



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

National Sojourners, Inc.
Charlottesville, Virginia

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At a meeting of James Monroe Chapter No. 549, held at Fort King Solomon (aka King Solomon Lodge) in Crozet, Albemarle County, VA on Wednesday the 1st of February 2017, with the following present:

Goldie Tomlin
Jeff Hodges

Jim Fields
Kent Schlusel

Scott Fielding
Kirk Sheap

Ed Crebbs
HarveyFleshman

Visitors: Patricia Grosso

Ladies present: Susan Hodges, Sara Tomlin, Charlaine Crebbs, Sylvia Fielding, Judy Schlusel, Norma Sheap, and Helen Fields

Opening: President Crebbs called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in proper form. The President suspended the business meeting so that we could eat. The meal was prepared by the Camp Followers with the main course, spaghetti, being provided by Lady Charlaine Crebbs. After a delicious meal, and the pie tasting of six delicious pies and voting on the “best” pie, the meeting continued.

Officers present were: President: Ed Crebbs; First Vice President: Jim Fields; 2nd Vice President: Kirk Sheap; 3rd Vice President: Scott Fielding; and Secretary/Treasurer: Kent Schlusel.

Purpose: President read the Purpose of the Order followed by the opening prayer led by the acting chaplain, Brother Hodges.

Introductions: President welcomed everyone.

Announcements:

Chapter:

- 1) Brother Goldie Tomlin announced that the annual Toys for Tots program was very successful. The toys were presented to the Marines on Saturday, 10 December 2016 at their location in Albemarle Square in the old library space along with \$587.00. Everyone was thanked for their participation.
- 2) Our guest, Patricia Grosso, from the Otto Krause Technical School, Buenos Aires, Argentina, explained their six-year program and why the local community college (Piedmont Virginia Community College) has had a 25 year exchange with her school.

- 3) Our guest also gave a short explanation of the Argentina flag and its history.
- 4) Bro Harvey Fleshman updated us on Bro Jim Starcher. Bro Jim is recovering and is feeling much better.
- 5) Lady Susan Hodges and Lady Sara Tomlin announced the “winners” of the pie tasting context, but more importantly, \$87 was raised for the Wounded Warriors project. It should be noted that each vote cost \$1.00 and there was no limited (except for how much money one had) on the number of times one could vote.
- 6) The April 2017 meeting will be at the home of Bro Baskerville and Lady Randy in Charlottesville. More information will be forthcoming.
- 7) The June meeting will be at Bro Goldie Tomlin and Lady Sara’s home in Nellysford, VA.
- 8) Elections will be held at the June meeting. All officers will remain in place except for the 2nd Vice President. Bro Fielding was asked to seek a brother for this position.
- 9) Our President, Bro Crebbs will be going to the Youth Leadership Conference in Valley Forge this summer as a chaperon. We are hoping to send two or three students to this program.

Camp:

- 1) A Bivouac will be held on Saturday, 29 April 2017 at Fort King Solomon in Crozet, VA. This is the 5th Saturday of April.
- 2) Flag presentation has been requested for the Grand Master’s visit at Ivy Creek Methodist Church on 16 June 2017. We will need to meet at 1700 hours.
- 3) On 6 October 2017, the University of Virginia will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of “Central College” (later the University of Virginia). The Masons at the time (in 1817) played a major role in laying of the conerstone. The Camp has been requested to participate with flags. Details are still being worked out.
- 4) The Camp may be asked to present flags on 28 October 2017 for the Grand Commandeer.
- 5) The Camp is still on tap for a flag presentation at Linn Banks Lodge on 16 November 2017.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of the December 2016 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 1 February 2017:	\$4094.71
Camp Followers Fund:	\$105.68
(no change)	
Chapter Fund:	\$1525.65
Plastic Holders -\$29.20	
3-6-5 Funds -\$51.10	
Dues -\$40.00	
Fines +\$5.00	
Flag Fund:	\$50.24
(no change)	
Youth Leadership Fund:	\$878.97
Donation +\$48.90	
Unrestricted Fund:	\$1534.17
TOTAL:	\$4094.71

Reading of Communications:

- Received the new Sojourners Manual of Ceremonies dated 01 January 2017.
- Received a Holiday Card from Headquarters, National Sojourners.
- The Chapter was awarded a 3-6-5 streamer for its flag for participation and meeting our goal.

Presentation of Petition: The petition of Brother William Foster Hughes was presented. He has also applied for MIP.

