



Nellie Custis Chapter No. 169
October/November 2020 Newsletter



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

After several months of hibernating as a result of COVID 19, we are finally back to having our meetings! We held our first meeting for this term on Saturday, October 24th. We were pleasantly surprised to see so many people show up! We even had 2 or 3 people on the sidelines! We had the election of officers, repeated the Obligation, and immediately took our places at our stations. Brother Bob and I are back in the East together as we were in 2013-2014. We practiced social distancing and adhered to the edict provided by the Worthy Grand Matron.

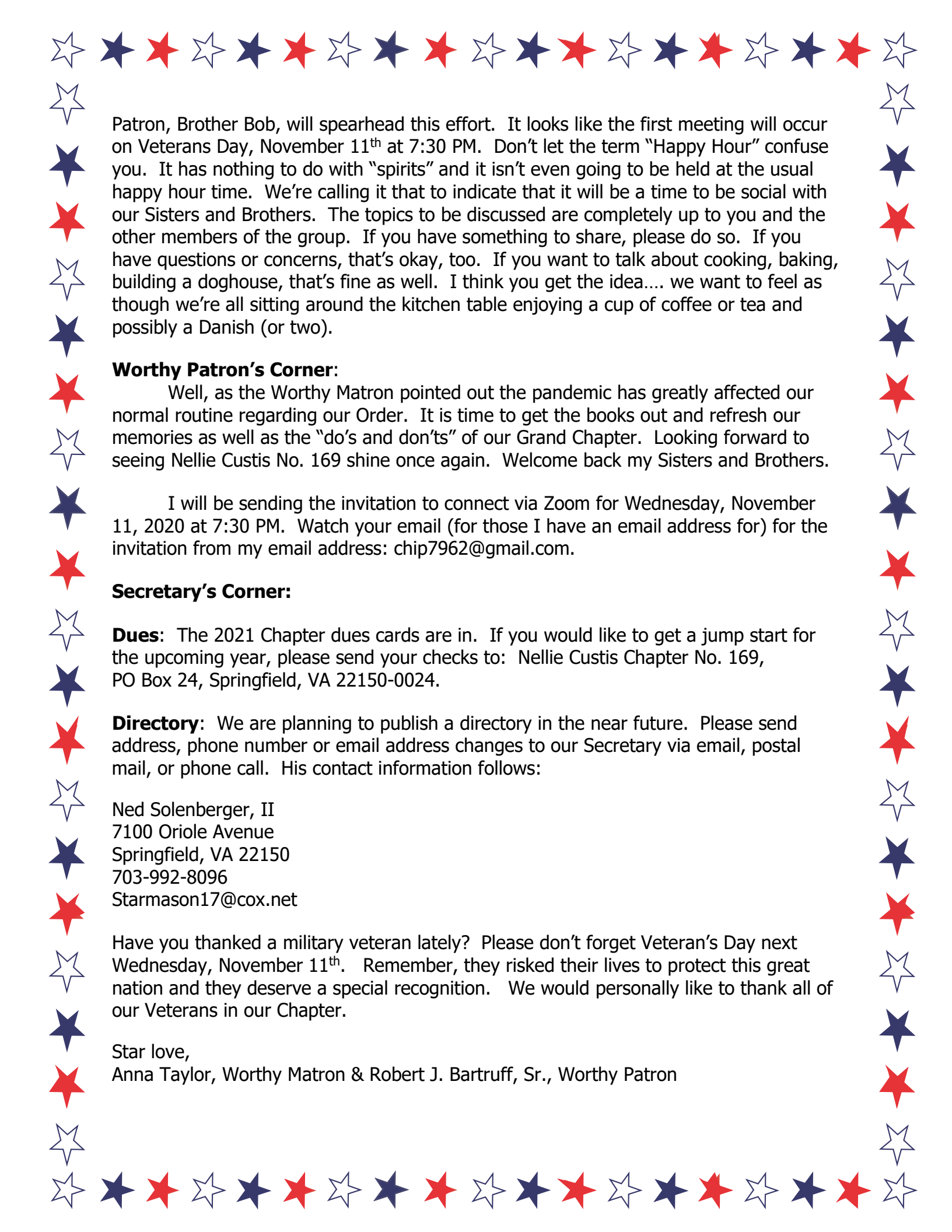
The officers elected for the remainder of this term are as follows:

