



DAS RUNDSCHREIBIEN

MARCH 2008

MARCH 9, 2008

2:00 PM

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA.

In addition to all our regular activities (APS Circuits, Auction Etc.) we will have a special program. Our guest will be Ken Woodbury who will bring a program with visuals about the Greek-Italian War. We have been looking forward to this program for some time. Make every effort to be at this meeting and welcome Mr. Woodbury. You do not want to miss this opportunity and also to meet all your friends.

THE FEBRUARY 10 CHAPTER MEETING

President Fred Meder called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Those present were: Dick Laux, Jim Pullin, Fred Meder, Tom Wall, Frank Hills, George Kuhn, David Smith, Harold Meininger, Priit Rebane, Larry DiStefano, John Rimi, and Bobby Jeeves Parker. Guests were: Elaine Meder, Tom and Jim Schmetz.

President Meder began the meeting by selling off all our surplus souvenirs from Salon 2007 followed by the approval of the February DAS RUNDSCHREIBIEN. Jim Pullin once again reminded the Chapter that the 2008 GPS Convention will be held in St. Louis on February 29 thru March 1. Priit Rebane and Jim Pullin will be attending. Jim also reminded us that the 2009 Salon in Germany will take place May 6-10 in Essen, Germany. It is not too early to make your plans to attend. Priit Rebane passed around a copy of James Lee's volume on Fascist Italy/Nazi Germany. The price for this excellent book is \$51.50 for GPS members.

Some housekeeping matters were discussed. Grace Lutheran Church wants to make certain about such security matters as who has custody of the key to our meeting room. It was suggested that the chapter maintain a small file cabinet in which we could house chapter property and records. Priit Rebane was to check with the Church about this matter. President Meder asked that we report on any items of chapter property that was being held by chapter members at the March meeting. A nominating committee was formed in order to present a slate of chapter officers for the year 2008-2009. The 50/50 scam was won by Dick Laux and door prizes went to Fred Meder, John Rimi, and David Smith. There was a brief discussion concerning having a social event before the end of the year. A decision is pending.

The program was shared by three members: George Kuhn reviewed the symbols on the one dollar bill; Fred Meder spoke about the sinking of the U.S. destroyer *REUBEN JAMES* by a German U-boat, and Frank Hills gave a presentation about Nicolas Luckner, an able seaman of bygone years.

A floor auction concluded the chapter meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING, February 23, 2008

Only four members showed up for our supplementary meeting held in conjunction with the Stamp Show held in Largo. It was a wet cool day which may have affected the turnout. Maybe it was gas prices! Nevertheless we did enjoy a few minutes of fellowship and the stamp show was not a bad one.

AN IMPORTANT REQUEST BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. Someone may have inadvertently walked off with a yellow Deutsche Bundespost ballpoint pen at our last Lakeland meeting belonging to George Kuhn. We all know how easy it is to mistakenly do this, George says that he really needs the pen because he uses the pen in ways no other pen will do. Please check your pens for George.

The secretary wishes to express his gratitude to George Kuhn for taking notes on the February meeting and passing them on to him. The secretary is sorry for his absence.

SEE YOU MARCH 10 IN LAKELAND!!!