

# John A. Sutter Outpost #1841

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 20MAR12

**Meeting Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:27pm, Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young presiding.

**Pledge to the Flag:** Brother Matt “Benjamin Franklin” Havens led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call of Board Members:** Roll was taken, those present and absent were so noted.

Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young/Present

Constable Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson/Present

Court Clerk Russell “Christ” Holder/Present

Baliff Dan McCarthy/Present

Jailer Kevin “Stinky” Jenkins/Present

Juror Foreman Dave “Dirty Dave” Barnett /Present

Juror Gene Jenkins/Present

Juror Fred “Mr. Magoo” Willcox/Present

Master at Arms Kieth “Hardshell” Kenny/Present

Raffle Master Gary “Col. Klink” Klink/Present

**Chief Constable’s Report:** Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” reported.

SPRING DOINS committees have been assigned: setup, cooking, cleanup; Dan is accepting pre-pays (has a dozen so far); our “photographer,” Derrick will not be in attendance and so Matt and Dave Andre will take photographs; this is the first doins back at the Portuguese Hall; the defunct Chapter 5 was kicked out for loudness, rowdiness, trashing the place and getting naked; so, police after yourselves and we will be welcome back.

The board meeting – Brother Gene Jenkins has replaced Paul Lau on a pro-tem basis.

Email from Iggy – Tim “Chewey” Cocuak’s daughter birthed a premature baby and is incurring lots of horsepiddle time and so a request of all chapters and outposts for gold dust to help has been made and to that end a hat will be passed... \$144 collected.

**Bailiff’s Report:** Brother Dan McCarthy reported that he had no report.

**Court Clerk’s Report:** Brother Russell “Christ” Holder read the minutes from previous board meeting; a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read and on vote the motion passed; and, read the minutes from previous general 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 similarities and differences of airplanes striking a skyscraper in New York City.

We all remember nine-eleven, but nine-eleven was not the first time a sky scraper in New York City was struck by an airplane. On 28JUN45 a B-25 bomber hit the Empire State Building damaging six floors with major damage between the 78th and 80th floors. There were thirteen fatalities including the three man crew on the aircraft.

Similar... dissimilar... nine-eleven was an attack, whereas in 1945 we were still in a war with fighting in Austria and Romania; four German subs surrendered in Holland; we were still fire-bombing Tokyo; this was two days before the Okinawa invasion started; we still had three million men in Europe; we still had blackouts on the west coast.

So, the only similarity was a plane hit a building; Everyone was pushed to the limit. The pilots were constantly flying missions in all conditions and this crew had flown nine missions in nine days in conditions so foggy there were no civilian flights. The missions were status flights - new inductees were flown to South Carolina for paratrooper training, and on this day there was heavy fog over New York City, fog which covered and obscured the Empire State Building. The tower told the pilots that there was too much fog and they should try landing in New Jersey... silence...

Nine-eleven started something; in 1945 we were in the midst of something, it still looked like the west coast might be controlled by Japan and the east coast, well, if Hitler had not decided to go into Russia then the war may have lasted another two years longer. And manufacturing in this country was focused on the war; GMC was building tanks, planes, amphibious equipment; IBM was building weapons; Amana was building desks and chairs and field equipment. the president had just died and Truman, a little known senator from Missouri who was put on the democratic ticket because he was "acceptable, was inaugurated and became the man to make the decision to drop the atom bombs in Japan.

So, although similar, these two events were not the same thing. Those who have served did something 97% of the population chose not to do; the 3% is the unmistakable aristocracy that needs to be appreciated. Between 1954 and 1956 11.8% of the population was veterans, but now, vets belong to a small club. When the flag goes up, if it doesn't bring a tear to your eye then I truly feel sorry for you, you may as well find a big oak tree and sit down under it and fade away until you are as dead as a \$2 beaver hat. So, when you see a vet, give him the respect he is due.

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

**Website Report:** Brother Russell "Christ" Holder reported that the website is current with over almost 1250 hits in the preceding month, also, an upload function has been implemented to facilitate uploading event photos to be posted to the web site, and, samples of the "tattoo of the day" which will be available at the doins will be posted soon.

**Committee Reports:**

Spring Doins: Brother Kevin "Stinky" Jenkins will make signs and hangman supplies for the doins. Gunshot will assign folks to certain tasks with committees.

Plaquing: Kieth has been out of the loop due to sickness; Kevin has been reading on stuff for the future, e.g., the Consumnes River Cemetery and James Rutter plaques, also, the Portuguese Hall has indicated they would like to have a plaque.

**Old Business:** Gary and Kevin volunteered Bob Ferrell to cook beans at the doins.

**New Business:**

Ironhorse reported Peanutbutter had made a safe for Dan to keep gold dust in, and, Bluecrow would be the door keeper at the doins (Bluecrow will make a concentrated effort to be there).

Bluecrow reported that facebook and myspace pages go dormant if not visited.

Benjamin Franklin reported that he will loan us the #49 jail for the doins, and, suggested a joint "ride to the wall," and, reminded us of the #49 meetings in Drytown.

Mr Magoo asked for volunteers for the cleanup at the doins.

Brother Laue has been deployed to Afganistan for eighteen months.

**Brothers Sick or in Distress:** PGene Breeland had a leision approximately one half inch across removed from his head; the doctor went down to the skupp and did not find anything; eight stitches.

**Good of the Order:** Klinkey's raffle brought in \$134, plus \$40 from the Gun & Knife raffle ticket sales.

**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 8:39pm with 27 brothers present.