



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

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HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!! FRIDAY THE 18th FRIDAY THE 18th FRIDAY THE 18

The November meeting will be held on Friday the 18th!!!! At the same place -- the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. At the same time -- 11:30 AM for a half-hour or so of pressing the flesh (just like the candidates) and conversation with lunch to start at noon or thereabouts. The cost of the lunch remains at \$9.

The thought behind the change for this meeting is that it might be more convenient for more Compatriots and other Compatriots than those who have been attending the meetings regularly all along. Whether the meetings beyond the November meeting will be changed from the customary Saturday morning depends upon the response to this experiment.

As usual, guests - male and female - are welcome at all Chapter meetings.

Because of the change in the day of this November meeting, it is particularly important that Treasurer Sam Beauregard (961-6328) have a fairly firm figure of the number of persons who will attend so that he can arrange with the Shrine on how many lunches for it to prepare. Up until now it was possible for Sam to have a good idea of how many to expect based on past experience, but not this meeting. If you have not been contacted by Wednesday evening by the Telephone Committee, please let Sam know that you are coming.

Veep Duane Vandenberg has arranged what promises to be a most interesting program. It will be a slide presentation on Florida, Hillsborough County and Tampa history. Mr. Ernie Holzhauer will make the presentation and narrative. He is the Manager of Employee Relations of the Withlacoochee River Electrical Cooperative.

Our Last Meeting

Fifteen Compatriots, the recipient of the Chapter's Law Enforcement Award and his wife and five other ladies attended the October meeting; twenty two in all.

Treasurer Sam Beauregard announced that the annual dues for 1989 will be \$29, up \$2 from last year. President Miller added that the increase was in the National portion of the total dues and that the State and Chapter portions stayed the same as they have been.

Registrar/Genealogist Ted Dickerson reported that the paper work needed to transfer the membership of Bennett McGee to the Tampa Chapter had finally cleared. Ted, as usual, urged all to "beat the bushes" for prospective new members. And, as usual, he stated that he is most willing to work with any prospective member toward developing the documentation needed for membership.

And speaking of membership, THE ORANGE BLOSSOM, which is the newsletter of the FSCAR, in the fall edition indicates that the FSCAR is "beating the bushes" too but at the CAR level. So if any of you have any children, any grands, any great grands and any great-great grands (it's possible) or nephews, nieces or whatever, let them know that their membership is sought by the CAR.

THE ORANGE BLOSSOM also reported that, out of nine new State Promoters for FSCAR, two were Tampa Chapter members.

It was a little bit of a surprise that Compatriot Ed McCleary had not previously been sworn in as a Chapter member. President Miller took care of that matter in quick order and presented him with his certificate.

While he was on the floor Ed reported that the material needed with regard to the Douglass G. High Oratorical Contest was just being received and would be distributed to the schools he had contacted. Two schools have responded to his October letter regarding the Contest to the effect that they have a deep interest in it.

He also reported on the rather extensive course of events and meetings which resulted in study of American history before 1860 being restored to the curriculum in Florida grade/high schools. He noted that it was the FISAR who was given credit for calling attention to the problem and for getting it resolved. Although Ed indicated that the Tampa Chapter did not have too much to do with the resolution of the problem, President Miller noted that Ed should be given a lot of the credit for his efforts with regard to the problem.

Under new business, Compatriot McCleary pointed out that February 4, 1989 will be the 200th anniversary of the swearing in of George Washington as the first president of the United States. He suggested that in connection with that anniversary and the swearing in of a new president (George Bush) in January, the SAR sponsor some kind of activity which would call attention to the events and some favorable publicity for the SAR at the same time. After some further discussion and suggestions Ed volunteered to contact the schools in Hillsborough County about programs of study they might institute regarding the events---if he could get a few hours of secretarial help. One of the DAR ladies present offered to mention the need for help on the project to the DARs. The bottom line is that this project looks like it might well develop into a joint DAR/SAR one.

Discussion regarding the presentation of a Revolutionary War period flag to a Hillsborough County high school ROTC unit indicated that this would be done next spring in May or June. The flag will be paid for from the Flag Fund (which is the money which was collected for the Benjamin Franklin Home (in London) project but never used for that purpose). Compatriot Jim Smith is the Committee Chairman with the responsibility for selecting the recipient unit.

The 100th anniversary of the founding of the SAR is April 30, 1989. In connection with this event and as a project to raise money for additional books, the SAR Library is offering, for a \$25 contribution, to put a plate in a new book showing one of three things as the purpose of the contribution: "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" or "Given By". To accomplish send a check for \$25 to-

SAR Library
c/o Allen Morrill
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203, together with the name to

appear on the plate, the contributor's name and address and the address for an acknowledgement letter. Be sure to indicate which ONE of the three purposes you wish used. Although anyone may make a contribution, SARs should indicate their National and State numbers and their membership in the Tampa Chapter.

Awards Chairman Jim Smith read the letter of high commendation regarding and presented the Chapter's Law Enforcement Medal to Deputy Dale A. Russell of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Russell has been a School Resource Officer for the last four years at Armwood Junior High School. He gave the Chapter a very interesting description of his work. Primarily he, and other Resource Officers, are in the schools to 1. establish a repor with the children, 2. to lecture/teach them about the danger of shoplifting, vandalism, etc., and 3. solve any crimes committed at the school. He considers it most rewarding when he can see the positive results of his work.

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