



THE SAN DIEGO SOJOURNER
SAN DIEGO CHAPTER NO. 45 NATIONAL SOJOURNERS
MAY 2017



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: I would like to convey my appreciation to all Brothers of the CONSTITUTION CAMP for our first of the year 2017 Bivouac last April 29 at Camp Old Salt Alex in El Cajon for Brother Perfecto Ortiz.

Welcome Bro Ortiz to the Heroes of 76! Consequently, let us also plan to schedule another Bivouac for Brothers Arnel Zapata and Norman Parker on the coming month of July or August.

This June, we have three Historic Flag Presentations in Solana Beach, Scottish Rite Center and San Diego State University. Brother James Helt needs our support and assistance to make the presentations a success. Any volunteers from the Brother Sojourners are welcome and much appreciated.

Lastly, my personal thanks to all brother sojourners who volunteered for the presentation of medals and certificates of Appreciation to Grossmont High School (Brother Gunn), Sweetwater Union High School (Brother Manzano), Ramona High School (Brothers Parker and Macaraeg) and Coronado High School (Brother Johnson).

"If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner"... Omar N. Bradley

Sincerely and Fraternally

Jose P De Vera Jr.

President



SECRETARY'S COMMENTS The regular meeting of San Diego Chapter No. 45, National Sojourners, Inc. was held at the Best Western, Seven Seas, San Diego, CA on 27 April 2017.

With the only officers present being the President, Brother Jose DeVera, the first Vice President, Brother Pepito Salgatar and the Secretary/Treasurer Brother James Helt, the President opened the Chapter in due form at 1820 and welcomed all present.

The meeting was recessed for dinner at 1825.

After the dinner was served to twenty-one members, twelve wives of members, two guests and one honored lady for a total of thirty-six, the meeting was called to order by President De Vera at 1910.

President De Vera introduced our guests Martin Lloyd and Sidney Leff. He then introduced our Honored Lady, Jean Bowlin, the Camp Followers of the Year, Sandra Helt, 2002-2003 and Nelia Manzano, 2012-2013, the Commander of Constitution Camp, Heroes of '76, Brother Rudolfo Bautista, and the Regional Rep South, California Area South, Brother James Helt.

The Secretary, Brother James Helt, made a motion that the minutes of the last regular meeting of 25 March 2017 be accepted as printed in the April newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Secretary/Treasurer then reported the checking account balance was \$2240.58 after spending the deposit of the annual MIP dividend from National Sojourners. The charity basket was passed and donations totaling \$85.00 were collected for the Sojourners Endowment Memorial (SEM) fund.

There was no correspondence.

There were no applications for membership.

The Secretary asked for volunteers to make ROTC/JROTC award presentations at the ARMY ROTC, San Diego State University (Dave Winesett), the San Diego Unified School District Joint Brigade (Rudy Bautista), Grossmont High School (Chris Gunn), Ramona High School (Chris Parker), Sweetwater High School (Alex Manzano), and Coronado High School (Bob Johnson).

Brother Past President Christopher Gunn was introduced and invited to the lectern to make an announcement regarding the 50th anniversary of Vietnam War. He then passed out Certificates of Recognition for Vietnam Veterans and commemorative challenge coins from the County of San Diego to the Vietnam Veterans present. They were: Rodolfo Bautista, Ben Billena, Jim Bonner, Robert Johnson, Jim Helt, Daniel Macaraeg, Dione Maceda, Joe Matkovich, Alex Manzano, Perfecto



FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

Another month has passed and we had a good gathering of friends and families, and a good presentation from an interesting speaker. We also had a successful Heroes degree.

I would like to emphasize the importance of the JROTC award program. To me, it is one of the reasons of our existence. It's not just handing them the certificate and a medal. In my experience, I felt proud when they called my name to the stage, and announced the National Sojourners award for the eager candidate and then shaking his/her hand with a sense of accomplishment on their part, and also my success in PROUDLY SERVING THE CAUSE OF PATRIOTISM. Brothers, let's continue this tradition by stepping up to make presentations at ROTC and JROTC programs the city and county.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 25th for our stated meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Rodolfo R. Bautista

Commander

Ortiz, Pepito Salgatar, Dave Schreck, Arnel Zapata, and Rudy Zapanta.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the President reminded the Brothers that elections for the next year will be held in May and the installation of officers will be held in June. He then asked Brother Alex Manzano, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to report the nominations for our 2017-2018 term. The report was made and the nominations are listed under the heading ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

The President next introduced the speaker for the evening, Martin H. Lloyd, Royal Air Force retired. Mr. Lloyd gave a very inspiring and motivating talk. He spoke of his life experience as a military and civilian commercial pilot in Great Britain and a motorcycle accident which resulted in a major life change when the British officials pulled his flying and driving licenses as a result of his injuries. He then recounted how he was able to come to the United States and earn the right to fly again despite his injuries.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were then acknowledged.

