encampments. They are not dispersed so a Camp can bypass Chapter V, subparagraph 11. It is the responsibility of the National Commander to protect the integrity of the Heroes of ’76. The recruit must be our primary concern and any deviation to these rules will not be acceptable. If violations of these rules occur, appropriate action will follow, up to and including the arrest or revocation of the camp charter. The Area and Regional Representatives have been notified to report violations of these rules to the National Commander for action.

S&F
David H. Gardner
CAMP NEWS

LAFAYETTE CAMP (Baltimore #7). We participated in the Harvest Home Day hosted by the Grand Lodge of Md. There were 1200 Masons in attendance at the event.

Two of our members Manning our Display.

ALAMO CAMP (Ft Sam Houston #17). A raw recruit by the name of David R. Martin, normally called “David”, was officially made a Hero on 29 August 2012. After many attempts at gaining clandestine admission to the Camp, and evading his captors, he was finally cornered and placed in the guardhouse awaiting interrogation. He was shabbily dressed and had wounds throughout his body and was using a stick for a cane. He was confined to the guardhouse, fed beans, bread and water until the Commander decided to call him forth to explain himself. He claimed that it was his intentions to join the Continental Army. But before he ever proclaimed that he wanted to join the Continental Army, it required several trips through the well-known tributary due to his lack of knowledge of the questions put forth to him. “Tom” is a strong Mason involved in his Blue Lodge. He is a strong supporter of Ft Sam Houston Chapter # 17 and deserving of this recognition. The National Commander of the National Heroes, Bro David Gardner, who is a member of the Chapter, was in attendance and participated in the ceremony.

L-r: Bros. McConnell, NP; Carnes; Gardner, NC; Dixon, Com.; Martin, Recruit; Putnam, OD; Bosenbury, CAS.

MOULTRIE CAMP (Charleston #28) and GEORGIA HUSSARS CAMP (Hunter #502). The Heroes of the two camps held their twelfth annual encampment at Fort Harmony (Harmony Lodge #22) Beaufort, SC. On September the 15th and as the two camps members were enjoying their first get together in over a year when there was an alarm from the sentry. Two rough looking, bloody characters were escorted in by the sentinel. They said that they wanted to join the Continental Army. Moultrie Commander Tom Musolf ordered them taken to the guard house and interrogated. After much anguish and determination with the much use of the “D” they were found to be Master Masons and Sojourners and Bros. David Brewster and Robert Brooks were made Heroes of ’76. Georgia Hussars Bro. Wally J. Crews gave an outstanding rendition of the “Toast to the Flag”. Georgia Hussars Commander Ernest McCorkle did a fine job with their candidate. A fine meal was enjoyed and Mess Officer WB Laurence Laughlin was thanked for his efforts in feeding the encampment every year. Lunch was followed by a Camp Followers Degree conducted by Den Mother Betty Ford and her assistants on Sisters Dale Booth, Martha Brewster, Valinda Coffey, Betty Sheppard and Nancy Strickland.

The ladies receiving their Camp Followers Degree.

NATHANAEL GREENE CAMP (Tinker #43). We were privileged to present the “Building of the Flag” program to the approximately 265 Elementary and Middle School students enrolled in the Jones, Ok. School System on Friday October 5th, 2012. The program was very well received by all the attentive, well-mannered and receptive students. The team consisted of Bros. Dan Burchett, James Selders, Kenneth Staten and Hank Riebel.

The Flag team with Cindy Harrison, Principal. Bro. Selders is also a member of the Jones Board of Education.

E. B. JONES CAMP (Kentucky #134).

L-r: Rekruits Larry J. Wolford and Bernt O. Nyman stand humbly before the camp tribunal, while OOD Perry W. Byers listens intently for the Commanders orders.

YORK CAMP (Harrisburg #76). Our members had just settled down when there was a disturbance at our guard lines. One suspicious looking character with wounds showing and one poor excuse for a seaman, also with wounds, were confronted, questioned, and placed in the guard house. Both were shabbily dressed but claimed to be Master Masons and Sojourners and expressed a strong desire to join our camp. Each recruit was individually presented before the Commander. Commotion was created when it was found that neither recruit had the proper identification, written orders, or correct answers during interrogation, and couldn’t satisfy the members concerning their “heroic acts”. After some subtle prompting their memory did return and subsequently both were individually welcomed into our camp.

L-r: Bros. Don Shaw PNP/LOH, Ronald Smith and Kenneth Willis, Past Grand
Masters of Indiana [initiated as the newest Heroes], and Encampment Commander Floyd Sendmeyer. The HEROES OF ’76 Encampment was held at Millersville Masonic Lodge, Indianapolis, IN on 8/18/12 with over 20 in attendance.

