



# Pasadena Chapter 265 National Sojourners



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 14, 2017

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by the Chapter President, Simon McIlroy, 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. Chapter Chaplain, Michael Schneider, attended the Bible and gave the prayer. The Purposes of National Sojourners was recited from memory by Greg Corey. The Toast to the Flag was given from memory by Nathan Marsak. The Pronouncement was read by Keith Kramer. Simon led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions of guests: Michael Schneider introduced Dave Williams. Steve Klein introduced his father, Joe Klein. Simon introduced Ralph Lopez.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all members and their ladies. Everyone had an entrée choice of chicken fried steak, or filet of sole, with mashed potatoes and vegetables. Also, a green salad with vinegarette dressing, and locally made hot bread, and drinks.

Tickets for the free door prizes were distributed to everyone by Katie Ryland. The first lucky ticket was held by Steve Klein who was given a \$25.00 gift certificate to Claim Jumper Restaurant. The second lucky ticket was held by Keith Kramer who was given a \$25.00 gift certificate to BJ's Bar & Restaurant. The last two lucky tickets were held by Nathan Marsak and Steve Harris who both won nice flag ties.

Joe said he had six items of correspondence:

- 1) We received an e-mail from the National Secretary telling us that Lincoln Chapter #52, formerly defunct, had rechartered and installed new officers. They invite any interested Sojourners who would like to become an MMIP in their chapter.

- 2) Lori Beasley is a seamstress who makes continental uniforms for a reasonable price. Her phone number is (610) 562-6714 and her web site is [www.ColonialUniforms.com](http://www.ColonialUniforms.com)
- 3) We received an In-Memoriam MIP for William Biehl which had been purchased by Clarence Nelson for Pasadena #265.
- 4) Roy Ota, a member of our chapter who lives in Hawaii, sent us an invitation from the USS Missouri Memorial Association inviting us to attend the 72nd Anniversary of the End of World War II. It will be conducted on board the ship where the Japanese surrender was signed.
- 5) We received an e-mail from the National Secretary informing us that two National Circulars, 12.7.1 and 12.8.1 had been signed by the National President. Joe read both circulars.
- 6) A letter from the national headquarters came today notifying us that Ken Nagel, Past Grand Master of California, is now an MIP in Pasadena #265.

Our Chapter President, Simon McIlroy, made presentations of National awards:

Certificates of Appreciation to Steve Klein and Lina Hellem

Exceptional Meritorious Achievement to Dave Hellem

Presidential Citations to Dan Hood, Bernie Harris, and Bruce Hudson

National Sojourners Widows' Certificate to Shelley Pitassi

Then, Joe Ryland presented to Simon for the entire chapter:

National President's Award for Chapter Growth to Pasadena 265, and  
Streamer for 100% participation to 365 Club for Pasadena 265

Joe had a Sojourner "Get Well Card" addressed to our member, Jim Baum, who is ill. Joe asked everyone to sign the card. He will mail it tomorrow.

An interesting talk was made by Nathan Marsak about historical architecture of various Masonic Lodges in the Los Angeles area. His presentation was accompanied by slide pictures which added to the quality, causing it to be very absorbing.

Simon talked briefly about membership. Pasadena #265 has a total of 229 MIP members and we have a goal of having 265 before the end of this Sojourner year (June 30, 2018) which will match our chapter number. Simon then gave everybody "What's It All About" pamphlets. He urged each of us to replace ourselves.

Joe explained the significance of the Van Deventer Award which is a Hero trophy which is awarded only once yearly. Joven Bilog explained that the Jonathan Wainwright Award is also

a Hero award for camps and that John Pershing camp could qualify for it if we try. He will talk more about this award as we progress throughout this year.

In his role of Regional Representative - East, Simon McIlroy spoke briefly about Arrowhead #421 and East Valley #521. These chapters are in his regional responsibility.

In his role of Regional Representative - West, Steve Harris talked briefly about his chapters: Los Angeles #26, Pasadena #265, and Ventura County #494.

Joe Ryland was asked to make a financial report. He stated that we started the new Sojourner year (July 1, 2017) with \$589.56 and had a deposit of \$200.00 which was an unsolicited donation by Arcadia Lodge. Joe asked everybody for suggestions as to how we should spend this money. There were several thoughts but none seemed to excite much interest.

Simon asked for announcements :

- 1) Dan Hood said that Sept 9 would be the next Hero degree at Old Fort Hood. This was approved by Joven Bilog, commander of Pershing Camp.
- 2) Katie Ryland announced that in the future the restaurant will charge \$22.00 per meal. She commented that this has been expected and we still have a reasonable price for our dinner.
- 3) Simon gave everyone a copy of the "Short Talk Bulletin" about National Sojourners.
- 4) Dave Higdon said that he received the Grand Lodge 50 Year Golden Veterans Award and he is thankful to have been able to qualify for it.

Dan Hood had several bottles of sparkling cider for making toasts. The Barkley Restaurant furnished the appropriate glasses for everyone. Dan offered the first toast to the ROTC student who was recently killed in the osprey aircraft crash. Numerous other members offered toasts.

The meeting was closed at 8:38 pm by Simon McIlroy, Chapter President, in compliance with the Closing Ritual of the National Order of Ceremonies. Michael Schneider, Chaplain, attended the Bible and gave the closing prayer.

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