Lady Sandra Helt made a brief report on the death of Shirley Hoffman and the individuals on our ailing or indisposed list. The names included: Ed Behm, Austin Brown, Truman and Georgia Brown, Jack Evans, Dick Fasig, Dick Fleet, Bob Hampton, Will and Norma Hays, Ernie and Della Latham, Pat Maceda, Etsuko Medina, Clarence Nelson, Lee Hoffman and Les Peich. These Brothers and ladies are all ailing or indisposed and in need of our support and prayers.

Following the closing prayer by the acting Chaplain, Brother Alex Manzano, the meeting was closed at 2025.

Respectfully Submitted:

James F. Helt

Secretary

Approved:

Jose P. De Vera

President

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05-02-1954	MCPO	Rafael C.	LASERNA	USN, Ret
05-04-1925	CAPT	Ernest F.	LATHAM	MC USN Ret
05-04-1927	MCPO	Allen S.	BEDDOE	USN Ret
05-04-1930	LCDR	Robert B.	JOHNSON	USN Ret
05-07-1926	HON	John C.	BROSNAHAN	
05-10-1929	Maj	Charles A.	FOLSOM	USMC Ret
05-19-1934	LtCol	Edward R.	COLLINS	USAF Ret
05-19-1955	CPO	Jim	DESQUITADO	USN Ret
05-23-1935	Maj	Richard W.	FLEET	USMC Ret.
05-23-1921	CWO	Lester F.	PEICH	USN Ret
05-25-1938	CPO	Urbano	BILLENA	USN Ret
05-30-1939	CAPT	Frederick G.	KLEYN, III	USN Ret
05-31-1938	LCDR	Dallas T.	SMITH	USN Ret

EDITOR'S NOTE: If I have missed your birthday, or have the wrong date, please let me know so that I can correct my database.

SOME SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

1 May Day
 6 National Teacher's Day
 8 VE Day, WW II
 14 Mother's Day - second Sunday
 20 Armed Forces Day -third Saturday
 29 Memorial Day

SICK OR INDISPOSED

Ed Behm	Austin Brown
Truman and Georgia Brown	Jack Evans
Dick Fasig	Bob Hampton
Will & Norma Hays	Lee Hoffman
Ernie and Della Latham	Pat Maceda
Clarence Nelson	Les Peich.
Armond Brattland	Bernie Domingo

These Ladies and Brothers need our support and prayer. Let them know you care. Please call the Chapter Secretary if you know of someone who should be on this list!

REGULAR MEETING

BEST WESTERN SEVEN SEAS

THURSDAY, May 25, 2017

411 Hotel Circle South
 Social Hour 1715 - 1815

Choice of Entree

ROAST PRIME RIB

with baked potato and vegetables.

OR

BAKED LASAGNA

with Italian stir fry vegetables.

ALL DINNERS WITH

Soup or Salad, Hot Rolls & Butter

DESSERT

RASPBERRY WHITE CHOCOLATE

CHEESECAKE

Ice Cream

Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea

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

COST \$27.00

For Reservations: You Must Contact Alex Manzano by Noon, FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2017, at (619) 938-5760 (Cell) or email: amanzanopm88@att.net.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Brothers, it is time for the election of officers for our 2017-2018 term. The nominations for chapter offices are: President, Brother Joe De Vera 2nd Lieutenant PMC (ret); 1st. VP, Brother Pepito Salgatar SCPO USN (ret); 2nd VP, Brother Chris Parker PO1 USN (ret); 3rd VP, Brother Arnel Zapata Hon; Secretary/Treasurer Brother Jim Helt LCDR USN (ret). The nominations for Trustees are:

Brother Christopher Gunn SgtMaj USMC (ret) - 3 yr term;
 Brother Alexander C. Manzano SCPO USN (ret) - 1 yr term;
 Nominations for Constitution Camp Officers are:
 Commander, Brother Rudy Bautista, CWO-4 USN (ret);
 C of S, Brother Joe De Vera 2nd Lieutenant PMC (ret);

A C of S, Brother Pepito Salgatar SCPO USN (ret);
OOD, Brother Daniel F. Macaraeg SCPO USN (ret);
Adjutant, Brother Jim Helt, LCDR USN (ret).