JOHN J. PERSHING CAMP (Pasadena #265). Recently, when our camp was recuperating from rigorous combat duty, we were visited by, none other than, General David Gardner who was making an inspection tour of his combat-ready troops. He congratulated our fearless Camp Commander, Don Regis, for whipping this camp into a unit that was ready for any military assignment. He told the assembled troopers that he considered this camp to be one of his best horse-cavalry units. He explained that he was proud of the energy and enthusiasm that was displayed by our fighting men. He expressed his confidence that our brave, intrepid soldiers could be successful in rounding up the wild aborigines who have long been running loose throughout the badlands of the southwestern states. General Gardner stated that he expects to receive orders soon from the U.S. President to patrol the southern border to protect the U.S. from possible invasion.

L-r: Bros. Bob Mason, Kermit Rosenthal, Jim Benson, and Joe Ryland

COL. GEORGE F. UNMACHT CAMP (Seminole #373). On Labor Day, September 3, 2012, the Orange County Sportsman’s Club held their annual picnic and dedicated their new clubhouse. The members of our chapter and camp, presented the Service Flags program. Participating were Col. Dick Wyatt, NC/S; CW5 Pedro Arroyo, PNC; MCPO Bud DeLong; CW3 Henry Kuhn; MSgt. Jim Dickenson; Sgt. Martin Schwebel, NJA. Assisting were Ladies Margaret Wyatt, Josie Arroyo, Doris Kuhn, Leta Dickenson, and Joan Schwebel.

ANDREW JACKSON CAMP (Northeast Florida #435). On September 9, 2012, while we were settling down for the evening we discovered a lone and haggard recruit outside the perimeter. After examination and investigation into his history, he was initiated and admitted into our camp.


SAM HOUSTON CAMP (Houston #513). We presented a Building the Flag Program for Tomball College, Tomball, Texas of the Lone Star College System on September 17, 2012 as part of their celebration of Constitutional Day.

L-r: Camp follower Melba McKee, Bros. Zane Lantz and Terry McKee holding the flag. Also helping but not shown was Clark Friesen of the Speech Department.

CARL L. SITTER CAMP (Shenandoah Valley #543). On August 11, 2012, we were invited to present the Building the Flag program at the annual Front Royal Corn Roast in Front Royal, Virginia. This event took place on a beautiful summer evening at a private summer camp on the shores of the lovely Shenandoah River. For a large audience of about 75-80 people, Bro. Charlie E. Davis narrated the program. Assisting him that evening was Bro. Robert Mertens and Camp Followers Wanda Lawson and Irene Mertens. The guests listened attentively while Bro. Davis told the history of our flag and the stripes and stars were put on one by one. During the playing of background music, Bro. Davis told of all the places and all the things Old Glory has seen and been involved with from its beginning stages to the present day. Everyone stood while Bro. Davis gave an address to the flag and “Taps” was played. Afterwards, the Heroes and ladies were invited to partake of the wonderful food provided and to listen to a local singer accompanied by a four piece band which entertained all with some good down home country music. A beautiful country setting, good food, good friends, and good music. It doesn’t get any better than that!

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SMSGt Wallace D. Alexander, #529, MIP
Sponsor: Unknown

CPL Joven R. Bilog, #265, MIP
Sponsor: Jeremy Chongco

SFC Louie G. Blocker, #550
Sponsor: James E. Kelley

PO3 Lenny A. Clairmont, #439
Sponsor: Bruce H. Bonnell

COL Carlos G. Costa, #133
Sponsor: Brian Wegesser

SN Louis Costa, #533
Sponsor: Art Monson

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Sponsor: Kenneth Kaplan

MSG Richard L. Fredrickson, #13
Sponsor: Ronald J. Steiner

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Mr. Dorian R. Glover, #13
Sponsor: Bill Thorne

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Sponsor: Vic Henke

LTC Jeffrey H. Hauser, #243, MIP
Sponsor: Alan L. Bergstrom

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Sponsor: Rodney F. Ayers

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Sponsor: James E. Kelley

SGT John H. Lowe, Jr., #247
Sponsor: John J. Costello
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Fort Jackson #184
Camp Pendleton #243
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Alaska #355
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LIFE OF AN EXCEPTIONAL SOJOURNER

Mark L. Hersey was born at Stetson, Maine [a village so small it is not on the current state map] December, 1863. He attended country schools of his native village until he was seventeen, when he was sent to Bates College. He then reported to West Point as a cadet June, 1883, with others who went there for an education. He was popular, with a kindly disposition which made him a favorite with all. When he graduated June, 1887, he was assigned to the Infantry. He married Elizabeth Noyes of Waterville, September 1887. The newlyweds had been spending part of their honeymoon at Las Vegas Hot Spring. At Albuquerque, Mark received a telegram changing his orders from Fort Apache to Fort Mojave, Arizona, the smallest, hottest and most isolated post in the Southwest. What must the young bride from eastern civilization have thought of the heat, loneliness, and other hardships of that southwestern frontier post? His duty was active scouting and patrolling in the Indian country. By 1891, the Apache Indians had been returned to their reservations, and Mark was given a detail at the University of Maine. During the Spanish-American War he accompanied his regiment to Santiago, Cuba but was invalided home with yellow fever.

