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### Next Meeting

**June 2007 – 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at Williamsburg, VA**  
**January 2008 – Mid-Winter Convention at San Antonio, TX**

**A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Since our November newsletter we met at the Mid-Winter in Salem, OR and the Grand Masters Conference of North America in Portland, OR. Changes to our Constitution and Bylaws were discussed and approved. Bro. Baker, our Secretary/Treasurer, will send the changes to the National Secretary for his blessing and will keep us informed of the result. We also approved purchasing a half page ad in the Annual Souvenir book for the Annual Convention at Williamsburg, VA in June conveying our greetings and congratulations to the National Line Officers and the Heroes of '76 Line Officers.

¶ In our chapter closing ceremony we state “has anyone present anything to offer to advance our objects?” We have for the past year requested our membership to “advance” the “object” of supporting the Freedom Foundation Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge and the National Sojourners/MOWW Youth Leadership Conferences which are held in many states of the Union. The response to our appeal has been less than enthusiastic! Brethren, I make an appeal one more time for financial support of our youth, the future of America! Please send your donation to Bro. Baker. One Hundred dollars has been collected thus far and a check will be presented to CLMA at the Annual Convention in June.

¶ Our next meeting will be at the Annual Convention in June at which time we will elect officers to serve for the next two years. We will meet Wednesday evening June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1800 Hours or immediately following the Camp Followers meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Our total membership still stands at 60. You should have received a directory with the November 06 newsletter. If you did not or if you need another copy, please contact the Sec/Treas (*phone and e-dress above*)

¶ You are encouraged to participate in local chapter activities if one is near. There are several Area Conference/Encampments (C/E) scheduled throughout the

year and your presence would be a definite plus. Check the Schedule of Events in The Sojourner magazine or on the Web for a C/E in your area.

¶ MW Bob Trice is an excellent example of what a 996 member can do. He is in the process of starting a new chapter in Delaware and is actively at work recruiting new members for Sojourners and 996. Keep up the good work Bro. Bob!

**FINANCES:** Our bank balance reported in November 06 was \$554.86. Our expenses since that date were \$91 for the Chapter Charter, \$39 for postage, and \$75 for the 2007 Souvenir Book Ad. We received \$100 in donations for our Youth Fund and \$339.77 in MIP dividend. Our bank balance as of the date of this newsletter is \$880.63. It is not our purpose to amass a large financial largess, so as the bank balance grows we will be able to make contributions to appropriate Sojourner programs, i.e., YLC programs, Collingwood Foundation, the American Legacy Center, etc.

**THIS FROM CLMA:** “A Donation Challenge has been received from a friend of the Collingwood Foundation, who wishes to remain anonymous. He has agreed to match individual donations to CLMA operations with his donation, up to a total of \$100,00, during the period March 1, 2007 to July 1, 2007. This means that your donation will, in effect, be doubled if you make a contribution during this time period. Remember, your contributions are tax deductible..” *This seems to me to be an easy way to raise \$200,000!*

**FINALLY:** It would be a pleasure to see you at the Annual Convention in old historic Williamsburg, VA. I am sure you would enjoy it.

*Proudly serving the cause of Patriotism*  
*Joe Baker, Secy/Treas*