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Annual Budget - The planned budget for the 2017-2018 term adopted by the Trustees will be distributed and the chapter members will be asked to approve this budget.

Revised Bylaws - The recent change in membership eligibility adopted at the 2016 national convention of National Sojourners requires a revision of our chapter bylaws to be in compliance with these changes. The revised bylaws, adopted by committee will be distributed and the chapter members will be asked to approve these revised bylaws.

If anyone desires to review a copy of the budget or the revised bylaws prior to our meeting, please submit a request to our Secretary, Brother Helt, by telephoning 619-876-2057 or emailing jf36helt@att.net.

SUBSTITUTE OFFICERS - Brothers, our President, 1st Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer have travel plans and will not be in town for our May meeting. Brothers Manzano and Bautista will carry on and with your assistance and forbearance there will be a successful meeting in the absence of the regular officers.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

05/25/2017 Dinner Meeting - Elections

06/22/2017 Dinner Meeting - Installation

07/27/2017 Dinner Meeting

08/24/2017 Dinner Meeting

09/28/2017 Dinner Meeting

10/26/2017 Dinner Meeting

11/2017 Chapter is Dark in November

12/07/2017 Dinner Meeting - Christmas Party

10 YEARS AGO

The regular meeting of San Diego Chapter was held at the Imperial House Restaurant, San Diego, CA on 24 May 2007.

President Richard Dedrick opened the Chapter, and dinner was served to twenty-one members, two guests, twelve wives of members and seven Honored Ladies for a total of 42.

President Dedrick reported on arrangements for the SOCAL Encampment scheduled for 14 - 16 September at Camp Pendleton. He also reported that National Sojourners medals and certificates have been presented to outstanding JROTC/ROTC students at 21 area high schools. Brother Jim Gordon provided an update on preparations being made for the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference and indicated that students could be sponsored by San Diego Chapter 45.

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 May 2012.

President Alex Manzano opened the Chapter at 1825 hours and dinner was served to twenty members, twelve wives of members, one Honored Lady, and four guests for a total of 37.

Brother Bryan Pettengill reported that we would make three ROTC and 21 JROTC awards this year. Brother Dave Winesett, 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the Flag Team, announced that the Flag Team would do four Building the Flag Presentations in June for the San Diego Imperial Valley Past Masters Association; the Mother of Confidence Catholic Church Senior Group; the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference; and potentially for Unity Lodge #632. There will also be a Flag Team presentation at Santa Maria Lodge in September. Brother Jim Helt reported on the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference would be held the week of 24 - 29 June 2012. The Chapter is sponsoring four students who are part of the senior staff of the Mira Mesa High School AFJROTC.

The following nominations for the 2012-2013 term were made: President, Brother Bryan Pettengill; 1st VP, Brother Dave Winesett; 2nd VP, Brother Chris Gunn; 3rd VP, Brother Rudy Bautista; Secretary / Treasurer, Brother James Helt; Camp Commander, Brother Alex Manzano; C of S, Brother Bryan Pettengill; A C of S, Brother Dave Winesett; OOD, Brother Chris Gunn; and Adjutant, Brother James Helt.

Brother Chris Gunn spoke about the Veterans Administration compensation, hospital, and National Cemetery programs. He urged everyone to ensure they take full benefit of the assistance available from the Veterans Administration and the San Diego Veterans Services for their own benefit and the protection of their families.

WHAT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME!

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet"
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident"
7. My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about"
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

COMING EVENTS

Historic Flag Program

DAR, 11:30 June 3 2017

Lomas Santa Fe Country Club

San Diego and Imperial Valley Past Master's Association

0900 11 June 2017 at Scottish Rite.

97TH National Convention

12-17 June 2017, Crowne Plaza, Austin, TX

Historic Flag Program

SDYLC, SDSU

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