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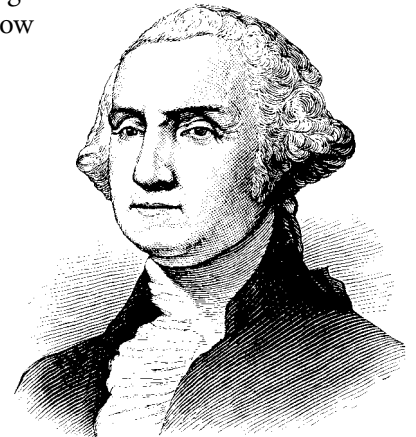
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First in War, First in Peace...

(an excerpt from an NSSAR Press Release on the subject of Washington's birthday)

George Washington is honored each year on February 22, his birthday...It is time to stop and think a moment of the man we honor each year. General Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee delivered a eulogy in Congress describing Washington as "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."...The young Washington wrote down Rules of Conduct which he endeavored to follow throughout his life, all are applicable today:

"Be careful to keep your promise...
Be not forward, but friendly and courteous.
Be not curious to know the affairs of others.
Be not tedious in disclosure.
When a man does all that he can, though it succeeds not well, blame him not.
Use no reproachable language against any one, neither curse nor revile...
Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation.
When you speak of God or His attributes, let it be seriously, in reverence."



February Guest Speaker

Learn more about the environment in which our founding father developed at our February Meeting when guest lecturer Dr. Philip Levy will give a talk titled, "In the Cherry Tree's Shadow: The Archaeology of George Washington's Boyhood Home." The lecture will cover an overview of his archaeological research at George Washington's boyhood home in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Dr. Levy is co-director of a ten-year, extensive excavation project of the remains of Augustine Washington's Stafford County plantation where George spent the first sixteen years of his life. The lecture will also include a presentation with many interesting slides, so mark your calendar and plan to join us for this fascinating talk.

OUR NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2005

The location is the PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 11810 Dale Mabry Highway North, Tampa, Florida (telephone 963-1660) in their private room at 11:30 AM. This gives us time for camaraderie. Wives and guests are always welcome at our meetings. Members and guests will be responsible for their own meal and gratuity.

Minutes of the January 15, 2005 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Tetrick called the meeting to order at 12:00. The president offered the invocation. The John Skillman led the pledge to the flag and the President led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Jack Bolen, Dwight Tetrick, Manning Miller, Rodney Stebbins, Ed Neugaard, John Skillman, Kenneth Skillman, Allen Bell, Luke Lloyd and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: Janett Tetrick, June Bolen, Jeanne Lloyd.

The President reported on the Liberty tree. The person we were dealing with at the City has left the position. Dwight expects an update later this month.

The president presented a membership certificate to John Skillman.

Manning Miller inducted the 2005 officers.

Following lunch the president began by expressing his and the chapter's appreciation for Dwight Tetrick's five years of service as the chapter's president and for Janet's help with our new member's applications. The warm applause that followed indicated the member's agreement.

President Bolen then asked the secretary for his report. The secretary apologized for being late due to his attendance at the State Society Board of Management Meeting. He reported that the chapter's annual report had been filed and that two new membership certificates had been received.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2229.98.

President Bolen then asked Dwight to present the membership certificate to Kenneth Skillman, our newest member.

The secretary explained to the membership why the year-book had been delayed. Several of our members still have not paid their dues and he was reluctant to send the data to Rodney Stebbins and have it be inaccurate. Rodney had learned that Kenneth Skillman has expertise in newsletters and printing and he suggested that Kenneth take over the job as editor. The president accepted this as a nomination. After a second, the election carried.

Ed Neugaard reported on the next month's program. A professor at USF will be discussing an early home of George Washington.

The president reminded the membership of the passing of James Washburn our chaplain. Luke Lloyd agreed to do take on this job. After some discussion it was decided a second chaplain's book would be purchased and retained by the secretary.

