



NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, Inc.

North Carolina Chapter No. 97

Fayetteville, NC

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Chapter President
Brother Bobby Joe Kitchen

Secretary/Adjutant
Brother John Keso

Camp Commander
Brother Don Wooster

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From the President:

Brethren, I would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting. I feel we had an outstanding meeting. Brother Brett Johnson's, Financial Advisor talk about today's finances was enjoyed by all.

Brethren, Chapter #97 is going to raffle an LCD TV, 40 to 42 inches. This is to help raise money for sending Kids to Freedom Foundation. We will be sending out five tickets to each member to sell, the tickets will be \$5.00 each. We hope you can sell them all but if you can't, send the tickets you have left and the money, and stubs from what you have sold to the Secretary John Keso. We hope this will be our only fundraiser this year. We hope to draw for the TV at the Christmas party 14 December 2010.

Brother Don Wooster has worked with the Hilltop House Restaurant for a menu for \$25.80. This includes; tea or coffee, salad, and beef, or chicken, or fish. This includes tip.

The next meeting our program will be presented by a tax Lawyer. If you have anyone that you think has a good program please feel free to let me know.

Brethren as I've been saying at the meetings, we, all of us have to work together to get new members into North Carolina Chapter # 97. One, or even a few will not work, **IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US WORKING TO GET CHAPTER #97 TO WORK**. Each and every one of you are on the Membership Committees and if you come up with an idea let us know, it may be a good one we can use. If you feel that you know of a good place to meet, let Don Wooster know, he is the time and place committee.

THIS IS YOUR CHAPTER AND IT NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

It's not I, my, it's us, we, all of us, **THE TEAM**.

I hope to see all of you that can make it at the next meeting, 26 October 2010, we need all the members that can be present there to help us continue to grow. The EXCOM meeting is at 5:15 PM this is for Officer's in line, Committee members, and any member that wants to attend. We will order dinner at 6:30 PM. Place: Hilltop House Restaurant.

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Chapter Minutes Meeting of September 28, 2010:

The Meeting was opened in the proper form at 6:25 PM by President, Bobby J. Kitchen.

Invocation – Br. Don Wooster

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Hero's Commander, D. Wooster

Oath to the Flag – Br. Andy Drenkhahn

President Kitchen recognized Br. Andrew Drenkhahn, Past National President and the evenings guest speaker, Br. Brett L. Johnson, Past Master of Phoenix Lodge #8, who is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones.

Mite/Happy Box passed to attendee's. Contributions of \$19.00.

President asked for the Chapter Officer Reports.

The Secretary's Report was provided by Br. Keso who informed the members that communication with the National Secretary indicated that the publishing of a National Register of members was still in progress. Upon receipt of a new Chapter Roster from National a copy will be mailed to each Chapter member for review. Br. Keso specifically requested that e-mail addresses be provided/updated to enable electronic transmission of the Newsletter rather than regular mail.

Br. Don Wooster presented the Treasurer's Report. He advised that a total of \$1500.00 in contributions from Wal Mart, Inc., for students to attend Freedoms Foundation, had been forwarded to Collingwood Foundation. This contribution will provide funds for three (3) students to attend Freedoms Foundation. He advised that Chapter 97's previous two accounts have been consolidated and the Chapter currently has a balance of \$1796.81 available.

Old Business: None

New Business:

President Kitchen advised the Executive Committee has approved plans for a Raffle for a 42" Flat Screen TV to provide additional funds for students to attend Freedom Foundation. Each member to be provided five (5) Raffle Tickets @ \$5.00 each. The drawing for the Raffle to be held in conjunction with the annual Christmas Party.

President Kitchen informed the members that the annual Christmas Party was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at "The Barn Restaurant" in Fayetteville.

President recognized Br. Don Wooster, Commander of Cornelius Harnett Camp, Heroes of 76', who informed the members that an encampment of the Heroes was still being planned for a date in November.

Break for Dinner

Meeting Re-opened.

President Kitchen introduced Mr. Brett L. Johnson who presented a short program on the current status of the economy, market conditions and interest rates as seen by the Edward Jones Investment firm. He encouraged our members to specifically review their personal estate plans in view of the upcoming changes in estate taxes for year 2011

The President advised that we need to continue the effort to increase our membership, particularly in our respective Blue Lodges and the Fort Bragg military population.

Sick and Distressed: None

Meeting adjourned in proper form by President Kitchen at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting

Hilltop House Restaurant

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Come at 1800 Hours

We'll Order and then open the meeting.

Hope to see you there!