

# John A. Sutter Outpost #1841

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 17JAN12  
(corrected)

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

**Pledge to the Flag:** Brother Gary “Everready” Karl led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call of Board Members:** Roll was taken, those present and absent were so noted (all were present and accounted for) as follows: Mike “Gunshot” Young/Excused, Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson/ Present, Dan McCarthy/Present, Dave “Dirty Dave” Barnett /Present, Fred “Mr. Magoo” Willcox/Absent, Kevin “Stinky” Jenkins/Present, Gary “Col. Klink” Klink/Present, Paul “Sparks” Laue/Excused, Kieth Kenny/Present

**Chief Constable’s Report:** Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young was absent (a broken water main on a jobsite he was working) and so, no report.

**Bailiff’s Report:** Brother Dan McCarthy reported the bank account balance last month was \$6292.17, and, after income and expenses the current balance is \$6050.82; 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, the Bailiff’s Report was corrected, the Plaquing Committee Report was corrected a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as red with the amendment and on vote the motion passed.

**Historian’s Report:** Brother Don “Peanut Butter” Breeland reported on Jonathan Davis of the Old West. Think about the “Old West.” Most folks give the wrong dates. Actually, the “Old West” begins with the west expansion runs from 1840 to 1905. Jonathan Davis is one of the most courageous men of the old west. Concerning “shoot outs,” there were only thirty shoot outs where ten people lost their lives, and if you increase the number of people who lost their lives to twelve, then there were only twelve. Hollywood has a different version of shoot outs in the old west, but, a lot of those fellows suck a dick. Born in 1824, Jonathan joined the Palmetto Regiment in South Carolina as a Lieutenant in 1846 to fight in the Mexican War. One thousand Americans lost their lives in the Battle of Chula Vista in 1847 and Jonathan was severely wounded.

Jonathan was discharged in 1848 and went west to the Placerville diggings to seek gold, supplementing his income working as a marshal, a constable, or a sheriff. Jonathan and two friends, Doctor Sparks and Jim McDonald, were walking in the American River canyon in 1854 and were jumped by an outlaw gang of fourteen men. This gang was accused of recently killing ten people, four in the preceding week. Jim McDonald was immediately killed and Doctor Sparks was severely wounded. Jonathan drew his two muzzle loader Colts and calmly killed eight members of the gang, the Colts emptied, he drew his Bowie knife and his boot knife to defend

himself against the four remaining gang members who then charged him with sabers and killed three of them (I reckon the last gang member ran away). Jonathan sustained two minor wounds and had sixteen holes in his hat, shirt and trousers.

Now, the question arises: how do we know he was calmly shooting? Brother Peanutbutter was a member of a hunting party in the distance on the other side of the river and witnessed the whole battle and when the hunting party arrived in Placerville they told the story. Jonathan took Doctor Sparks to Auburn, Doctor Sparks died of his wounds ten days later. A coroner's inquest found all the bodies and found Jonathan innocent and praised him for his effort. The battle was written up in the Placerville Mountain Democrat, soon after in the San Francisco Chronicle and later even in a New York news paper, and then... the battle disappeared from history until John Boessenecker, a noted historian, came across the battle in his research which he documented in a book, "Gold Dust and Gunsmoke: Tales of Gold Rush Outlaws, Gunfighters, Lawmen, and Vigilantes" [Paperback] by (ISBN-10: 0471390186 | ISBN-13: 978-0471390183 | Publication Date: September 11, 2000).

Jonathan eventually moved to Arizona, in fact, there is a statue of Jonathan in Sedonia, Arizona. Jonathan died in 1896. Jonathan never bragged or boasted about this shootout, he claimed he did not do anything special, only did what was expected of him, and, there is nothing in California about this extraordinary event... there should be.

**Peddler's Report:** none given.

**Website Report:** Brother Russell "Christ" Holder reported that the website is current with over 1000 hits in the preceding month and 1264 hits as of this day this month.