Worthy Matron	Anna L Taylor, PM	Marshal	Janet E. Simmons, PM
Worthy Patron	Robert J Bartruff, Sr	Organist	Holly Hambley, PM
Assoc. Matron	Susan L Geisler, PM	Adah	Judy L. Plemmons
Assoc. Patron	JD Walker, PP	Ruth	Ellen Walker
Secretary	Ned L Solenberger, PP	Esther	Lisa Andrews
Treasurer	Diana A. Bartruff, PM	Martha	Patricia E. Harrison, PM
Conductress	Barbara Davis-Flanagan, PGM	Electa	Catherine E. Cronin, PM
Assoc. Conductress	Katherine B. Solenberger	Warder	Grace E. Capuno, PM
Chaplain	Ruth E. Meagher, PM	Sentinel	Romulo M. Capuno, PP

The committee assignments for the remainder of this term are as follows:

Accent on Youth	Fe Suaco, PM	Masonic Liaison	JD Walker, PP
Audit – Chair	Grace Capuno, PM	Phone Tree	Ellen Walker
2 Year	Ruth Meagher, PM	Prompter	Pamela Reid, PM
3 Year	Lisa Andrews	Trustees–Chair	Romulo Capuno, PP
Chapter Birthdays	Judy Plemmons	2 Year	Cathy Cronin, PM
Directory	Robert J Bartruff, WP	3 Year	Susan Geisler, PM
Distress	Anna Taylor, WM	Ways & Means	Barbara Davis-Flanagan, PGM
		Web Master	JD Walker, PP
White House Ornaments	Susan L. Geisler, PM		

I would love to say that we have a lot of things planned for the remainder of this term, but unfortunately, the pandemic has caused that to come to a screeching halt. Initially, I had planned to have several fun things to do while trying to “beef up” our coffers, but that can’t happen now. We can, however, stay connected. Starting with the month of November, we will start having “Happy Hour” Zoom meetings for anyone who would like to connect with Brother Bob and me and others within the Chapter. This is open to anyone in the Chapter who has a computer, tablet/iPad or cell phone. Our Worthy



Patron, Brother Bob, will spearhead this effort. It looks like the first meeting will occur on Veterans Day, November 11th at 7:30 PM. Don't let the term "Happy Hour" confuse you. It has nothing to do with "spirits" and it isn't even going to be held at the usual happy hour time. We're calling it that to indicate that it will be a time to be social with our Sisters and Brothers. The topics to be discussed are completely up to you and the other members of the group. If you have something to share, please do so. If you have questions or concerns, that's okay, too. If you want to talk about cooking, baking, building a doghouse, that's fine as well. I think you get the idea... we want to feel as though we're all sitting around the kitchen table enjoying a cup of coffee or tea and possibly a Danish (or two).

Worthy Patron's Corner:

Well, as the Worthy Matron pointed out the pandemic has greatly affected our normal routine regarding our Order. It is time to get the books out and refresh our memories as well as the "do's and don'ts" of our Grand Chapter. Looking forward to seeing Nellie Custis No. 169 shine once again. Welcome back my Sisters and Brothers.

I will be sending the invitation to connect via Zoom for Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Watch your email (for those I have an email address for) for the invitation from my email address: chip7962@gmail.com.

Secretary's Corner:

Dues: The 2021 Chapter dues cards are in. If you would like to get a jump start for the upcoming year, please send your checks to: Nellie Custis Chapter No. 169, PO Box 24, Springfield, VA 22150-0024.

Directory: We are planning to publish a directory in the near future. Please send address, phone number or email address changes to our Secretary via email, postal mail, or phone call. His contact information follows:

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Have you thanked a military veteran lately? Please don't forget Veteran's Day next Wednesday, November 11th. Remember, they risked their lives to protect this great nation and they deserve a special recognition. We would personally like to thank all of our Veterans in our Chapter.

Star love,
Anna Taylor, Worthy Matron & Robert J. Bartruff, Sr., Worthy Patron