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Meeting Notice!

We will meet at VFW Post #239, 190 Dora Ave, Bremerton on Friday, 13 Oct. Social hour and dinner begin at 1800, meeting at 1900 hours. Ladies and guests are always welcome at the meeting and are urged to attend.

The associated Lewis and Clark Camp of the Heroes of '76 meets immediately following the Sojourner meeting and is open to all Heroes.

Don't forget to wear your Medals!

Highlights of the 8 Sep Meeting

President Robert Monroe called the Chapter to order at 1900. Bro. Orville Stoner presented the purposes of National Sojourners. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Bro. Lance Otis was given a Presidential Citation by the National Convention for his web master work. Both local high schools have JROTC coordinators. People rotate out and we have to find out who the new people are. Bro. Robert Monroe has the award certificates. We just need to find a point of contact. Bro. Tom Dangelo presents the school scholarship

awards that are given out by Scottish Rite. Next year we will host the Pacific Beach encampment. We believe we have a Heroes candidate lined up. We also have a potential Sojourner candidate, but he hasn't made an appearance as yet.

Area Rep Wendell Dutt reported that the National website crashed, but full access has now been restored. This year's Pac Beach retreat is coming up over the Columbus Day weekend, 6-8 Oct. So far 12 reservations have been received. The National Commander will attend so we want to have a good showing. Normal attendance is about 3 dozen. Next year's reservations will be made through Bro. Robert Monroe. Bro. Joe MacIntyre visited Pac Beach in July when repairs were being made. They were working on the gym and hopefully it is finished by now. Pres. Robert urged us to please attend Pac Beach. If we don't attend, we go away. In prior years Joe MacIntyre, Steve Seteroff and Ron Hale gave 20 minute classes on techniques you need to know.

New Business: Area Rep Wendell Dutt brought back word from the National Convention that Sojourner aprons are not authorized for Masonic settings. You can't wear them in lodge. The Mid-Winter Convention will be 10-13 Jan. 2018 in Nashville, Tennessee. Bro. Wendell is a Trustee so he has to be there by the 9TH. Two resolutions that were to have been presented at the June Convention have been tabled. The National Webmaster is resigning and needs to be replaced. Patty Turner is still the contact for Facebook. The 100TH year of National Sojourners is coming up and will be celebrated at the Omaha National Convention in 2018. The Centennial Committee will meet at Norfolk, VA for next summer's National Convention big blow out. Pins and cards will be made up for the 100TH Anniversary. The National Treasurer got the funds messed up, so he has been replaced, temporarily, by an ex-National President. The property of a member who lived in Hawaii has been sold and the funds donated to National. \$25,000 has been donated by a church so that young people can make trips to Washington, D.C. The National Historian has resigned. He was a history buff who built up a big library of everything Sojourner. The Chapter Revitalization Committee has put together a new list of tools to help chapters that are having problems. The manuals will be updated to drop inappropriate comments. Bro. Joe MacIntyre commented that the material in the old blue binders is out of date and needs to be destroyed.

Pres. Robert talked to National about setting up the National Sojourners display at Grand Lodge. Afterwards it has to be mailed back for \$40 in shipping. Bro. Robert wants to purchase the set so it doesn't have to be mailed back each year. Up-coming Grand Lodge Annual Communications are Great Wolf Lodge in Centralia (2020), Bremerton (2019), and Wenatchee (2018). Bro. Robert will have this year's display table.

Bro. Joe MacIntyre auctioned off a mystery gift. The contents of the little bag were said to be worth \$15. The bag, sold to Pres. Robert for \$30, were Masonic cuff links. Chapter was closed at 2000.

Nov. 11 MASONIC CONCERT

This year's Masonic Concert will be held on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2017. It is sponsored by William H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge #206. The Bremerton Symphony Orchestra and Chorale will perform music from Richard Rodgers "Victory At Sea," John Williams "Hymn to the Fallen," a Mozart cantata, and the wit of Gilbert & Sullivan. Symphony conductor, Allan Fudderman, showed impressive video clips of his orchestra in action at the Lodge Officers Assn breakfast at the Bremerton Temple on the last Saturday of the month of September. The concert will be presented at the Bremerton High School Performing Arts hall from 7:30 to 10 pm on Saturday, Nov. 11. Tickets sold at the door are \$10 for children and \$28 for adults. Lodges that contributed to the event will get their own vouchers. There will be a get-together with the performers after the concert at the Bremerton Temple.

After World War 2 the National Broadcasting Co. compiled a 26-part television series from archival film footage shot during the war. Broadway composer Richard Rodgers was asked to compose a musical score. Rodgers & Hart and Rodgers & Hammerstein musicals – *Oklahoma* (1945), *South Pacific* (1949), *The King and I* (1951), and *Sound of Music* (1959) are classics. *Victory At Sea* is also a classic. Here are some of the contents:

1. Design For War (1952)

Battle of the Atlantic 1939-1941. Germany invades Poland and France. Britain holds out thanks to vital convoys. Germany tries to strangle this life line with submarine attacks from French bases. Britain is aided by the American and Canadian navies and Lend Lease.

