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Sons Of The American Revolution

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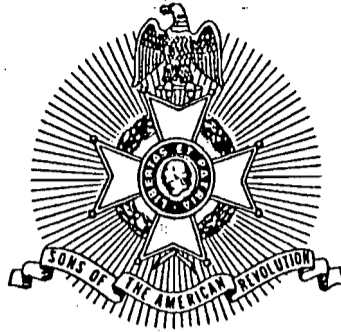
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MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting will be held Saturday March 17th, 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.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH

The program for march will be the presentation of the Eagle Scout award to the winner of the Eagle Scout Essay and the George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest Winner. These young people have done an excellent job and deserve a great hand for the work put into these contest. Lets have a good turn out for this event and show our support for them as they we hope go the State and then the National.

Kaveh Hemmat, the winner of the George S. & Stella Knight contest will present his Essay "A Truly American Revolution" is a 12th grade student from Hillsborough High School.

1996 YEAR BOOKS

The 1996 year books have been printed and will be available at the March meeting for all of our members. It would be nice if all of our members would come to this meeting and pick up their year books and save us the cost of mailing and I know that is impossible but as many of you that can please come to this meeting.



John Allison, Jr.

March 1

WANTED

THE CHAPTER NEEDS SOMEONE TO SERVE AS GENEALOGIST/REGISTRAR AND SOME ONE TO SERVE AS CHAPLAIN FOR THE YEAR 1996.

I am sure that Ted Dickerson would help anyone who would be willing to serve as Genealogist/Registrar. Please some compatriot help the Chapter now.



**TAMPA CHAPTER SAR
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 1996 AT THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL EAST
BUSCH BOULEVARD, TAMPA, FLORIDA.**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Yarnell at 12:05 PM.

The invocation was said by Secretary Jim Washburn

The pledge of allegiance to the flag and the SAR pledge were led by President Yarnell.

Guests introduced were the mother of Bob and Kevin Yarnell, Mrs. Jeanne Yarnell who was visiting her sons; Jim Willis, who came as a guest of Compatriot Jim Chambers; and the program speaker who would be introduced more formally later, Mr. Bill Kienzle.

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as published in the February newsletter.

Secretary/Treasurer Jim Washburn checked to make sure that all the members of the Board of Governors had received a copy of the financial report through February 17, 1996.

He then reported that the Chapter now had 25 dues paid members; down 6 from the 31 which it had at December 31, 1995. He noted that one of the Compatriots not renewing his dues was Larry Huntley who had been elected to the Chapter office of Chaplain and who had been sworn in as such at the January meeting. The Chapter, therefore, does not have a Chaplain. (It should also be recalled as noted in the January minutes that the Chapter does not have a Registrar/Genealogist.) The vacancy in these two offices should be a matter for the next BOG meeting to consider.

He noted that among the 6 members who did not renew their SAR dues for 1996 was Keith Koehler. He became an SAR in 1995 according to National and State and had been assigned to the Tampa Chapter by the State Society. He had never come to a Chapter meeting to be sworn in as a member of either the SAR or the Chapter.

Other Compatriots who did not renew their memberships were George Brooks, Larry Huntley, James Lillard, Robert Sumner and Leo Tyson.

Jim then read off the list of the 25 Compatriots who are the membership of the Chapter for 1996 pending any changes during the year. Following this he read the names of 14 members of the Chapter in 1995 who never attended a Chapter meeting or participated in its activities in any way other than by paying their 1995 dues.

He called the attention of the Chapter members to an announcement from National regarding the availability to SARs of official signet rings ranging in price from \$495. For 10K gold to \$159 for celestrum-silver tone. Call him for more detail if you are interested.

As Treasurer, Jim reported:

Income	\$ 138.82
Expense	100.69
Net Income	<u>38.13</u>
Chapter Funds 1/1/96	1316.11
Chapter funds 2/17/96	<u>\$1354.24</u>

Of the income \$113.00 was 1996 Chapter dues. Of the expenses was \$43.25 for Senior ROTC medals and 21.42 for newsletter expense. An application has been made to the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund for reimbursement of the ROTC medal expense. National and State dues and assessment in the amount of \$675.00 has been forwarded to the State Secretary along with the Chapters annual report.

