



# NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC. ST. LOUIS CHAPTER #22

*"Proudly Serving the Cause of Patriotism"*



DECEMBER 2017

PRESIDENT TERRY SHOFNER

No. 17-12

The December 2017 meeting of St Louis Chapter #22 will be held

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

at:

The Pasta House Restaurant

8213 Delmar Boulevard

University City, MO 63124

1830 Hours (6:30 PM) Fellowship/Cash Bar

1900 Hours (7:00 PM) Dinner /Meeting

Costs (Dinner \$19.00) + \$1.00 (50/50)

## MENU

The Pasta House Special Salad

Hot baby loves of Italian Bread

Choice of:

Pasta con Broccoli, Mostaccioli Bolognese

Penne Primavera, Chicken Parmigiano\*

Chicken Flamingo\*

Sicilian Grilled Pesce\* (lightly breaded)

\*Entrees are served with a side of pasta.

Beverages included:

Coke, Diet Coke, Mr. Pibb, Pink Lemonade,  
Sprite, Coffee, or Fresh brewed Ice Tea.

Desserts included:

Pasta House Special Cheese Cake, Specialty  
cakes, any occasion sheet cakes and assorted  
cookie and brownie trays.

Cash bar services are available from their fully  
stocked bar.

The buffet will consist of the same choices  
every month.

Please make your reservations by

MONDAY, October 8<sup>th</sup> **BY 8:00pm**

PLEASE Leave a message on

Dennis Fetter's phone

by calling 314-487-5539 or

Email: [dfetter1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dfetter1@sbcglobal.net)

**Reservations are Needed!**

## President's Message

December 2017 President's  
Message



Brethren and Ladies: I hope  
you had a great  
Thanksgiving and a  
rewarding Veterans Day. I  
was able to attend a  
Grandson's school for  
breakfast and a program

honoring Veterans. We have received an  
appeal from the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry  
which serves families of deployed military  
personnel and veterans. We will have a box at  
our December meeting for your donations.

They have asked for diapers, paper towels,  
toilet paper, peanut butter, jelly, cereal,  
hamburger helper, mac n cheese toiletries and  
canned vegetables. OR, you can bring cash or  
a check made payable to the **Jefferson**

**Barracks Food Pantry** for them to purchase  
whatever is most needed. Please remember to  
contact Dennis if you plan on attending so we  
can have the Pasta House prepare enough  
food.

I look forward to seeing you on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Merry Christmas!

Terry Shofner, President  
Saint Louis Chapter No.22

## Commander's Message

Brethren and Ladies

Since there is nothing  
really going on right now, I  
thought a little history  
about the Heroes of 76  
might be interesting to  
read. About 1876, Brother  
E. B. Jones, a Past Grand



Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, composed a ritual of a side degree and called it the Heroes of '76 . "Thus begins the History of the Heroes of '76 as given in the OFFICIAL MANUAL Heroes of '76. What follows should be called the short history of the Heroes of '76 because it leaves unanswered many questions which tend to bother members who want the whole story. In this treatment of the subject we will undertake to cover the history of the Degree in detail.

Before his untimely death in 1981, Brother William Biehl, Jr., National Commander of the Heroes of '76, had begun to prepare just such a record. Just prior to his death, Brother Biehl gave the paperwork associated with his research to this writer, who was then, and remains to this day, the National Historian of the National Sojourners, Inc. This history makes extensive use of the research begun by Brother Biehl. The mists and myths of over 125 years have obscured much of the early history associated with the Heroes of '76 Degree. The facts that can be authenticated are few, but they can be linked together by the use of tradition and sensible application of reasonable suppositions. History is rarely written down at the time it occurs, simply because it is not recognized as historically important at that time.

It is the passage of years that renders history important, and it is this same passage of time that makes it difficult to assemble and which results in more and more revision as time passes and more and more information becomes available. So it is with the Heroes of '76. To quote Mr. Bill Moyers, a former Presidential Press Secretary: "The past is no row of bare facts waiting to be memorized by school children. Nor does it stand in our backyard like an old picket fence, slowly and silently rotting. The past is a real world, inhabited by villains and heroes and regular folk passing this way on swift journeys. Their story is our story the tie that binds each generation to all others." It is in that spirit this account is written. The intent is to make the history of the Order of Heroes of '76 an interesting story to be read and passed on, rather than a cold recitation of facts and figures.