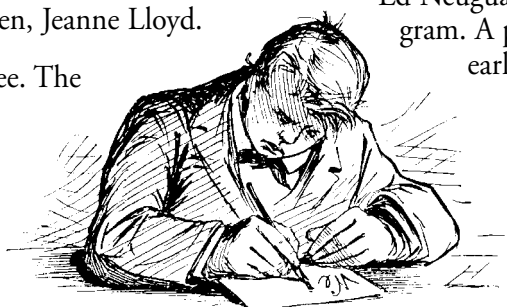
President Bolen thanked Manning Miller for doing our officer induction.

Kenneth Skillman won the 50/50 drawing. The treasury was enriched by \$12.00

President Bolen led the recessional and gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary



Compatriot John Skillman (left) is presented his SAR Membership Certificate by out-going President Dwight Tetrick.



Compatriot Ken Skillman (left) is presented his SAR Membership Certificate by Past President Dwight Tetrick.



New President Jack Bolen (left) accepts "President's Gavel" from Installing Officer M.D. Miller at the January 15th 2005 ceremony.



Group Photo (left to right) of Past President (200-04) Dwight Tetrick Registrar, Past President (1997-98) Kevin Yarnell Secretary/Treasurer, Compatriot Edward Neugaard Vice-President, and Compatriot Jack Bolen President. Installing Officer, Past President (St. Petersburg Chapter) Manning "M.D." Miller stands to the right.

Look for photos of Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Alan Bell and Chaplain Luther Lloyd in next month's issue.

A Few Thoughts From Our President

"...it would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe,...that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States... No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency..."

Washington's First Inaugural Address,
April 30, 1789

The recent inauguration of President George W. Bush caused a great deal of discussion regarding the proper place, if any, of religion in the inauguration ceremony. It is clear that the majority of our Founding Fathers opposed any officially sanctioned state religion. It also seems clear, at least to me that the majority credited our very existence as a nation to a Supreme Being.

Jack Bolen
President



Upcoming State & National Events

115TH ANNUAL CONGRESS, NSSAR
1-5 July 2005
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Louisville, KY

MIAMI CHAPTER'S 3RD PATRIOT TRAIL
16-22 October 2005
West Point, NY



Farewell To A Friend



Compatriot James E. Washburn

11/24/1918 - 12/3/2004

"We will always remember his outstanding example of devotion to God and country."



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Thanks, Captain Rod!

For a job well done. Your insights are invaluable, and your loyal service is an inspiration to us all.

Explore Your Genealogy & Benefit The CAR

Did you know that Tampa Chapter member Rod Stebbins maintains a huge SAR genealogical database which is available to members for purchase? According to Rod, "When a family is doing their family research to join SAR, they can put their information into *our* copy of the SAR database. We will then print them out a tree, which will show how their history connects with our database and will aid in their research. Once accepted into SAR, members are eligible to purchase their own copy on disc. All of the money derived from this effort is given to the Children of the American Revolution in the form of grants to individual CAR members. The CAR Chapter selects the member to receive a grant. Neither the Tampa Chapter nor any of its members derive any cash benefit from the earnings from this effort." The database runs on the popular Family Tree Maker software which is available at most computer stores or directly from the manufacturer (www.ftm2005.com).

Members who would like to purchase their own copy of the SAR database should mail a \$25 check payable to the Tampa Chapter of the SAR to: Rod Stebbins, 8626 Chadwick Drive, Tampa, Florida 33635-6029.

Chapter Notes

Please visit the Chapter Website at: www.patriot-web.com

The Chapter would also like to support the "Pennies for Patriots" Fund. Each member is asked to contribute a penny a day or \$3.65 for the year to this fund. The money goes to the Florida State Society Trust Fund. In the past, the Tampa Chapter was very supportive.

Our next two meetings will be held on February 19 and March 19, 2005 – please mark your calendars.

