



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

National Sojourners, Inc.
Charlottesville, Virginia

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A meeting of James Monroe Chapter No. 549, was held at Fort King Solomon (aka King Solomon Lodge) in Crozet, Virginia on Sunday, 27 August 2017, with the following present:

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| Goldie Tomlin | Scott Fielding | Ed Crebbs | Bill Hughes |
| Kent Schlusel | HarveyFleshman | James Starcher | Tom Province |
| Bill Baskerville | Terry Ellison | Jeff Hodges | |

Visitors: COL Roy McCutchen, Margarita Hernandex, Thea Fox, Crystal Mills, Alyssa Gentry, Nichols Clark

Ladies present: Susan Hodges, Sara Tomlin, Charlaine Crebbs, Sylvia Fielding, Judy Schlusel, Susan Hughes

Opening: President Crebbs called the meeting to order at 4:50pm in proper form. Before the meeting, the Jack Jouett Camp, Heroes of 76 had a bivouac that started at 3:00pm. Camp Followers also met at 3pm. President Crebbs suspended the rest of the meeting so that we could eat and have the program by the students present. The meal was a pot luck with the main course (fried chicken) being provided by Jeff and Susan Hodges. There was plenty of food and everyone enjoyed the delicious meal.

Officers present were: President: Ed Crebbs; First Vice President: Scott Fielding; and Secretary/Treasurer: Kent Schlusel.

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

Introductions: President welcomed everyone.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of the June 2017 meeting were approved with one minor correction, as distributed to the members via email. Motion to accept was made, seconded and passed.

Report of Treasurer:

Checking Account Balance: Current as of 26 August 2017: \$3548.77

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| Camp Followers Fund: | \$105.68 |
| (no change since 30 June 2017) | |
| Chapter Fund: | \$1793.47 |
| (no change since 30 June 2017) | |
| Youth Leadership Fund: | \$110.45 |
| (Increase since 30 June 2017 of \$675) | |
| Unrestricted Fund: | \$1534.17 |
| (no change) | |

TOTAL: \$3548.77

The Treasurer announced that we received several donations to the Youth Leadership Fund. \$595 was received from the members themselves in addition to \$500 total from Linn Banks, Barboursville, Fairfax, Waddell, and Independent Lodges. We spent \$1840 to send four students and one chaperon to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge's Youth Leadership Conference. The President noted that he expects more donations to come into the Fund from other Lodges.

Reading of Communications:

--Annual report to HQ has been sent.

Announcements:

Chapter:

- 1) Brother Goldie Tomlin, who is leading our annual Toys for Tots program for 2017 has sent letters to the area Lodges of the program. This year, the Toys for Tots program would like unwrapped new toys appropriate for ages 2 – 6 years old or money.
- 2) The **October 4th, 2017** meeting will be held at Fort King Solomon (aka King Solomon Lodge). **This will be a "soup contest" to raise money for Toys for Tots.** Everyone is invited to make a pot of soup and we will vote on the "best" soup. Each vote will cost \$1.00.
- 3) On 23 September 2017, Bro Crebbs will present a program on the Sojourners and Lady Sylvia Fielding will have a program to the ladies of the Sir Knights at the visit of the Grand Commander Knights Templar at Lee Lodge.
- 4) Lady Susan announced that only Heroes of 76 can be part of the color guard in presenting flags.
- 5) The past national commander of the Heroes of 76 will be sent a copy of the "Traitor Play" that was modified by Bro Bob Simpson from a Scottish Rite play.
- 6) The **Wednesday, 6th December 2017**, meeting will be held at Aberdeen Barn Restaurant in Charlottesville, VA.

Camp:

- 1) A Bivouac will be held on **Monday, 4 December 2017** at Fort King Solomon in Crozet, VA. The Bivouac will begin at 1900 hours (7pm) to practice for a degree.

- 2) A Bivouac will be held on **Wednesday, 3 January 2018**, for the purpose of degree work at Waddell Lodge at 1800 (6pm) hours.
- 3) On 27 November 2017, the Camp has been requested for a Flag presentation for the Grand Master's visit for to the Richmond Scottish Rite.
- 4) 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 cornerstone. The Camp has been requested to participate with flags but no further details have been forth coming for the past couple of months. Participation is questionable at this time.
- 5) The Camp has been asked to present flags on 23 September 2017 for the Grand Commander of the Commandry. A request was also made for the Camp Followers to provide a program.
- 6) Bro Bill Baskerville will present a program at Linn Banks Lodge on 16 November 2017. No need for the flags at this program.

Presentation of Petition: The petition of Brother John Thomas (Tom) Province was voted upon and accepted.

Secret Balloting on Petitions: See above.

Initiation of New Members: Both Brother Tom Province and Brother Bill Hughes were formally initiated into the Sojourners. Past President Jeff Hodges was the initiation officer.

Unfinished Business:

--None

New Business:

--Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 4 October 2017**. The meeting will take place at King Solomon Lodge in Crozet, VA at 1800 hours (6pm).

--Motion made and seconded to have a "soup contest" with the proceeds going towards our donation for the USMC's Toys for Tots program. Motion passed.

--Lady Susan Hodges and the Camp Followers gracefully accepted to organized the soup contest.

--Lady Susan also reported that the Camp Followers have started a "book club". The first book is "Sarah – Forgotten Patriot: Camp Follower". The Camp Followers will present a program on the book after they had discussed it.

Reports of Standing Committees:

--Americanism Awards: None

--Membership: None

Program—Two of the students, Margarita Hernandez of Harrisonburg High School JROTC and Alyssa Gentry of Buckingham County High School JROTC, spoke about their experience at the Youth Leadership Conference. The Chapter sponsored four students this past summer (two could not make the meeting). COL Roy McCutchen was also in attendance.

Both students were impressive and had a great time at the conference. The themes that came through were learning about American history, how the USA “works”, the friendships that were developed with other participants, and the excitement of visiting historical sites near Valley Forge.

Brother Crebbs, being a chaperon, also gave us his view of the conference. Ten states were represented at the conference (compared to 14 last year). Participation was down this year (price was up). Nevertheless, not only did the students learn much, but Bro Crebbs learn much also. He was very impressed with the students.

COL McCutchen stated that he is very pleased with the program and “handpicks” the cadets that are nominated for the program. He expects the cadets that go to the program to pass what they learn to the other cadets in the JROTC programs.

The program (namely the students) impressed the members with their comments.

--The gravel was passed to all in attendance. Everyone thanked each other for the fellowship of the meeting, great food, and the great impression the students made (well worth the money we spend on the YLC program).

Closing: The meeting was closed in proper form by President Crebbs at approximately 1845 hours.

Submitted

Kent Schlusel
Kent Schlusel, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

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