



**THE TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1987

Our Last Meeting

Was attended by 14 members and twelve guests including our guest speaker. Now it doesn't seem appropriate that nearly one-half of the persons at our regular meetings should be other than our Compatriots. In an attempt to try to get some kind of a handle on why more Compatriots do not attend our meetings regularly, the bottom part of this page has an inquiry section which you are most earnestly urged to respond to. AND PLEASE DO SO, SO THAT THE REPLIES WILL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TIME OF OUR DECEMBER MEETING OR AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

The reports of the officers were given and approved. Treasurer Bob Hill reported a current bank balance of \$566.11. He has also asked that the Compatriots be again reminded that their '88 dues of \$27 (total for National, State and Local) are to be paid BY December 31st. Starting January 1st '88, unpaid dues are considered delinquent. So those of you who have not yet given Bob the \$27, be prepared to do so at the up-coming December meeting. Checks should be made out to TAMPA CHAPTER FLSAR, not (NOT) to Bob. If you must mail your dues, address your envelope to:

Robert R. Hill, Sr.
631 South Echo Drive
Brandon, Florida 33511

Again, as at our October meeting, a collection was taken for the restoration of the London home of Ben Franklin. Since our own Compatriot Bob Baylies is the Chairman of this State project, it is appropriate that the Tampa Chapter try to be the largest contributor to it. Those of you who haven't had the opportunity to throw your contribution in the "pot" at a meeting, may do so at the December meeting. Of course, if necessary, you can send a check (a separate check from your dues check, please) to Treasurer Hill identified as being for this purpose.

Registrar Ted Dickerson reported that there isn't as much activity in his area as he would like. He has some applications in process for membership and at least one nearly ready for submission. But because of moves and deaths, the over-all membership total is not increasing as much as we would like in spite of a few new members. He urged the present Compatriots to be on the outlook for prospective members and to be aggressive in pressing those eligible to seek SAR membership.

Fortunately, two of our guests could become members of our Tampa Chapter without too much trouble. One was David Means, an ex-CAR, who was at the meeting as a guest of Comp. Charles Bearess. The other was a SAR with membership in Ohio. This was Jack McGee who

With the intent of making the Chapter more responsive to the interest of the greatest number of Compatriots possible, please answer the questions asked below and/or make such comment as you feel will accomplish the intent indicated above. Then tear off at the dotted line above and mail to (or better yet, bring to our next meeting so you can discuss your thoughts) - President Jack Seymour

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1. Is our current meeting day of Saturday morning at mid-day a good day and time for you to attend Chapter meetings? Yes ___ or No ___. If not, what day _____ and time _____ would be better for you?
2. Is the Egypt Temple Shrine a convenient place for you to attend meetings? Yes ___ or No ___. If not, where do you suggest that the meetings be held? _____
3. Assuming that you have been coming to the Chapter meetings, have you been satisfied with the programs which we have been having? Yes ___ or No ___. If no, what is your suggestion for programs? _____. Would you be willing to serve on a program committee? Yes ___ or No ___.
4. If there is some type of Chapter activity that you think the Tampa Chapter is not participating in, what is it? _____. Would you be willing to serve on a committee for this type of activity? Yes ___ or No ___.
5. Would you be willing to serve as a Chapter officer? Yes ___ or No ___.
6. If you don't come to Chapter meetings or come only sporadically, why don't you come regularly? _____
7. Your comments for the good of the Chapter (attach additional pages if necessary) - _____

brought his wife along to our meeting.

The nametags were available at the meeting and were passed out to those present...if they had paid their \$3.50 therefor. However, the name to be inserted in the tag will be not be available until the December meeting. Incidentally there are a goodly number of Compatriots who have not yet paid for their tags. Here again, payment for your tag should be made to Treasurer Hill. Remember that all 100 (?) of the tags will have to be paid for but the Chapter has only some 50-odd members. The remaining tags will be paid for only by new Compatriots as they become members.

This newsletter seems to be mentioning the need for the payment of money for one thing or another quite a bit. If you can tell how the Chapter can get along without the payment of these rather modest amounts, please let it know how!!!

Chapter by-laws call for the election of Chapter officers and members-at-large of the Board of Governors at the January meeting of the Chapter. President Seymour appointed a nominating committee of Compatriots Bob Baylies, Sam Beauregard and James (Buddy) Lillard. If you have an interest in or would be willing (see #5 on the bottom of the flip side) to serve in any of these capacities, let the Committee know.

The SAR has a scholarship program for Eagle Scouts. President Jack asked if anyone present would volunteer to accept the responsibilities of the Chapter for this program. As an ex-Eagle Scout himself, Compatriot Russ Rising accepted this assignment.

The speaker for the program was from the Trial Lawyers speakers bureau, Mr. John Andrews, who, amongst reminiscence and observations based on his being born and brought up a "Southern Gentleman" from Virginia, enlightened the meeting on the subject of "No-Fault Insurance". It turns out that, this being a relatively new insurance law, although the basic concept is relatively straight forward, the fine details will not be set in concrete until after years of experience and court cases.

Odds and Ends

The December issue of the Smithsonian has an excellent article on the expedition Benedict Arnold led in its attempt to capture Quebec. His expedition as complemented by a similar one under Richard Montgomery was an attempt to secure the northern approaches to the colonies. Arnold to approach Quebec from Massachusetts up through New England and Montgomery from Ft. Ticonderoga up the Lake Champlain/St. Lawrence River route. The article deals with the incredible hardships Arnold's expedition had from September 19th to the final collapse in defeat on December 31st, 1775. Get the article, read it and think if you could be that committed to a cause as you rough-it-out here in Florida this December.

Our Next Meeting

Saturday, December 19th, same time, same place, same price. 11:30 AM; Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa; \$8 for lunch. If the telephone-calling committee doesn't contact you by the time that you receive this newsletter, call Bob Hill at 689-5395 to let him know you are coming so that he can arrange with the Shrine on the number of lunches for them to prepare. Unless something develops between the time of this writing and the time of the meeting, the program promises to be a review by a couple of the Compatriots of what they could learn about the activity of their SAR ancestor during the Revolution.

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