

John A. Sutter Outpost #1841

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 15NOV11

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm, Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young presiding.

Pledge to the Flag: Brother Paul "Sparks" Laue 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/Present, Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson/ Present, Dan McCarthy/Present, Dave “Dirty Dave” Barnett /Present, Fred “Mr. Magoo” Willcox/Present, Kevin “Stinky” Jenkins/Present, Gary “Col. Klink” Klink/Present, Paul “Sparks” Laue/Present, Kieth Kenny/Absent

Chief Constable’s Report: Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young reported that the Widders’ Ball was a success, we broke even on the monetary plus side, “good job” extended to the setup, food and clean-up committees; there was enough food for three times as many people in attendance, music was great, *every* widder won a prize, and the IOOF lodge staff said we would be welcomed back next year.

The December 2011 general meeting will be a “quasi open” Christmas Party – widders and chillen are welcome; Gary “Everready” Karl made a motion that the outpost pay for three pizzas for the Christmas Party, Don “Peanutbutter” Breeland seconded, and on vote the motion passed.

Out of town guests from Oregon: Bill Winfritch (XNGH of Chapter 5) and Bob Worthall (XNGH of Chapter 5)

Bailiff’s Report: Brother Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson reported he has not walked the same since the Halloween Bash (Widders’ Ball)the bank account balance was \$6809.30, and, after two payments and three deposits the current balance is \$6275.17; the Widders’ Ball cleared \$121 in the black with 44 people attending; a motion was made and seconded to accept the bailiff’s report as read and on vote the motion passed.

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

Historian’s Report: Brother Don “Peanut Butter” Breeland reported on the “original” history of Sacramento and the Sacramento Valley. If you believe science, as many do, if you believe the Bible, as many do, then know that both agree that four billion years ago the earth was a slimeball and dark. The super continent, Pangea, 70% of all land, began breaking apart two billion years

ago, and leaping forward in time, 200 million years ago the North American shore line was approximately at Folsom. The Pacific Plate began to go under the North American plate at the rate of two inches per year for a million years and speeded up and moved fast enough to heat below and made a ridge of mountains; 100 million years ago a closed off sea 180 miles wide and 380 miles long and four to five times as deep as the Grand Canyon, the Sea of Ione, formed between the new mountains on Pangea. There was lots of sea life, pleasaurs, monasaurs, pletasons (27 foot wing span (largest ever flying critter)).

The sea began to fill in; in the swamps around lived the duck bill platapus, osanadon (60 foot long alligator), and, for a few million years as the sea filled in a chain of volcanoes seven hundred miles long provided ash and sand and settlements which mixed and made clay beds later worked by the Murdock Brick Company which built everything in Sacramento and Stockton; also different varieties of fossils (a common sea snail and piece of fern passed around for visual examination), mammoth bones, prehistoric camels and horses – Sacramento City College has fossils on display, and, the latest finds are from the Arco Arena (1989), and, camels and horses from a few million to 50 million years ago are found out highway 50. Volcano eruptions from Yuba City to Elk Grove changed the river configurations.

Gold deposits were made 35 thousand years ago during the Great Ice Age which generated a 300 to 350 foot thick sheet of ice which broke through the coastal range and made a huge gap (the Golden Gate) giving rivers a path to the sea, and, left were “hay stacks” (material suspended in the ice) which can be seen on highway 16 by Rancho Murietta which when cored reveal the same material as is found in Oregon and Washington. The neat thing about this ice age is that placer gold (not the veins) was scrubbed (alluvial tumble) and clay beds and fossils were moved.

The last geological action of importance was 5 million years ago when a volcano by Yuba City blew its top off from Red Bluff to Sacramento leaving the Sutter Buttes (the worlds smallest mountain range) which was the northern border of Sutter’s land grant.

Peddler’s Report: none given.

Website Report: Brother Russell “Christ” Holder reported that the website is current with approximately 1000 hits per month; a request was made to plug the Outpost 49 January 2012 doins.

Committee Reports: Plaquing: Brother Kevin “Stinky” Jenkins reported he has not been looking; Brother Don “Peanutbutter” Breeland reported that for Folsom, no new additional (re-dedication) plaque would happen, but, a rededication ceremony could be held anytime; Brother Jay “Blue Crow” Danziger reported the Sacramento Historical Museum and underground tours would entertain the possibility of a plaque after the first of the year, likewise, a plaque for the General Store in Elk Grove with the city’s approval.

Brother Don “Peanutbutter” Breeland of the Site Committee reported he has been playing phone tag with PG&E.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young reported the December meeting has already been reviewed; Don Gladden McBean, at current site since 1875, opened business in 1862, is in Chapter 3’s territory, Suitcase is current Humbug.

Brother Don "Peanutbutter" Breeland reported on T-shirts, need new T-shirts for doins, suggest a line of donkeys with the caption "Captin John says it's time to get your ass in line," estimate 700 to 800 dollars, 6 dozen: 12 each L & XXX, 24 each XL & XX.

A motion made for Gary "Everready" Karl to bring gas receipts for fire truck parade was tabled.

Brothers Sick or in Distress: all are well.

Good of the Order: Paul "Sparks" Laue reported that the Sacramento Dry Goods store in old Sacramento provides discounts to clampers; Russell "Christ" Holder reported likewist for the dry goods store in Virginia City; Klinkey's raffle brought in \$117.00.

Meeting Adjourned: With no further business appearing the Chief Constable entertained a motion to close the meeting and on vote the motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:51pm with 20 brothers present.