2. The Pacific Boils Over (1952)

Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Japanese footage shows the planning, execution and jubilation of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. The American fleet is crippled but survives to fight another day

3. **Sealing the Breach** (1952)
Anti-submarine warfare 1941-1943. Now officially at war, the United States sends supply-laden convoys across the Atlantic to England. German U-boat wolf packs inflict frightful losses but the convoys keep sailing.

4. **Midway is East** (1952)
Japanese victories and the Battle of Midway. The Japanese successfully invade the Dutch East Indies, Singapore and the Philippines. But the Americans are victorious at Coral Sea. At Midway the Americans sink the 4 Japanese aircraft carriers that launched the Pearl Harbor raid causing the Imperial fleet to retreat..

5. **Mediterranean Mosaic** (1952)
Malta is the key British outpost between Italy and North Africa. The German and Italian air forces launch 1,774 around the clock air raids and try to sink all the British convoys bound for Malta to try to starve the island into surrender.

6. **Guadalcanal** (1952)
To expand their Greater Asia Co-Prosperity sphere, Japan had to have Guadalcanal. And the United States had to take it away.

7. **Rings Around Rabaul** (1952)
After the victory at Guadalcanal, the Allies planned to take Rabaul, New Britain. This involved putting airfields in the Solomon islands and bringing about the ultimate defeat of Rabaul by air, sea and land.

8. **Mare Nostrum** (1952)
Mussolini called the Mediterranean "Mare Nostrum," meaning "Our Sea." Italy invades Greece. Britain gives the Greeks military aid. But when the Italians fail, the Germans step in. Erwin Rommel's German and Italian legions try to take Suez and Mideast oil, but are turned back by Montgomery's 8TH Army in Egypt.

9. **Sea and Sand** (1952)
Stalin wanted a second front to divert some of the Germans away from Russia. The Allies invaded Sicily and Italy. Eisenhower becomes Commander-in-Chief.

10. **Beneath the Southern Cross** (1953)
The British navy engages the German pocket battleship Graf Spee and German U-boats in the South Atlantic. Convoys get more protection and make safer voyages.

11. **The Magnetic North** (1953)
Allied convoys ferrying Lend Lease supplies to Russia have to skirt German-occupied Norway. German air and sea forces, even the weather, are on the attack. In the North Pacific, Japanese invaders gain a foothold in Alaska's Aleutian Islands.

12. **Conquest of Micronesia** (1953)

In August 1943, with more ships of all types, Admirals Nimitz and Spruance drive north toward Japan beginning with the Gilbert and Marshall Islands.

13. **Melanesian Nightmare** (1953)

Japanese Operation Mo was initiated in April 1942 to take New Guinea and isolate Australia and New Zealand from the United States. The plan developed by Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto would ultimately fail.

14. **Roman Renaissance** (1953)

After securing North Africa, the Allies take Sicily and land on the Italian mainland itself. Mussolini's Fascist government falls and the Allies take Rome. The Germans are left to fight by themselves.

15. **D-Day** (1953)

Who planned Operation Overlord, the invasion of France, what was involved, and when would it take place?

16. **Killers and the Kill** (1953)

The Allies strike back at the German U-boats by building new bases bordering the Atlantic, developing new antisubmarine weapons, and providing air cover for convoys with small escort "jeep" carriers. The destruction of the U-boat is inevitable.

17. **Turkey Shoot** (1953)

The Americans move closer to Japan in June 1944 by retaking Guam and the rest of the Marianas.

18. **Two if by Sea** (1953)

American troops had to free some more Japanese-held islands before MacArthur could keep his promise to return to the Philippines. One of these islands was Peleliu.

19. **The Battle for Leyte Gulf** (1953)

The Japanese Combined Fleet wanted to destroy MacArthur's invasion force on the beaches of Leyte. Admiral Halsey's naval task force is diverted. History's greatest sea battle cripples the Japanese fleet.

20. **Return of the Allies** (1953)

Even though the Japanese fleet and air power had been defeated, it would take 5 more months of hard struggle before the Philippines would be liberated.

21. **Full Fathom Five** (1953)

Admiral Lockwood, Commander, Submarines, Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) opens unrestricted submarine warfare against Japanese shipping. Most of the Japanese merchant marine is sunk.

22. **Fate of Europe** (1953)

Russian and European cities are freed from Nazi occupation as the war with Nazi Germany comes close to its end.

23. **Target Suribachi** (1953)

Before B-29 bombers could bomb Japan, the Marines had to capture Iwo Jima. This was marked by the flag raising on Mount Suribachi.

24. **The Road to Mandalay** (1953)

Imperial Japan needed Burma's minerals and oil. Lord Louis Mountbatten is chosen Supreme Allied Commander, Southeast Asia Command.

25. **Suicide for Glory** (1953)

Japan's last desperate attempt to stem the relentless American advance is to recruit squadrons of suicide pilots, kamakazis, to crash their planes into American ships and die for the Emperor, This reached full fury off Okinawa.

26. **Design for Peace** (1953)

Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are destroyed by single atomic bombs. Emperor Hirohito tells his people the war must end. The war ends with Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allies aboard the battleship *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

