

# John A. Sutter Outpost #1841

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 19JUL11

**Meeting Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm, Constable Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson presiding.

**Pledge to the Flag:** Brother **Johnny Future** led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call of Board Members:** Roll was taken, those present and absent were so noted (but not in the roll book which was not available at the meeting) as follows: Mike “Gunshot” Young/Xcused absence, Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson/Present, Dan McCarthy/Present

**Chief Constables Report:** Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young is on a jobsite in San Jose.

**Bailiffs Report:** Brother Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson presented his report, a motion was made to accept it and on vote the motion passed: \$100 from June’s raffle brought balance to \$4958.12, Sacramento Historical Society needs \$35.00, West Sacramento Historical Society is having internal problems therefore we will wait to submit membership monies.

**Court Clerks Report:** Brother Russell “Christ” Holder read the minutes from previous meeting, a motion was made to accept the minutes as read and on vote the motion passed.

**Historians Report:** Brother Don “Peanut Butter” Breeland reported on stage coach lines in the Sacramento area: James E Virch, who formerly drove a stage coach in Rhode Island, came with his betrothed to Sacramento to seek his fortune in the stage coach business in 1849. No stage coach company existed before, only individuals who may, if sober, provide buck board transportation. The first route was from Sacramento to Coloma following the river route by Mormon Island. In 1851 James sold out for several thousand dollars and returned to Rhode Island to get married. James rolling stock and horses were valued at over one million dollars by 1854 and yet James was only 24 years old! With respect to the east-to-west stage coach system, James filled the gaps in the route from Saint Joseph Missouri to the west coast. James competed with Butterfield and Overland companies in 1855 for government contracts to carry US mail via stage coach; James Bucannon was corrupt and Butterfield being familiar with greasing government wheels was awarded the mail contract. James then established a southern route from Houston and New Orleans to San Diego where passengers/cargo were further distributed by boat from there. James, having made his fortune by stage coaches embarked on a voyage back to the east coast and on 07SEP1857 died at 29 years old worth three million dollars when the ship he was on sank, possibly sunk in shallow waters by pirates.

Frank Stevens, James' partner, established the California Stage Company and also built stage coaches.

Henry Wells and Frank Fargo got into stage coaches in Sacramento in 1857 by hauling freight, not people, and by 1858 began a passenger business also.

Shanks Mare (walking) was the only way to travel between San Francisco, then the largest city in California, and Sacramento, then the second largest city in California; there were no bridges, therefore the only way to cross rivers was to pay to cross on little barges.

There was no stage coach service between San Diego and Los Angeles; had James Virch not died, San Diego would have likely out grown Los Angeles.

**Peddlers Report:** Brother Ray Bare reported that he paid off the last vendor owed; slow 13 doins/Frank C Riley; and, as of 01AUG11 he will retire and will meet with Mike to turn over the store and the bank; note however, he will remain in the position of YB1 liaison therefore he will continue to stay informed about what John A Sutter 1841 is doing.

**Website Report:** Brother Russell "Christ" Holder reported that the website is current.

**Committee Reports:** Plaque Committee – Kevin was not present  
Brother David "Dirty Dave" Baret: presented a stencil: "John A Sutter 1841 Official"  
Brother Don "Peanut Butter" Breeland: the city of Folsom will take under advisement our plaque on the oblique, probably to be done in September  
Brother Gary "Eveready" Karl: need the date for the 5x10 plaque for the city garage in West Sac, date/time decided on is 02OCT11 at 1141am

**Old Business:** Brother Mike Pitzker of YB1 is an insurance agent who has written directors' and officers' insurance policies for YB1, James W Marshal 1849, Grand Council and a half a dozen other chapters can provide John A Sutter 1841 with one million dollars of such insurance for \$830/year, two million dollars of such insurance for \$1250/year; a motion was made to acquire one million dollars of insurance through Mike Pitzker, and on vote the motion passed.

**New Business:** Brother Don "Peanut Butter" Breeland: \$100.00 will be put into an envelope into a mayonnaise jar (not a peanut butter jar?) for the best costumed couple at the Halloween Bash, additionally there will be \$25.00 for best clamper and \$25 for best wider, thank you very much Don.

Brother Bob "Iron Horse" Stevenson: everyone needs to invite other brothers and friends to our meetings.

**Brothers Sick or in Distress:** Brother Kieth Kenney in SoCal as mentioned before.

**Good of the Order:** Klinkey's raffle brought in \$62.00.

**Meeting Adjourned:** With no further business appearing the Constable entertained a motion to close the meeting and on vote the motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm with 16 brothers present.