“In September, 1900 he conducted a detachment of recruits to Peking (Peiping) China. Shortly he was appointed Assistant Provost Marshal of that city. Captain Hersey’s regiment, the Ninth Infantry, returned to Manila, in the Philippines, from China, in May 1901. After service in the ‘Bosque’ in the campaign in Samar, following the Balangiga massacre, he was ordered home, where his regiment did garrison duty for two years. He returned to the Philippine Islands in 1905, and for four more years held the important position of Assistant Chief of Mindanao.

“When we entered WWI he was assigned the 58th Infantry. Before August 1917 he spent six weeks on an observation tour in France. He then took the 155th Infantry Brigade, which served several weeks in trenches taking part in both the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne drives. So distinguished was General Hersey’s service that he was made Major General in October 1918, and assigned to command 4th Division, which, after the Armistice, was designated to take part in the occupation of Germany. It remained in Coblenz more than a year.

“During his active service he was the recipient of many honors, among them
the D.S.M. (U.S.0; Officer of the Legion of Honor (France); and the Croix de Guerre with Palms (France). He was a member of the Initial General Staff Corps Eligible List and graduate of the Army War College, he received an A.B. in 1884, an A.M. in 1902 and LL.D., 1919, from Bates College, Maine and an LL.D. 1921 from University of Maine. He was Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World War for a year and a member of the Sojourners; Chapter at the time of his death, January 22, 1934," age 71. Elizabeth died April 1932 having accompanied him to many of these exotic and dangerous posts—65th Annual Report, Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY, 6/11/34.

WHAT IS REQUIRED ... TO BE A SUCCESSFUL SOJOURNER CHAPTER?

BY ROBERT A. DAVIS

First and foremost, it takes a nucleus of dedicated and motivated members who believe and practice the purpose of National Sojourners Inc. in this nucleus, two members must be identified as Chapter Secretary and Chapter President. The Secretary is the most important man in the chapter – he can make or break a weak chapter. Preferably, he will be a Past President and Past Commander. In these days of computers the secretary must be competent, friendly and knowledgeable with the internet. It is imperative that he possess administrative abilities. I know of several successful chapters in which a members spouse attends the meetings, takes the notes, types the minutes, and maintains the membership roster. Assists with the chapter monthly bulletin and telephone committee. There have been instances where a widow of a chapter member, who possesses these skills, have graciously assisted the chapter secretary. God bless our Ladies. Bro. Nelson Newcombe, our National Secretary, generally approves of this precious spousal assistance to their Heroes. A serendipitous result may be that other members ladies take an interest in chapter activities by becoming “CAMP FOLLOWERS” and hostesses for various chapter functions. A successful chapter cannot long endure without the support of members ladies. The Chapter Officers Handbook in Chapter III identifies and describes in detail his job description and duties. In my experiences, as Regional Representative in Florida, there have been chapters go “IN MEMORIUM” primarily due to the Chapter Secretary’s inability to perform these duties effectively and continually. Of course, other factors also contributed to the chapters demise: Aging Membership; Loss of Members Lady; Inability to recruit younger members; No motivation to develop “Team Concept”; No continuity in meeting places; Members loss of focus.

The Chapter President is the “Man out front”. He should possess essential leadership and organizational abilities. Many chapters have experienced an unsuccessful year because the President was selected by default or merely because he was a “Good Guy”. Consequently he either could not or would not effectively lead the chapter, especially in establishing or maintaining the line of Chapter/Camp Officers. Chapter II, President’s Guide, in the Chapter Officers Handbook states in part “If you follow the guidance contained in this handbook, you will work very hard and have an outstanding year”. It has been my unfortunate experience to observe that Chapter Presidents have not always received this handbook upon being installed in that office. This can be indicative of the questionable previous Chapter Presidents supervision of the Chapter Secretary. This comment is also applicable to the Camp Commander. He must be provided with a current copy of the Heroes of ’76 Handbook. But so much for those crucial chapter members. There are other factors that come into being, but enumerating them all are beyond this evening time constraints. The strength of most social organizations is the support received from the Past Presidents. These experienced individuals can provide a continuity which would be invaluable to the new chapter officers. There is an antiquated military expression that says “You can’t push a string”. Or one that says “You can’t pull a chain with unconnected links”.. But the one that directly affects the subsequent at hand may possibly be, “Push, Pull or get out of the way”. Each Chapter has an impressive history. It is high time to get back to basics, get back on track and honor our Masonic and Military Heritage.
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