



THE TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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Our Last Meeting

was back at our usual meeting place, the Egypt Temple Shrine Club. The attendance was excellent, probably the highest ever. After Glenn Arter, the Chapter's Honorary Associate member, finally was able to make it, there were 33 people there including 8 ladies. For a regular meeting particularly, this was great.

President Jim Smith presided and was looking well after his recent by-pass surgery much to the gratification of all present and his Compatriots especially.

Among the guests were three couple from the Clearwater Chapter, Win and Celeste Young, Charlie and Dorothy Bond, and Gene and Donna Tennyson.

As always the ladies are most welcome to our meetings. And while thinking of the ladies, Compatriot Elwin Thrasher has said that if the Chapter members notify him of the names of their wives, he will include them in the next year book.

Prospective members, Don Goodwin, Scott Peeler and Rufus Stewart were also at the meeting. The application for membership forms on Don, Rufus and Ted Bahn have been forwarded for approval. Presuming that they are approved and added to our present membership of 54 (which includes 1 Associate and 1 Honorary Associate), the minimum goal of 60 members by next March seems to be clearly obtainable.

Back to the ladies again, or this time one lady -- Barbara Lane was given the Certificate of Appreciation awarded to her by the National and State Societies for her support during the 96th National Congress last June. Barbara served as hostess to the Compatriots wives in the hospitality room. She is the wife of long-time Compatriot, Walter Lane.

Aida Register (Mrs. Woodrow B.), Past President of the Florida Society of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR), spoke of the experiences she had in that organization and the experiences her children have had, particularly her daughter who is still President of the Edward Rutledge Chapter CAR in Tarpon Springs. Using the example of the CAR newsletter, the Orange Blossom, and how it grew and expanded, she showed some of the activities the CAR is involved in. However, she also spoke of the reluctance of the SARs and DARs to provide the necessary leadership and support, including financial, to keep the CAR vital and growing. This has resulted in a drop in CAR membership both nationally and in Florida. She questioned the meeting about their own children or grandchildren who would rather go to a CAR meeting than a football game. Recently more effort has been in trying to get the SARs involved with support of CARs than they have been in the past. Mrs. Register would like to see the SARs get their children into a SAR chapter and, in turn, have them provide the leadership for a CAR chapter. She also felt that each CAR chapter should have at least 5 SAR and DAR chapters as sponsor. As an example, have one CAR chapter sponsored by the SAR and DAR chapters in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties.

It is a challenge to the Tampa Chapter then to see to the health of CAR chapter it sponsors, the Ft. Brooke Chapter. Secretary Bob Baylies is the chapter representative to the Ft. Brooke Chapter. If you have any questions about getting your children or grandchildren into that chapter or if you feel you can supply the leadership as mentioned above, see Bob for starters.

In the September newsletter an address was given to which money could be sent to support the Florida CAR. It should now be:

Mr. Raymond A. Haas, Senior State Treasurer
2440 S.E. 28th Street
Cape Coral, Florida 33904

\$5 will make you a State Promoter CAR and \$4 will make you a State Patriot. The Promoter entitles you to a year's subscription to the CAR magazine which the Patriot doesn't get. When (not if) you send your check, identify yourself as a member of the Tampa Chapter SAR. The Tampa Chapter will earn an award if it provides more support than the others. The award is given at the annual State Congress. Secretary Baylies has transmittal forms for this if you want one.

Nuts and Bolts

The folks from the Clearwater Chapter were with us at our meeting in conjunction with plans being made for a February joint meeting in celebration of Washington's Birthday. Help is needed in working out the details. See Jack Seymour, our Program Chairman if you want to do a bit. Jack's number is 973-1439.

Bob Baylies is on the nominating committee for officers to the State Society. He asked the approval of the Chapter for putting the name of our Honorary Associate member, Glenn Arter, in nomination for Vice President of the West Central Region. This was done by acclimation. Glenn is currently the Recording Secretary of the State Society. He was mentioned as being "the father" of the Tampa Chapter and replied that at his age he was happy to be the father of anything.

Russ Rising suggested that President Jim Smith and Secretary Baylies send a letter to President Reagan expressing the Chapter's support for the position which he took in Iceland in not bargaining away the might of this country. This was approved unanimously.

Registrar Martin McKinnon reminded the Compatriots for the need for them to talk up the SAR outside of our meetings. It is only by this way that we can reach our minimum goal of 60 members by March '87 and hopefully go considerably beyond that.

Bob Baylies still has some charter member disks and SAR pins. The new name tags will probably be available at the next meeting.

Board of Governors' Meeting

will be next Wednesday, November 5th, at the Egypt Temple Shrine starting at 7 P.M. All Chapter Compatriots are welcome to attend and indeed urged to attend to add their input into the successful conduct of the Chapter's operation.

Annual Dues

must be paid and in the hands of the Treasurer NOT LATER than December 31, 1986. Local, state and national dues are \$27. Checks should be made out to "Tampa Chapter SAR" and marked "For 1987 Dues". Give or mail the checks to:

Treasurer, Robert Hill
631 S. Echo Drive
Brandon, FL 33511

Our Next Meeting

Saturday, November 15th, at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. Being there at 11:30 A.M. will wet your appetite for the \$8 meal which will be served at noon or so. BUT let Bob Hill know NOT LATER than Wednesday, November 12 if you are coming so that the number of meals to be prepared may be planned. At the October meeting, the Shrine had to set up more tables and prepare more food.

President Jim Smith

Wants to express his heartfelt thanks to all the Compatriots for their expressions of concern for his wellbeing while he was in the VA Hospital for his bypass surgery. He is happy to be back with the Chapter now on a permanent basis.

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