In closing I wanted to mention that CPO BROTHER ROBERT SANDERS, passed away Saturday November 25, 2017, Robert was a member of Saint Louis Chapter No. 22 and a member of Albert Pike Camp. Robert was a faithful member and attended a majority of the Flag Presentations and different programs that the Camp performed. Bob or Chief as he was known by his friends and family was a member of Hope Lodge, Mount Nebo Chapter, Jeremiah Council and Ascalon Commandery along with many other organizations. His Memorial Service will be held at: Nieburg-Vitt Thiebes Funeral Home 231 E Union St. Pacific, MO 63069. Visitation Wednesday, November 29, 2017 4:00-7:00 pm. The Memorial Service at 7:00. Masonic Services to follow, Rose Croix, Commandery and Blue Lodge. Brethren please come out and memorialize the life and memory of this wonderful Masonic Brother and Friend to all.

C. Ray White, Commander  
 Albert Pike Heroes of '76 Camp

**Meeting minutes of October 12 2017**

**ST. LOUIS CHAPTER NO. 22  
 National Sojourner Inc.**

I have included the minutes from the last meeting we had which was on October 12, 2017.

I have also included the latest Treasures report for your information.

| <b>Treasurer's Report<br/>December 2017</b>    |                |                 |         |                   |
|--|----------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------|
| Last Treasurer's report balance was: \$5082.81 |                |                 |         |                   |
| Activity during October was:                   |                |                 |         |                   |
| 10-12  | 866            | The Pasta House | -396.40 | 4,686.41          |
| 10=13  | DEP            | Collected       | 703.00  | 5,389.41          |
| 10-13  | 867            | N S, Inc        | -115.00 | 5,274.41          |
| 11-15  | DEP            | ?               | 60.00   | 5,334.41          |
| 10-27  | 868            | N, S, Inc       | -152.00 | 5,182.41          |
| 10-27  | 869            | D Fetter        | - 98.00 | 5,084.41          |
| 11-28  | <b>BALANCE</b> |                 |         | <b>\$5,084.41</b> |

presented with their Sojourner Medal and welcomed to the chapter.

We have one petition still waiting for the brother to attend, and be initiated.

The Commander who happened to be the President tonight wearing two hats announced that the Flags were presented by the Heroes at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He also announced that Pete Cauchon and Paul DeMerath attended the Mid Central Conference. Ray also announced that the web site will be up and running soon he is working on the final layout.

Most Worshipful Brother Richard L. Smith, Junior Past Grand Master thanked the Chapter for presenting the Flags at the opening of the annual Grand Lodge Communication. He considered it an honor to be a member of our organization.

No further business to come before the Chapter the President closed the meeting in due form and introduced our guest speaker. He introduced Brother Ken White who gave a presentation on our digital imprint present and when we pass, opening many eyes as to what happens to all our files, data, sites and the footprint of our lives left out in cyber space. He also had a hand out with tips and ideas of what to pass on after we have physically left the web. {WOW}

**DENNIS FETTER, SECRETARY**

Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017 (AGAIN)

The Commander of Albert Pike Camp opened the meeting since the President was out of the country. Ray opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country. Dave Fritchey attended to the Bible lead the opening Prayer. The purposes were given by Ray White and the meeting was opened and suspended for a wonderful dinner.

The President called the meeting back to order after desert and ask of the minutes from the September meeting which were printed in the October newsletter. The President ask for any additions or corrections and non being raised declared them as printed. The Secretary thanked Ray for taking notes while he was out of town for the September meeting.

The President then asked for a report from the Treasurer, who announced that the report was printed and the bank statement reflected the balance as shown. Ray then ask for a motion to accept it was made, seconded and approved.

It has been reported that Tom Howell has been having continued health issues with several visits and stays in the hospital, the Chapter has him in our prayers.

It was reported that a copy of the application for the Mid-Winter meeting of National was sent out to all members and urged to attend in Nashville. The President then ask if there were any candidates present for initiation, the secretary reported there were four present for initiation.  
Sam Wilk, LTC, Air Force  
Richard Littlefield, PO2nd Class, Navy  
William Jackel, CPO, Navy  
Jason Markezich, Specialist, Army

The President with the assistance of James Ditter, Marshal proceeded to initiate the four new members with the Medal Lecture was given by Richard L. Smith. The new members were