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MARCH MEETING

Our March will be Saturday 17th at the **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA** 11810 North Dale Mabry, Tampa, Florida at 12:00 Noon. When you arrive go straight to the private room and after opening of the meeting we will adjourn long enough to get in the serving line and select our lunch and return to the meeting room to eat. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meals and leaving a gratuity for the waiter or bus person.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH

At our March meeting Vice President Robert Yarnell will give us a brief overview of the Constitutional Convention by way of introducing Zachariah Lakel, from Berkeley Prep, the George S. & Stella M. Knight essay winner for this year. Zachariah will then read his essay on the topic of how and why the Constitution has survived for over 200 years. This is an outstanding essay and suggest that everyone join us for this meeting.

After Lunch Paula Stahel will address our Chapter. Paula Stahel has been a writer here in Tampa for 20 years. She's written articles, essays and books. But what she most loves is helping people capture their own stories of their lives. Just recently she completed publishing a project about a gentleman in Michigan, who died last year at the age of 85. His widow wrote: "I know I can't express my appreciation adequately. I will be grateful for the rest of my life." ...What a wonderful legacy!

As Sons of the American Revolution, we are aware of our forebears legacy. But we need to be aware of the legacy we can leave to our children, their children and future generations. Paula's business, Breath & Shadows Productions, helps people like us turn our memoirs into family legacy. She will explain the importance of sharing our stories and some of the way we can capture them. Because, to our families, it doesn't matter whether we've known famous people. To those who love us, we are famous and it's our stories they love to hear.

Minutes of the February 17, 2001 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:01. Jim Washburn offered the invocation and Secretary Yarnell led the pledge to the flag and the President Tetrick led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Dwight Tetrick, Elwin Thrasher, Marty Miller, Jim Washburn, Jack Bolen, Bob Yarnell, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Janet Tetrick, June Bolen, Fred and June Patton, Billie Washburn, and David Taylor.

The SAR membership approved the minutes of the December meeting as published in the newsletter. The secretary reported receiving the dues for Joseph Walker and read a short note from him. The ROTC medals have been received and an invitation regarding the medals has been received from the Army ROTC unit at USF.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,319.84.

In new business President Tetrick passed on a request from the state society concerning our hosting a Board of Management meeting. Some discussion ensued regarding what would be involved as well as whether the chapter would have sufficient manpower to host the meeting. The consensus was that we should pursue the matter. The Board of Governors will seek more information and make a decision based on the data.

The meeting recessed for lunch.

President Tetrick reconvened the meeting and introduced David Taylor our speaker for the day. Mr. Taylor was pleased to announce that the material for this talk was contained in a small book he'd written entitled "Give 'em Watts Boys" and that the book had recently been approved for publication by Firstbooks.com. The subject today was the battle of Long Island.

Mr. Taylor highlighted the engagement and paid particular attention to the evacuation of the colonials from Long Island to Manhattan. The circumstances surrounding the retreat, including highly unusual weather conditions caused many colonials to see the hand of Providence at work. Clearly, had the retreat not been successful, the course of the war might well have been altered.

The membership heard this presentation with much interest. A short question period followed.

Billie Washburn drew the 50/50 that was won by the secretary. The chapter gained \$6.00 from the proceeds.

President Tetrick led the recessional and Jim Washburn gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary



St. Patrick Day
March 17th