

John A. Sutter Outpost #1841

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 15MAY12

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

Pledge to the Flag: Brother Russell “Christ” Holder 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/Excused
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 Jinkins/Present
Juror Fred “Mr. Magoo” Willcox/Present
Master at Arms Kieth “Hardshell” Kinne/Present
Raffle Master Gary “Col. Klink” Klinke/Present

Chief Constable’s Report: Constable Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson reported.

Brothers Joe Jerad of 1911 and Pete DeBranch have gone to the Golden Hills.

Bailiff’s Report: Brother Dan McCarthy reported current balance is \$8368.40.

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 the 100th Anniversary of the I Street Bridge.

The I Street Bridge was the Access in this part of California to cross the Sacramento River. There were two older bridges, but no longer standing, so this is the oldest standing bridge across the Sacramento River. It is the heaviest swing bridge in the United States. Two men died by falling from the upper deck during construction. The bridge was completed in 1912 at a cost of one million dollars to build; money ran out and West Sacramento provided the balance. The bridge is often referred to as the “Jib Boom Street Bridge” because the road that parallels it on the river is Jib Boom Street.

Up to the early 1950's you would see rails into the water where ships were built by the largest ship building area not on the coast. Sacramento serviced fifty ships a day. There were no roads through the delta at that time, only ferrys, in fact, twenty-seven ferrys to cross the delta. At one time a pony express bridge here but it collapsed in 1866, so to go from Sacramento to West Sacramento one had to cross on a ferryonly. Horses had to be unhitched from wagons for their safety. Finally down to one ferry to San Francisco.

Wheat from the north traveled through here; however, once roads were built, wheat crops in northern California died out, so, farmers went to rice, and, most of the rice went to the orient so the deep water channel to West Sacramento was created.

The I street bridge changed all the agriculture in California and therefore propose that we call our August Doins the "100th Anniversary of the I Street Bridge Doins."

Peddler's Report: none.

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 the first plaque we want to do is the Freeport Portuguese Hall, then Fred 1860 Rutter Station from Sacramento to Folsom.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Brothers Sick or in Distress: Gene Jenkins still has shingles... question: is shingles worse than clap when you piss?...

Good of the Order: Klinkey's raffle brought in \$86.

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 8:15 pm with 20 brothers present.