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National Sojourners, Inc.
and
Guilford Courthouse Camp, Heroes of '76



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From The President:

Fellow Sojourners... Greetings!

April was a very busy month and May looks like it's going to be even busier. Our stated meeting was an interesting one! We apparently had a major scheduling problem at the Golden Corral with our usual meeting room, but we forged ahead and took care of business as usual.

We were happy to see Bob Franks and his lovely wife Sandy, and received great updates on their health. Looks like they are well on their way to recovery. Col. Ripley also gave us good News on Susan's health. It sounds like she's well on the way to a full recovery as well. Wally Stopkey is still in REX hospital so plan to call or visit him when you can. Continue to keep these Brothers and Sisters in your thoughts and prayers.

Chapter #553 continues to grow and they are preparing to present, to date, at least 38 of the R.O.T.C and Scottish Rite medals this year. This is a tremendous feat for their first full year as an active chapter. Great Job #553!

Our own Chapter #504 has already confirmed at least 40 requests for medals and these presentations are all planned. A huge THANK YOU goes to Brother David Glass for scheduling these presentations and thanks go to all the members and non-members who will assist in this effort.

The Nominating Committee issued their recommendations for the slate of officers for Piedmont Chapter #504 and Guilford Courthouse Heroes of '76 for the 2017-2018 year. All nominations were voted on and approved unanimously and the installation of new officers will be held at our May 17 meeting.

We are pleased to announce Miki Reynolds as the winner of the all- expense paid scholarship to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. Miki is a straight A student and she is also a real fan of history and patriotism. Congratulations Miki!!!

The next Bivouac will be held on Tuesday afternoon May 9th at the Raleigh Masonic Temple beginning at 2:30 P.M. Please plan to attend and lend your assistance to make this a successful event.

Please remember to put August 4-5 firmly on your calendars. This will be the State Wide Encampment sponsored by Chapter #97 in Fayetteville. More to follow on time, place, hotel arrangements, etc. Please plan to assist Chapter #97 in this effort.

Best Wishes for a HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE SUMMER!!! And please keep the members of our Armed Forces, wherever dispersed, in your constant thoughts and prayers.

Best Regards and Fraternally Yours,

Johnny Davis, President Piedmont Chapter #504 National Sojourners

Minutes of the March Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Brother President Johnny Davis at 1830 hours.

The Prayer was offered up by Brother Terry Washam.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Toast to the Flag were led by Brother David Glass.

Dinner was served.

Our distinguished members, Brother Terry Washam, National BOL Committee member, and Brother Richard Ripley, Past National Historian were introduced.

The Happy Box was passed followed by the tip box.

The Treasurer reported \$1,923.10 in the bank account.

The Secretary reported that he had been informed that our Chapter would receive a full scholarship for FFVF to be used for a student of our choosing. The chapter decided to supplement the scholarship with funds for the student to use during travel and for spending money.

The Secretary requested that a check for \$50.00 be written to Brother NPE Ron Sortino to pay our share of the MIP for the Grand Master in the Grand Master's Chapter.

Committee reports were given.

The Nominating Committee reported the following slate of officers for 2017-2018:

Chapter President Brother David Glass	Camp Commander Brother Johnny Davis
1 st VP Brother Terry Washam	COS Brother David Glass
2 nd VP Brother Al Jones	ACOS Brother Terry Washam
3 rd VP Brother Ed Clay	OD Brother Al Jones
Treasurer Brother Jack Scott	ADJ Brother Jack Scott
Secretary Brother Ken Whichard	

The report of the committee was accepted. Nominations were called for from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, the above slate of officers was elected unanimously. Installation will be at the May meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Chapter, Brother Davis closed the meeting at 1945 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Willis K. Whichard, Jr., Secretary

Camp Commander:

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Attention to orders: There will be a bivouac of Guilford Courthouse Heroes Camp on May 9 at 1430 hours at Camp Caswell (the Raleigh Masonic Temple). All members of the Camp are urged to attend and be prepared to participate.

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From your editor:

Please accept my sincere apologies for the lateness of this issue of the Dispatches. Your editor has been fighting several maladies over the past two weeks including an infection in my left eye that caused a lot of pain and necessitated the wearing of an eye patch and resting my eyes. I have been unable to use the computer for any length of time during this period. Again, I'm sorry!

A little trivia:

What was the origin of the expression "Blue Lodges?"

There are several theories, of which two have the most adherents. Some believe that operative Masons felt that blue, the color of the sky both by day and by night, was associated in their minds with the purity of Deity, which Masons attempt to emulate. Others refer to the change made by speculative Masons shortly after the establishment of the original Grand Lodge of England when blue was substituted for white as the official Masonic color, presumably because it was the color of the Order of the Garter of which a number of Masonic leaders were members.

The March meeting of Chapter 504

will be at

The Golden Corral in Raleigh/Garner

At 1830 hours Wednesday, May 17th

Please be there.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 329 Meets	2	3	4	5 Raleigh YR Meets	6 YR Day Fayetteville
7	8 553 Meets	9 Heroes Bivouac Raleigh	10 97 Meets	11 Raleigh SR Meets	12 Raleigh KM and YRC Meet	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 504 Meets	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			