**Committee Reports:** Spring Doins Location: Brother Don "Peanutbutter" Breeland of the Site Committee reported the Rancho Seco campground was not going to happen and having trouble finding a suitable location, maybe Portuguese Hall in Freeport will be the location, or, camp in Zamora.

Plaquing: Brother Kevin "Stinky" Jenkins reported he has not been looking at Juiceys and Wimpys; also working on the YMCA for after the first of the year and Elkhorn Ferry. Everready recalled the recent plaquing at the Senator Garage in West Sacramento and passed around for all to see a 1970 patch-of-the-day from when the plaque was originally dedicated.

Brother Don "Peanutbutter" Breeland reported he has been playing phone tag with PG&E.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:**

XNGH Steve "Iggy" Meyers of Yerba Buena 1, now residing in Pine Grove, reported that he was asked to report on the YB1 sponsored outposts at a proctor meeting on the Friday preceding Emperor Norton Day, so he and NGH Mills Anderson provided the following progress update. Both outposts, currently at step two, "provisional," are progressing satisfactorily and his recommendation is for advancement. So, the outposts should keep everything going in a positive direction. A letter was given to "Suds" recommending the outposts' elevation to "probationary" *could* mean chartering of John A Sutter 1841 in 2014 or 2014.

Sublime Nobel Grand Recorder Fred "Suds" Ludermann (recorder for the proctors) said that with respect to the ECV website ([www.ecvgazette.com](http://www.ecvgazette.com)), any good stuff having to do with the media, news papers, plaquing... send it to him for inclusion in "The Good Pages." Also, JAS could submit statistical report data that is mandatory only for chapters including the Board of Directors members, proof of insurance (recommended only for an outpost, but, good to have), one hundred

dollars dues (recommended only for an outpost, but good to do). Also, XSNGH Sid is preparing a new plaque book to include plaques from 2008 to present and any plaques that were missing in the previous publication, send any omissions or new additions to him for consideration, and, books could be pre-ordered on the ECV Gazette. With respect to trademark disputes, trademarked items are being sold by citizens, there are eight trademarked items and if we are to sell any items with the trademarked items on them then we MUST put the ® on them; all chapters in good standing and their sponsored outposts are licensed to use these eight items; sponsored outposts must include the sponsoring chapter's name on items that bare the trademarks.

Brother Don "Peanutbutter" Breland addressed the upcoming "Bean Feed," need a cook crew and hawker(s); Ironhorse, Dave Andre and Kinky volunteered to be on the cook crew, Peanut butter will do the hawking with an assist from Dirty Dave; a motion was made and seconded to provide one hundred dollars for "Bean Feed" food items and on vote the motion passed.

Keith Kinne stated that JAS has been "volunteered" to cook breakfast for YB1 Friday morning at Grand Council, Everready, with Kieth Kinne's help will prepare biscuits & gravy and scrambled eggs for an thirty mouths based on an estimated twenty to twenty-five mouths at previous breakfast.

Iggy is asking Suds for a morning slot for JAS audience at Grand Council and recommends a maximum of ten red shirts be prepared present themselves.

The Facebook page... died?... Christ will investigate.

Kieth Kinne recommended a phone tree for meetings and events such as the spring doins and Grand Council; Christ is to print/send a JAS member roster.

Everready stated that there would be a Board of Directors meeting... soooooooooon...

Stinky addressed alternative spring doins location considerations: 1) a fabrication plant on Florin-Perkins Road across from the Army depot with three or four acres and near Tattoo Inc for a "tat of the day," 2) five acres in Elk Grove from old Chapter 5 friend, 3) Jessies Grove, 4) Alesco on three and a half acres (which was sufficient space for years in the past).

Stinky suggested a plaque for James Rudder, a local junior high school is named after him, buried in Elder Creek Cemetery, born in England, came with his wife to the Placerville diggings at Hangtown, but, that not being a "decent" place for him and his young bride, he moved to Sacramento and worked as a carpenter and from saved income began planting Tokay grapes, and there is much much more on him.

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:** Klinkey's raffle brought in one hundred dollars even.

**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 8:31pm with 26 brothers present.