



# Pasadena Chapter 265 National Sojourners



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 10, 2016

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by the Chapter President, Daniel Hood, in compliance with the Opening Ritual of the National Order of Ceremonies. It was held at the Barkley Restaurant, 1400 Huntington Dr., South Pasadena, CA. Marty Mihal, acting Chaplain, attended the Bible and gave the prayer. The Purposes of National Sojourners was read by Daniel Hood. The Toast to the Flag was given from memory by Joe Ryland. The Pronouncement was given from memory by Marty Mihal. Daniel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all members and their ladies. Everyone had an entrée choice of chicken fried steak, or filet of sole.

Tickets for the free door prizes were distributed to everyone by Katie Ryland. The first lucky ticket was held by Dan Hood who was given a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Black Angus Steak House. The second lucky ticket was held by Ruth Ewald who was given a \$25.00 gift certificate to B.J.'s Restaurant & Brewhouse.

Joe Ryland had three tote bags that were left over from the past convention in Greenville, SC. He gave them to Joven Bilog, Michael Schneider, and Simon McIlroy.

Joe stated that we had seven items of correspondence:

- 1) Our chapter received a \$150.00 check when Joe recited "Old Glory Speaks" at the Constitutional Observance program of Arcadia Lodge.
- 2) Joe informed everyone that Bob Plank had died on August 21. Bob was an MMIP in our chapter and he was the chapter secretary of East Valley #521 for many years.
- 3) Joe read the cover sheet of the 2017 Essay Contest and Bruce Ewald who is the chairman of our chapter essay endeavor gave copies of the cover sheet to those who asked for them. The deadline for arrival of the essays at the national office is Jan 15, 2017.
- 4) Joe explained the National President's 2016-17 Spark Plug Award and encouraged everyone to work toward earning a Spark Plug Pin. Joe will send everyone an application tomorrow by e-mail attachment.

- 5) Joe talked about the Chapter Excellence Award. We will work toward winning this award.
- 6) We received an e-mail from Steve Fowler, Area Representative of NORCAL, who asked for volunteers to work on the Sojourner booth at California Grand Lodge. Joe explained that working at the booth was an enjoyable experience and encouraged those who are going to Grand Lodge to volunteer.
- 7) Joe read a letter from the National Secretary congratulating us for reaching 100% participation in the 365 Club. Joe gave the streamer to Dan Hood to be put on our Chapter Banner.

Dan presented the following awards:

- Past Chapter President certificate to Jeremy Chongco.
- Past Camp Commander certificate to Bob Reynolds.
- Pasadena #265 Membership certificate to Michael Schneider.
- National Presidential Citation to Bob Reynolds.
- National Presidential Citation to Jeremy Chongco.
- National Presidential Citation to Bruce Ivie.

Bernie Harris discussed his plans for the activities of John J. Pershing Camp. He explained that it was necessary to cancel the bivouac that was scheduled for Oct 15 because there were too many conflicting activities. The next bivouac will be Nov 12 at Old Fort Hood. Dave Higdon will be the recruit.

Bernie Harris, chairman of our E&T Committee, gave a very interesting presentation about life saving techniques. He explained the importance of assisting heart attack victims and demonstrated the proper way to perform CPR. He showed us how to use the AED (automatic external defibrillator).

The chapter conducted a formal initiation of Jim Helms. Steve Harris read the 1<sup>st</sup> lecture. Simon McIlroy read the medal lecture and pointed to a large picture of the Great Seal of National Sojourners as he read. Steve Klein read the history lecture. Jim was welcomed by all as our newest member. Jim was given a name badge in a holder, a Sojourner medal, and a Members' Handbook.

In his role of Regional Representative - East, Simon McIlroy spoke briefly about the two chapters in the region he represents, and their unique needs. In his role of Regional Representative - West, Steve Harris talked briefly about the three chapters in which he has regional responsibilities.

Joe Ryland was asked to make a financial report. He stated that we have \$460.90 in our checking account. We will probably spend most of this before the end of the fiscal year which is June 31, 2017. Our only income is from the dividends earned from the National Sojourners Trust Fund, so we seldom have anything left at the end of the fiscal year.

Daniel asked for announcements .

- 1) Steve Harris announced that the National Midwinter Conference will be Jan 11 through Jan 16. The National Convention will be June 13 through June 18. He has two extra rooms at the Marine Memorial Hotel and if anybody is interested in staying there during Grand Lodge they should contact him after the chapter meeting.
- 2) Simon announced that the Pasadena Scottish Rite degree conferrals will be on Oct 15 and 22. The speaker at the next reunion will be Nathan Marsak who will talk about Charles Cobb who was a great Scottish Rite Mason. On Tuesday Oct 25 Bob Reynolds will be the featured speaker at the Burbank Shrine Club.
- 3) Dave Hellem announced that his wife, Lina, became a U.S. citizen on August 12, 2016.
- 4) Ruth Ewald announced that Sam Pitassi is in the hospital with severe asthma.

The meeting was closed at 8:48 pm by Daniel Hood, Chapter President, in compliance with the Closing Ritual of the National Order of Ceremonies. Marty Mihal, acting Chaplain, attended the Bible and gave the closing prayer.

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