

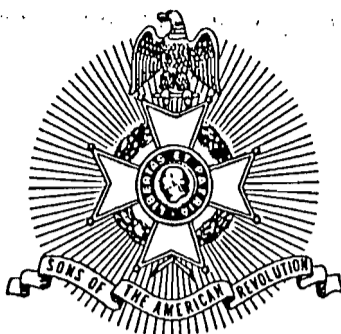
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1996

JANUARY MEETING

20th

Our January meeting will be held January 16th, 1996 at the Best Western Hotel, 820 Busch Boulevard, Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each person will be responsible for payment of their own meal. Your meal check will include the gratuity.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At this meeting West Central Regional Vice President, Courtenay Crutcher will install our newly elected officer for the year 1996. Lets have a good turnout for this meeting and show our support for these officers.

1996 DUES

This is final notice for those who have not paid their 1996 dues. Please mail your check in the amount or \$36.00 to James E. Washburn, Secretary/Treasurer, 5211 Neptune Way, Tampa, Florida 33609-3638 or bring it to the January meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

The Board of governors have recommended the following changes in our Constitution and By-laws:

Constitution

ARTICLE IV, Section 1 Read:

The Officers of the Chapter shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Genealogies/registrar, Chaplain, Editor.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section I APPLICATION to read:

Application for new membership must be submitted on prescribed forms. Application must be typed with good black ribbon. After the application is completed with documentation, the applicant should read the attestation statement and sign it. Information regarding the Sponsor should be typed in the space provided and signed by him and same applies to the Co-sponsor. The application must be submitted in triplicate. The duplicate and triplicate copies may be another original, or a carbon copy or a photocopy.

Application must be accompanied by the currently prescribed Fees and dues.

A copy of each member's application shall be retained by the Chapter.

TRANSFERS - Transfers from another State Society to the Florida Society to read:

A member in good standing of another State Society must Address his request for transfer to the Secretary of his present State Society. His membership continues in his present State Society until such time as his transfer as been registered and the Florida State Society number has been assigned by the National Society SAR. The Chapter will be advised by the Florida State Secretary as to the date of registration and the number assigned.

ARTICLE 4 COMMITTEES - Section 2, sub-section 1 Shall read:
Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

ARTICLE 6, MEETINGS, Section 2 Order of Business shall read:

Business at Chapter meetings shall follow this order: Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, SAR Pledge, Introduction of Guests, Minutes, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Reports of other Officers, Report of the Board of Governors, Old Business, New Business, Program, SAR Recessional, Benediction, Adjournment. Installation of incoming officers shall take place between Old Business and New Business. The order of Business shall be suspended when joint meetings are held with other Chapters or Societies.

ARTICLE 7 MISCELLANEOUS Subsection 5 added to read:

Emeritus Status. In order to recognize those members with membership longevity and those members who, because of circumstance are unable to pay membership dues, the Florida Society established in 1993 a three category Emeritus program. In circumstances of Member with Life memberships, 50 year's and 40 year's of dues paying members, for whatever reason, unable to pay their dues, the Emeritus program should be reviewed for instruction as to which dues, National, State and/or Chapter might be waived.

The above changes recommended by your board of Governors will be voted on at the January Meeting. These are mostly house keeping changes.



Martin Miller
Bennett McGee
Louis Putney

January 5
January 12
January 28

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 16, 1995 AT THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL EAST BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA

In the absence of President George Brooks, Vice President Kevin Yarnell called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Larry Huntley.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the SAR pledge were said.

Kevin introduced the guests wh were our to be speaker, Chick Libershal, Doyle Music and his mother Mrs. Janice Dunseiph, Mrs. Arline Rising and Nathan Pendleton. Doyle and Nathan are prospective members.

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as printed in the December newsletter.

Because the luncheon orders were being served, the meeting recessed until after lunch.

Secretary Washburn said that the dues of 6 members had been deposited in the bank and he had one more check on hand to be deposited. He noted the '96 dues should be paid by 1/1/96. And that the Chapter's annual report to the State Secretary is due by February 15th. He has a letter from Bob Sumner stating that he was not going to renew his membership and that George Brooks has stated that he will not renew his either. A member whose application was approved in 1995 and was assigned to the Tampa Chapter has never attended a Chapter meeting to be installed officially so it is unlikely that he will become a dues paying member in 1996. Current membership is 31. With three not renewing membership the membership is down to 28 members if everyone else renews. Hopefully Mr. Music and Mr. Pendleton will become members in 1996.

The Video presentation on the Revolutionary War having scant attendance, Jim suggested that it not be continued without any comment form the members present.

Genealogist/Registrar, Roger Crane, has an application for membership from a Joseph Walker that needs a bit more information on it before it can be sent forward.

Vice President Yarnell in replying to comments by Ted Dickerson regarding the responsibility of the Registrar/Genealogist, noted that the Chapter has not filled the position of Genealogist/Registrar for 1996.

As Treasurer Jim reported:	Income	\$ 444.23
	Expense	449.45
	Net expense	<u>45.22</u>
	Balance 1/1/95	1307.83
	Balance 12/16/95	\$ <u>1262.61</u>
	National/State dues	162.00
	Total In Bank	\$ <u>1424.61</u>

Vice President Yarnell discussed the need for a Chapter member to step forward to accept the responsibility for the ROTC program if the Chapter is to have one in 1996.

He remarked on the proposed changes to the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws as were discussed at the Board of Governor's meeting. The major change in the Constitution to add the Chaplain and Editor to the Chapter's officers. The FLSSAR's Emeritus Program is to be added to the By-Laws section on Miscellaneous. This program defined circumstances that may excuse and SAR from paying dues. The other proposed changes are "housekeeping" changes to bring the By-Laws in line with changes made at the State and/or National level with regard to applications, transfers and the like as well as to add the "introduction of Guest" to the Chapter's Order of Business. These proposed changes will be printed in the January newsletter and voted on by the Chapter membership at the January meeting.

Kevin announce that the next board of governors meeting would be at his home on the evening of January 4th (7:30 PM). This would allow the printing of the newsletter between the BOG meeting the regular meeting.

Kevin then introduced Chuck Libershal, our program speaker. Chuck spent 21 years in the Army seven of which involved jumping out of airplanes. He is presently a mathematics instructor. He confessed to not knowing a lot of history back beyond 1800 but with instigation of Kevin and it being close to the Christmas season struck on the Battle of Trenton, which was fought during the Christmas season of 1776, as an appropriate subject. The story of the battle which followed was a most knowledgeable, amusing and lively a tale as anyone could ever want to hear. It was continuing of the first rate programs the Chapter has been having.

The 50-50 drawing was won by prospective member Nathan Pendleton. He and the Chapter are \$ 4.50 richer.

Kevin led in the SAR recessional. Chaplain Huntley said the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:35 PM.

It was attended by 8 members, 1 wife our speaker and 3 guests for a total of 13.

Respectfully submitted

James E. Washburn
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Secretary.