



THE TAMPA CHAPTER  
FLORIDA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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HO! HO! HO!...No, it's not MERRY CHRISTMAS that I'm thinking about right at the moment. It's the SAR dues for 1989. HO! HO! HO! The dues for 1989 are \$29. That's up \$2 from 1988 due to the increase in National's portion. The State and Tampa Chapter dues remain the same as they were. So the payment of the \$29 takes care of all three...National, State and Chapter. And the deadline for making the payment is December 31st, 1988. Make out your check to-

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and bring it to the meeting on the 17th (see below for the details of our December meeting).

If, by chance you just cannot make the December meeting, make out your check as above and mail it to-

C. S. (Sam) Beauregard, Jr.  
17604 Hackamore Place  
Lutz, Florida 33549

in time enough that he gets it by the 31st. HO! HO! HO!

The above isn't to be taken for the official notification of the 1989 dues. Treasurer Sam is sending out that. The above is a backup just in case his invoice gets buried in amongst your Christmas cards and gets overlooked until to late to make the 31st deadline.

OUR LAST MEETING

Meeting on the third Friday of November rather than the third Saturday resulted in a bit of the "good news/bad news" situation. The good news was that some Compatriots who had not attended a meeting in a long time were there. The bad news was that some who regularly attend were not. Overall though, the experiment in the change was considered to have more positive than negative implications for the Chapter. The day, time and place of future meetings will continue to be considered by the Chapter in order search for the combination which results in the optimum participation by the membership. Of course this is not a matter that is exclusive to our organization, but the Chapter is trying to accommodate the greatest number of members. If any of you Compatriots, particularly those of you who hardly ever (if ever) attend meetings have any particular day, time and place that would result in your attendance, the Chapter would like to know your preference. You can contact any of the Chapter officers or members of the Board of Governors. They are listed in your year book.

President Martin Miller swore in the Chapter's newest member, Cyril (Sy) Gamber. We all welcome Sy to membership. Already he has "volunteered" to serve on the Eagle Scout Award Committee which is Chaired by Russ Rising.

And speaking of new members, Registrar Ted Dickerson has sent out a number of application forms recently. The Chapter surely hopes that the applicants turn into members and soon too. What with four Compatriot deaths in recent months, the Chapter roll has been dwindling rather than increasing. Dues-paying-time is always worrisome for the Chapter in terms of its members. Some Compatriots choose that time to relinquish their membership in the SAR. However the Chapter believes (with fingers crossed) that this will not happen this year.

In accordance with Article 3 of the Chapter by-laws, the names of Compatriots Elwin Thrasher, Bob Hill and Sam Beauregard were nominated as a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of Chapter officers for the new year. The slate will voted upon in January and installed in March.

President Miller announced the death on November 14th of Compatriot Frank Darlington Bradley, Jr., State #5200-National #57807. A native of Texas, he had lived in the Vay area several years. He was a retired scientist and a veteran of WWII.

President Miller announced that the Board of Governors had decided to put before the membership the proposition that the Chapter change<sup>ts</sup> operating year to a calendar year - January through December - from its present fiscal year - March through February. He noted that many Florida chapters are on a calendar year but that National is on the March through February year. The Board felt that the change would facilitate the preparation of Chapter reports and the administration of the Chapter by the officers. To do this, the Chapter's constitution and by-laws will have to be amended. A paper showing the proposed amendments was handed out for the members to be able to consider them and vote knowledgeably on them at our upcoming December meeting. Presuming the proposal to be approved, the next Chapter year would be a short year - March through December.

Compatriot Jim Smith reported on his V.A. Volunteer Service activity. He suggested that more Chapter members might well consider to put in the relatively few hours required by this Volunteer Service.

Eagle Scout Award Committee Chairman, Russ Rising, reported that there forty-eight Eagle Scouts in our district. Applications have been sent out to these Scouts and, upon the return of the applications, they will be evaluated and a Scout selected to receive the award.

Publicity for our November meeting had been put in the papers by Chairman Jim Lillard. Unfortunately, he didn't know at the time he put out the information that the meeting had been changed from Saturday to Friday. The Chapter certainly hopes that no one was inconvenienced by this.

Our program speaker was Mr. Ernie Holzhauser, Manager of Member and Employee Relations for the Withlacoochee River Electrical Cooperative. His topic was History, Florida History and Ponce De Leon. Ernie is an amateur historian. He said that the seed for his interest in history was trying to understand what Indian words like "Withlacoochee" meant. Together with his slides, his vivacious oral presentation made the tracing of Florida history from the earliest Indians (Caloosa, not Seminole, in the Tampa area), through the Spanish explorers, the English acquisition, the Revolution, the expulsion of the Indians, the building of Florida by men such as Henry Plant and Henry Flagler, the Civil War (or War Between the States if you prefer) and a big jump ahead to 1988 a most entertaining program.

#### OUR NEXT PROGRAM

We're going back to Saturday for December...December 17th to be exact, the third Saturday as usual. And as usual we will meet at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive at 11:30 AM for a little conversation with lunch, costing \$9, to start at noon. Either let the Telephone Committee to know you are coming or call Sam Beauregard at his new number - 948-1462 - to let him know.

The program for the December meeting will be very timely. Mr. John F. Howes, CPA of the firm of Smith, Howes & Company will talk on various tax matters of interest particularly those which have recently been subject to changes in the law and those which affect older taxpayers.

Come!!! Bring your 1989 dues!!! Enjoy the fellowship!!! Learn about how to protect your most favorite possession, your pocketbook, from an expert!!! Support your Chapter and the SAR!!! You'll be glad you did!!!

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