Secret Balloting on Petitions: Brother Hughes was voted into membership in the Chapter.

Initiation of New Members: N/A

Reports of Standing Committees:

Program, 2nd Vice President: Bro Kirk Sheap presented a program on “How Old Glory Got its Name”:

A story of flag history concerning the Stars and Stripes during the War Between the States is that dealing with “Old Glory” and how our flag obtained that name. William Driver was a Massachusetts sea captain born in Salem in 1803. On his twenty-first birthday, he was given a homemade twenty-four star flag by his mother and upon first hoisting it on his vessel and seeing it unfurl, he named it “Old Glory”. He continued to proudly display this flag as he sailed his small whaler, the Charles Doggett, throughout the world including on the voyage of August-September of 1831 in which his vessel carried the survivors of 1789 mutiny on the British ship *Bounty* from Tahiti to their homes on Pitcairn Island. In 1837, after the death of his first wife, William gave up the sea and moved to Nashville, Tennessee where he remarried and began working in a store owned by his brother.

He brought with him his cherished flag which he flew from his home on three occasions each year: George Washington’s birthday, St. Patrick’s Day (which was his birthday as well) and on the 4th of July. In 1860, his wife and daughters repaired the now tattered flag and replaced the original stars with thirty-four new ones. William added one thing to the right lower corner of the canton, a small anchor which he sewed on himself and which still remains on the flag.

With the secession of Tennessee on May 7th, 1861, the flag was hidden by the Driver family in a quilt used as a bed comforter. Twice while Confederate forces occupied the city, partisans came to his home and demanded that he surrender the flag. According to his daughter, when the second group arrived and made this demand, William replied that they would have to take it over his dead body. They left without it.

When Nashville was occupied by federal troops on February 25, 1862, “Old Glory” was taken by William from its hiding place in the quilt and under an escort of troops from the 6th Ohio Regiment, taken to the Tennessee State Capitol Building where he hoisted it from the dome of the Capitol. According to his daughter, Mary Driver Roland, this event was greeted with “frantic cheering and uproarious demonstrations by soldiers and a sprinkling of civilians”.

It was this event that popularized the name “Old Glory” as a nickname for the American flag. The Driver family took “Old Glory” home the day after flying it over the Capitol building until the two-day battle of Nashville in December of 1864 when Confederate forces under General John Bell Hood attacked the city but were fought back by Union troops commanded by General George H. Thomas (a native of Southampton County, Virginia). On the morning of the battle (the 15th of December), William instructed his family to fly the flag from a third story window of his house and then left for Fort Negly to join in the defense of the city. As he left, the 61-year-old “called together the entire household”

according to his daughter, Mary, and said, that "If 'Old Glory' was not in sight, I'll blow the house out of sight, too."

Captain Driver died on March 3, 1886 and was buried in Nashville's City Cemetery. Though his grave was never recognized by Congress as one where the flag was to be flown 24 hours a day, the caretakers of his grave do so in honor of the man who came up with the storied nickname of "Old Glory". "Old Glory" is now on display in the Smithsonian's Museum of American History

Taken from "Flag An American Biography" by Mark Leepson (Thomas Dunne Books, 2005)
p. 116-118.

Unfinished Business:

--After voting via e-mail and phone, the motion to change the by-laws (made last meeting in December 2016), to change the meeting date to the second Friday of even months, failed to reach the 2/3 votes needed to change the by-laws.

--The day of the meeting was discussed. All decided that Wednesday was a good day but which Wednesday of the month is the question. The Secretary was directed to send out a question to the membership to determine which Wednesday would be better for the majority of the membership. This is only an effort to increase participation in the meetings.

New Business:

--Motion was made by Bro Goldie Tomlin to take the money collected for the meal (minus rental fees for King Solomon Lodge) to be given to the Camp Followers increase the donation to the Wounded Warriors Project and to double that amount from Chapter Funds. The total for donation would then be \$320. Motion seconded and passed.

--Next meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 5th of April 2017**. The meeting will take place at the home of Brother Bill Baskerville and Lady Randy's home in Charlottesville, VA.

The gravel was passed to all in attendance. Everyone thanked each other for the fellowship of the meeting, the great food and pies.

Closing: The meeting was closed in proper form by President Crebbs at approximately 2050 hours.

Submitted

Kent Schlüssel
Kent Schlüssel, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

Edgar M. Crebbs
Edgar M. Crebbs, Jr., President 2016-17