



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

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Our Last Meeting

Was the Chapter's THIRD ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET. It was attended by 14 Compatriots, 8 of their wives and the winner of the Chapter's Eagle Scout Scholarship Award together with his mother and father for a total of 25 people.

Those of you who could not or did not attend missed a very satisfying evening. Nothing very dramatic or spectacular, mind you. Just your Chapter installing those members who are willing to serve the Chapter with work and responsibility for the next year, recognizing those who have done so the past year and awarding the winning participant in one of the Chapter's programs intended toward achieving SAR objectives. Just a small Chapter in a small organization whose objectives are PATRIOTIC, HISTORICAL and EDUCATIONAL seeking to perpetuate the AMERICAN FREEDOMS delineated in the PREAMBLE of our CONSTITUTION. There aren't too many organizations around like that.

One advantage of a smaller group is that those who do attend do become closer Compatriots.

At any rate, the Chapter's NEW officers are:

President - Martin P. Miller  
Vice-President - Duane E. Vandenberg  
Treasurer - Cecil Samuel (Sam) Beauregard, Jr.

Continuing on in office are:

Secretary - James A. Chambers  
Genealogist-  
Registrar - Theodore (Ted) V. Dickerson, Jr.

The Chapter Board of Governors will consist of the above officers plus Past-President Jack Seymour, Bob Hill and Jeff Mancinik. Jim Smith will continue to serve as Chaplain and Jim Washburn as Editor. The later two are appointive positions.

Ted Dickerson spoke briefly regarding an organization known as the Sons and Daughters of the Presidents. He recommended membership in it to SARs. Most if not all male members in it are SARs.

Ed McCleary spoke regarding the work of the SAR Chapters protesting to the State's proposal that American History before 1860 not be a subject for Florida high school students to have in order to graduate. He urged SARs to contact Gov. Bob Martinez and Education Commissioner Betty Castor protesting this lack in training.

It was a difficult task for the judges to pick the winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award from among those contesting for it. However, Eric Hilferding of Zephyrhills prevailed. Russ Rising Chaired the selection committee and reviewed Scout Hilferding's achievements before presenting him with his awards. The achievements were listed in last month's newsletter. Eric's parents, who were at the banquet, have brought up an outstanding young man.

Of the pictures taken at the banquet only three were at all suitable for printing in the newsletter. They are on the other side.

Our Next Meeting

April 16th at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. Start gathering at 11:30 A.M. Lunch will be served about noon. Remember that the Shrine has raised the cost of lunch to the Chapter so that it will now cost \$9. Also remember that if you haven't been contacted by phone and plan to attend the meeting to let Treasurer Sam Beauregard (961-6328) know PDQ. At this writing the program is still being firmed up. Come and be surprised.



Standing left to right Jeff Mancinik, Sam Beauregard, Duane Vandenberg and Ted Dickerson. Seated are Martin Miller and Bob Baylies. The standees are being sworn in as Board Members and/or officers.



Grouped here are Russ Rising, Eagle Scout Eric Hilferding, West Central Regional Vice-President Glenn Arter, President Martin Miller and immediate Past-President Jack Seymour.

To the right Russ Rising is describing the SAR's Eagle Scout Scholarship Award program and Scout Eric Hilferding's accomplishments to become the Tampa Chapter's first winner of its award. Eric and his mother and father listen in.



#### Odds and Ends

The Chapter's Board of Governors met last Thursday (7th) and thrashed out a tentative budget for '88-'89. It will undoubtedly be presented for discussion and approval at the meeting Saturday. The Board also is planning Chapter programs in some new areas including the Douglass G. High Oratorical Contest. Some of you may remember that the National Chairman of this Contest was Austin Drew of the old Tampa Chapter (and later the Clearwater Chapter.)

Some of you may also remember Charles W. Gettys, a member of the old Tampa Chapter. His death was reported in the Tampa Tribune to have been on March 20th in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was 89 and had lived in the Tampa area for 30 years.

Did you know that Henry B. Plant joined the SAR in 1896 at the age of 76?

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