



Expeditionary Chapter #535
NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, Inc.
Presley Neville O'Bannon Camp - Heroes of '76
Lt Col William G.L. Turner, Scty/Treas



08 Jan 09

Lt Col Elliott Samuels, President

Lt. Leon Feldt, Commander

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The Hawk & Dove Chronicles

HEAR YE !!

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INSPIRATION ~ Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker ??

NEXT MEETING: 1200 hrs., Wednesday, 03 June 2009 Indianapolis, IN

The Quill According to Bill ~ The Minutes

On 08 Jan 09, a meeting of the Expeditionary Chapter was held at the Best Western Inn & Suites in Alexandria, LA. The gavel of attention fell at 1145 hrs by Bro. Prez Elliott Samuels. He extended a warm welcome to all and invited our Acting Chaplain, Bro. Merlin Howe, to offer grace and the Opening Prayer. Whilst on our feet, the Prez asked Bro. Bill Turner to lead in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and offer *A Toast to the Flag*. Being done, we were declared Open, greetings were extended to our Ladies, and began the feast of lunch. And on to business - Bro. Elliott noted that it was a long time, since our first meeting in January 1997 at Columbia, SC. He also reminded us that we were formally introduced to the Order the following June in Denver. He went on to thank and congratulate all for their contribution in achieving the 2008 3-6-5 Club Banner for our Chapter flag.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

A total of 39 members and guests partook of the great victuals set before us, whilst sidelines kept the vigil of chatter going for us. Bro. Scty Bill called for approval of the minutes, as presented, for the Chapter meeting held at the 2008 Annual National Convention in Wilmington, NC. It was done. He announced two applications for membership - Bros. "Rip" Van Kleek and Ron Sortino. He informed all that the donations to the SEM Fund and CLMA *In Memoriam* of Bro. Barney Lau were made. The Chapter's Annual Report was submitted timely. Input from CLMA was received and intended for the Chapter 1st VP, Bro. Ed Nolte, and it was done. The Secretary also reported that he did not have anything to report regarding the inquiry about an Afghanistan Mobile Charter being issued or in effect ... he asked for input from those in attendance, but received nothing in return.

It was reported that a/o 30 Sep 08, the Chapter Treasury stood at - \$1635.25. No other report from the bank, but one was expected upon return home ... and it was ... \$1636.28 a/o 31 Dec 08.

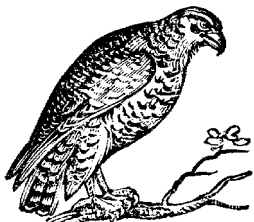
OLD BUSINESS

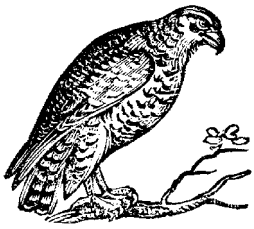
We had no Old Business ... very strange !!!

NEW BUSINESS

Well, it didn't take long to say, "Let's spend some money !!!" In four swift raps of the gavel, we managed to spend: \$100 for CLMA, \$420 for a student at FFVF - we were reminded that the Americanism Committee is absorbing the \$10 to cover the new rate of \$430/student, \$100 for the SEM Fund, and \$100 *In Memoriam* of Bro. John Stonebraker. Now, back on the FFVF student, we agreed to fund one with the nominations to come from any member to the Secretary NLT 01 Apr 09 ...

see **Monkey Business**, below. Moving along, somehow the Judge got appointed, again, to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee !!! Yes, Bro. Ben Yudesis stole the slot from Bro. Chuck "Chrome Dome" Folsom, yet again. In the flurry of activity that followed, we somehow overlooked an item of importance ... see **Monkey Business**. We needed a Chaplain, so Bro. Merlin Howe was anointed.

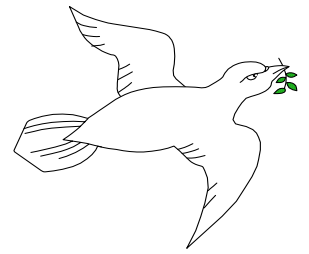




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OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Okay, remember we had some difficulty about a year ago remembering who our officers were. Well, here they are, again - for their benefit and yours. Now, let's see what happens in



Sojourners Line

President Elliott Samuels
1 VP Ed Nolte
2 VP Charles Blacknall

3 VP Roy Ota
Scty/Treas < & >
Chaplain Merlin Howe
Marshal TBD

Heroes Line

Commander Leon Feldt
Chief of Staff Bill Greschel
Asst Chief of Staff Woody Bentley

Adjutant Bill Turner

MONKEY BUSINESS

In the true spirit of Expeditionary Forces, on the following morning of 09 Jan 09, at 0700 hrs, in swept Bro. President Elliott Samuels of Expeditionary Chapter #535, took the breakfast gavel of Mustang Chapter #542, from the hands of the National President, no less, addressed the throng and took a vote to spend Expeditionary Chapter's funds for a Full Page Ad in the Annual National Convention Program Book - it was approved ... and away he went !!! Whew !!! Don't you love it !!! Another good piece of work ~ Bro. Leon Feldt/Southwest Area Rep. got generous for our benefit. He said his Area would fund the transportation of the student from anywhere in the Continental U.S. to FFVF and back home. Thanks, Bro. Leon, that will help a lot !!!

HEROES "STUFF":

A Muster Report for 29 Oct 08 in a Federal Area Encampment was submitted for our Camp. Also, Present were OD Chap #364/Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Fredericksburg Chap #545/Washington's Cruisers Camp, and Wash. Chap #3/George Washington Camp.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- ✓ Bro. Bill Turner announced that Bro. Grant Graessle was back safely from his tour in Baghdad.
- ✓ Cards were sent to Bros. James Earl Vann and Phil Tilson.
- ✓ We took in \$60 in sales of patches - Camp and Bennington Flag - Camp patches came from Bro. Kermit Rosenthal and the Bennington Flag patches came from Bro. Bill Turner.

CLOSING:

Being no further business to come before the Chapter, Bro. Chaplain Merlin gave the closing prayer, and Bro. President Elliott adjourned the meeting at 1250 hrs.

Your Faithful Servant ...

/s/ Lt Col William G.L. Turner, Secretary

SECRETARIAL SIGNIFICANTS:

1. SEE YOU IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA !!!
2. Need a Camp Rosette ?? We'll have them at the next meeting.