

John A. Sutter Outpost #1841

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 17APR12

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:29pm, Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young presiding.

Pledge to the Flag: Brother Don “Peanutbutter” Breeland 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 /Absent
Juror Gene Jinkins/Excused
Juror Fred “Mr. Magoo” Willcox/ Excused
Master at Arms Kieth “Hardshell” Kenny/Present
Raffle Master Gary “Col. Klink” Klinke/Present

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

SPRING DOINS: Thank all you all for an attendance count of 73 red shirts. Everready and Ironhorse met with the Portuguese Hall representatives who liked the clean-up and invited us to the Portuguese Festival at 11am on June 3rd. Iggy and Suds liked how the Hangman took care of the PBCs, 2wo new PBCs and five re-treads. Suds insisted the Hangman’s role in the HOCO go to Kevin. Everready and Ironhorse on KP provided a good dinner Friday night and coffee was ready in the morning – “drip drip fug the Humbug.” When time for cleanup – everyone helped, even the folks camping – nice to see that kind of participation. Kevin offered to give classes on “Fire Diving,” actually, “how to put out a fire with your face.”

PBC policy will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The last event this year before Grand Council is the Western Festival Parade in Elk Grove on OrMAY12; bring Widders; meet at Save Mart at 8am, post to website (done).

Suds is looking at 1) four to five people deep for leadership and stil recruiting people to come up through the chairs, 2) doins don’t violate laws or ECV rules, and 3) where we will be in five to ten years from now.

Bailiff’s Report: Brother Dan McCarthy reported the Spring Doins raised pproximately \$1400 to \$1600.

Court Clerk's Report: Brother Russell "Christ" Holder 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 Railroads – The Big Four.

If you've heard this before, don't stop me, I don't give a shit. Everyone thinks railroaders were wealthy, but none of them came here with any money. CP Euwing from Connecticut came from a family so poor that their kids were taken away from them. Born in 1821, CP was given to another family when he was nine years old, then at fourteen given to a family for apprenticeship. He worked hard at a mercantile business and was very frugal. By the time he was sixteen years old he bought a horse and cart and went to White Planes, NY and made a deal with the stable owner to keep his horse and cart in the stable. Then he would get up before daylight and travel as far out of town as possible and buy produce on the way back to sell when he got back to town.

By twenty years old CP owned a freighting business with four horses and wagons and bought the stable where he had been keeping his horses. CP made a deal with the Saratoga Rail Road and would freight stuff between the Saratoga and Pennsylvania rail lines, becoming friends with Thomas Scott of the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

CP liquidated everything when gold was struck in California, bought shovels, picks, block & tackle and went to Panama, but, had no money to ship his equipment across so he walked twenty trips across the isthmus with equipment on his back and pushing a cart, then shipped the equipment to San Francisco where he made a deal to sell during the day and sleep on it at night – with his pistol. One night a cat or coon jumped on him...

CP met Mark Hopkins who had a tent and wanted to sell liquor and preach on Sunday. They started a business together and did so well they opened a second store in Placerville selling canvas, tents and clothes, and then, had five outlets. CP Hunnington still wanted to get into the transportation business and he convinced Mark to invest. Mark was nineteen years older, a college theology professor (Ulysses Grant was one of his pupils), a bookkeeper for the town council. He came to California to sell a favored commodity, but, when he got to Sacramento he found eight bars already existed, so, he set up a tent to preach from, but, CP got to him. Mark was a book man, CP was a hustler – "if it aint nailed down or you don't have to pry on it to hard then it's mine." So anything went through his store.

The first rail road in the state of California: Cp went to New York, bought an engine and a coal car, disassembled it, shipped it around the horn (he could have lost everything going around the treacherous horn route), then reassembled and got enough rails to go from Sacramento to Folsom. Construction took three times longer than originally estimated because every time another strike was discovered the crew would steel shovels and picks in the middle of the night and disappear and pece toviele feat geround.

CP and Charles Lincoln Wilson went to New York and convinced him to come to California two days after his wedding to build rail roads. Two hundred feet from the center of the track to each side was the rail road right of way and he sold the land on both sides.

Mark Hopkins and CP became top of the four most wealthy. So, he came to California he changed California.

Peddler's Report: Don reported there are plenty of shirts, no hats, some stuff out of the box, some miscellaneous junk (both words are kind); need one good base pin we can keep producing over and over. We need doins shirts and hats for August – probably not more than a couple hundred shirts.

Website Report: Brother Russell “Christ” Holder reported that the website is current with over 1250 hits in the preceding month.

Committee Reports:

Plaquing: Kevin reported that Debbie Gail at Elk Grove has been contacted regarding the Elder Creek Cemetery.

Doins Site: the West Sacramento VFW Hall vs the Portugeese Hall will have to be decided at the next board meeting.

Events need to be sent to the ECV Gazette, contact Muleskinner.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Gunshot: on the August doins, we have a date and place, it will be a candle light ceremony.

Gunshot: will have a copy of the G.C. presentation at the next meeting (just before G.C.), it will be in electronic form, maybe post on the website, should be submitted before G.C. so they can review it advance; primarily intended to be a summary of last year – May 2011 through May 2012.

Peanutbutter: Probably two years away from a charter, not easy or cheap to put on a charter doins and the Portuguese Hall will not be big enough; maybe Woodland, BBQ a pig; Gibson Ranch?

Brothers Sick or in Distress: Gene Jenkins has shingles; Fred's mom passed away in North Carolina; .Bare has an upcoming operation for a disease deteriorating bones in his feet and ankles (amputation is not off the table); Rodney Johnson has brother with brain aneurysm – left wife and kids; Care package for Paul in a month os so.

Good of the Order: Klinkey's raffle brought in some gold dust.

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 8:52 pm with 19 brothers present.