

John A. Sutter Outpost #1841

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 19JUN12

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

Pledge to the Flag: Brother Gary “Col. Klink” Klinkee 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/Excused

Juror Foreman Dave “Dirty Dave” Barnett /Present

Juror Gene Jinkins/ Excused

Juror Fred “Mr. Magoo” Willcox/Present

Master at Arms Kieth “Hardshell” Kinne/Present

Raffle Master Gary “Col. Klink” Klinkee/Present

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

1841 was well received at Grand Council, and, except for one proctor who feels that an outpost should advance one step at a time through all the steps toward becoming a chapter, 1841 might have become a chapter already; rumor has it that 1841 may come under consideration for becoming a chapter at the January 2013 meeting of the proctors, maybe not; otherwise 1841 may become a chapter next May, or not.

There will be no resting on our laurels; 1841 still has long way to go, viz., Chapter Doins will involve the people in this room and three or four other chapters, e.g., the cook crew will be cooking non stop for three or four days.

This is my last meeting as Chief Constable; Ironhorse will be in this position next month.

Bailiff’s Report: Brother Dan McCarthy reported there is no report and no check book (the check book has not yet been returned to him from the person(s) he gave it to for Grand Council).

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 on Rounders and Townball.

The first recorded mention of anything similar to baseball was in 1839 by two dudes from Coopers Town, New York. "Rounders" is a unique British game played in a circle with four positions at each of the ninety degree points with a second circle outside; the pitcher throws nine pitches to every batter – hit, put out, to base, or, sit down; but, after all nine players had their pitches, the other team was up. A "run" was called an "ace" and the number of runs scored was determined by counting the number of aces were laying on the scoring table.

Sometime in the 1840's it became referred to as "townball." Alexander Cartwright organized teams and set up rules for scoring. Spalding produced written rules in 1905 which became recognized by everyone by 1911.

The Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869 was the first team with eighteen paid players.

Baseball caught on because of the U.S. military because as the military went places, the soldiers took the game with them, introducing it to Japan, Korea, the Philipenes... everywhere we went in the 40's and 50's, so, the U.S. military did more for baseball than anything/anyone else.

The first game took place in 1846; the New Jersey Nickerbockers played the New York Nine. Short stop had to play inside the baseline until 1880 because he was an "infielder," but, he could play on either side of second base. The "pitcher's mound" came into being in 1880 and most pitchers threw under handed. The phrase "toeing the mark" came about because the pitchers foot could not pass the mark until after the ball had been released. If a player was hit by a ball then he went to first base became a rule in 1914.

Baseball in the west – played in mining camps, and, was played more like rounders.

1866 - the earliest recorded baseball game in Sacramento.

1882 - first Sacramento team, the Rivermen.

- second Sacramento team, the Sacramento Capitals

- third Sacramento team, the Sacramento So Longs

Teams were all around the river fed areas and teams went by goat to the games. Professional baseball came to Sacramento in the 1890's, i.e., the first teams where everyone, including the coach got paid.

So, next time you are out and about try some rounders.

Peddler's Report: none.

Website Report: Brother Russell "Christ" Holder reported that the website is current with around 860 hits in the preceding month.

Committee Reports:

None.

Old Business:

Ironhorse: regarding the Candlelight Doins at the VFW, what time, what price (approximately \$35), invite folks 50 years or older or in bad health, one evening, one meal

New meeting place needs to be found as outgrowing current location.

New Business:

Care Package for Paul: put something on the flyer for the August 11 doins (done); items to include would be: baby wipes, condiments, no booze, no porn.

Brothers Sick or in Distress: Al McDonald of Chapter 3 – may he do well in the Golden Hills.

Good of the Order: Klinkey's raffle brought in \$87.

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 8:09 pm with 18 brothers present.