He inquired if anyone knew the disposition of the War Service Bars and Heroism Medal bought December 1993 but no one did.

More information regarding the application of Joseph Walker had been received through Roger Crane and had been forwarded to the State Registrar. As yet no information has been received back regarding the application.

President Yarnell reported on the actions taken at the BOG meeting regarding some of the programs/activities undertaken by the Chapter over the last couple of years. Lacking a Chapter member taking on the responsibility and effort involved, the following will not be continued:

The developing and sale of a medal in conjunction with Sons of Liberty.

The development and display of a sign advertising the existence of the SAR and the Tampa Chapter in particular through the efforts of former President Brooks.

Kevin noted that the Chapter still has a Historical Tree being grown to maturity and that will be followed up. Barry Rich has been in on this project.

On the other had Kevin reported interest being received from students in the George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest (formerly the Calvin Coolidge Essay Contest). Bob Yarnell and Kevin are following up and are submitting at least two essays for consideration at the State level.

And Barry Rich will bring the Eagle Scout Contest winner to the March meeting for the presentation of his award.

Upon call for other comments Secretary Washburn added to the actions taken by the BOG:

Unless the Chapter is approached by the Purple Heart organization, the Chapter will not pursue that program.

The DAR recognition for persons referred to the Chapter for possible SAR membership will be continued.

The historical video on the revolutionary War which did not attract an appreciable audience will not be repeated..

The detailed analysis of National's financial activities and the possibility of a Chapter meeting place at a building at which the Rock Club (?) also meets will not be pursued.

President Yarnell said that he would review the brochure "Was Your Ancestor A Revolutionary Hero" for possible exploitation.

Treasurer Washburn said that Martin Miller had been approved to do the audit of the Chapter's financial records for 1995.

He reported that in response to inquiries as to possible SAR membership from Kevin Pappan and Stan Harrell made available to them the forms which he felt they would be needing.

Editor Elwin Thrasher had copies of the revised Chapter Constitution and By Laws at the meeting and available to all members wanting one. The Chapter year books is not yet completed.

President Yarnell reported that he had been contacted by the person at the State level responsible for prompting the award of Flag Display Commendation Award urging that the Chapter find an appropriate circumstance that would warrant the award. Kevin inquired of those present if anyone knew of such circumstance. Several were suggested including schools, churches, etc. particularly those which made a ceremony of raising and lowering the flag. If the award can be made before the end of March it would help the FLSSAR repeat the winning of the FLAG AWARD at the National Congress. The Chapter will try to help.

Kevin remarked regarding the presentation of Good Citizenship Certificates which is given to fifth and sixth grade students. The Chapter has done this program twice in the past and Jim Washburn brought 300 certificates back from the BOM meeting should the Chapter be able to find a member to get involved with the program.

Following lunch Bob Yarnell introduced Ph.D. Bill Kienzle, graduate of Penn State in European History and a teacher at Berkley for the past 12 years. Mr. Kienzle gave an excellent presentation on the place of the American Revolution in the context of World History. Most, or at least much, of the circumstances that the other countries of Europe were concerned with were settling old score with England and establishing trade relationships with the Colonies. It was convoluted set of circumstances in many ways. Fortunately, they seemed by happenstance to eventually work to the advantage of the Colonies to become the United States of America. The Chapter is fortunate to have such an expert evaluation of this complex condition of World History.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Ted Dickerson. ^{10.00}\$1.00 was split between Ted and the Chapter.

The SAR recessional was led by President Yarnell.

The benediction was said by Jim Washburn.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 PM.

It was attended by 9 Chapter members, our speaker and 2 guests for a total of 12.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Washburn
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Secretary

Along life's path a battle scarred veteran stumbled,
His strength almost spent, yet he never grumbled.
Though weak and aged, yet as a true man,
He had done his duty as well as man can.
By example he strove, God's laws to teach
He was fit to rule, fame in his reach,
He made no effort to gain worldly renown,
But strove to win eternity's crown.
He was one of the many brave unknown,
Who advanced other's welfare and neglected his own.
--E. J. Inglehart.