



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

That's over!! Doesn't April 15th tend to slip up on you? And every year that 1040 seems to take longer than the year before and takes more postage to mail too.

But let's leave the nasties and get back to the really important thing. We're late a'ready.

Our last Meeting

Was the Chapter's SECOND ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET and a fine meeting it was too!! And well attended with most Compatriots accompanied with their ladies.

After the formalities of opening the meeting, making introductions and eating a good dinner; President Jim Smith asked for BRIEF year end reports from the officers.

Secretary Baylies reported that the Chapter membership stood at fifty plus two associates or fifty-two total. During the year ending March 31st 6 new members plus a transfer and a reinstatement were added but 3 were lost because of nonpayment of dues, or a net gain of 5. The goal for the Chapter at that point in time was 60 members. So we all need to urge anyone we know of who might be eligible for membership-brothers, sons, cousins, fathers, uncles, friends or whoever-to join us in our PATRIOTIC, HISTORICAL and EDUCATIONAL efforts.

He also mentioned that points for awards had been sent to the State Society but that it wouldn't be until the State's annual meeting in May that we would know how the Chapter made out. That the Chapter had awarded the Law Enforcement medal for the first time; had placed the name of Associate Compatriot, Glenn Arter in nomination for West Central Regional Vice President, which usually is tantamount to election; that he, Secretary Baylies, was Chairman of two State committees - Publicity and Allegiance Sunday - and a member of the State Nominating committee; \$20 was given to the FLSAR Endowment Trust Fund in the name of Tampa Compatriot Sumter L. Lowry and Past President General Richard Thompson of the St. Petersburg Chapter. On the matter of our name tags - Compatriots are asked to put in their request for name tags with himself or Treasurer Bob Hill. They will cost the present members of the Chapter \$3.50, 100 tags will be order from the supplier in California and are not expected to be on hand before the September meeting (remember, the Chapter doesn't meet in June, July and August). New members coming in to the Chapter in September and after will have \$5 included in their dues which will entitle them to a name tag. Over a period of time the "profit" the Chapter will make on these new members will offset the cost of tags which are not sold to the present members.

Treasurer Bob Hill gave the following figures for the year ending March 31st.

Income	\$3,686.48
Disbursements	\$3,030.40
Current balance	\$ 656.08

Registrar/Genealogist, Ted Dickerson reported 5 prospective members that he is working with. One other had been submitted but was turned down for some misinformation which he felt could be rectified, giving a total of six strong candidates for membership.

President Jim Smith then reported in his capacity of Chairman of the Veterans Administration and Medals Committees.

Compatriot Spec Winfree who had been handling the Veterans Administration service is still not well so President Smith has been doing as much as has been done. However there are a couple of Compatriots who are expected to take over the function in the next 30 to 60 days.

The awards for the college and high school ROTCs have been set up to be presented in late April and early May.

The Board of Governors meeting will be called before "the year's end" (May meeting?). But President Smith stated that the need for an increase in the membership had been felt so he proposed the names of Compatriots Mancinik and Thrasher for the Board and they were affirmed on a voice approval.

President Smith then awarded Chapter Certificates of Appreciation to the following Compa-

triot for service to the Chapter particy during the period which he was incapacitated by illness.

Secretary - Bob Baylies Vice President - Jack Seymour
Treasurer - Bob Hill Editor - Jim Washburn
Past Registrar/Genealogist - Martin McKinnon

The President's Award went to Elwin Thrasher for his dedication and devotion to the principles of the SAR and service to the Chapter in producing its Year Book and the monthly mailing labels for the newsletter.

Florida State President, Edward S. (Ed) Hoyt, first asked all of the officers for the past year to rise so that they could be recognized and complimented for efforts and success in bringing the Tampa Chapter so far along in such a short time. He then swore in the new or reelected officers as follows:

President - John J. (Jack) Seymour Treasurer - Robert R. Hill, Sr.
Vice President - Martin P. Miller Registrar/Genealogist - T. V. (Ted) Dickerson, Jr.

Secretary-elect, James A. Chambers, was not present for the swearing in.

President Hoyt also asked the Chapter members not holding office to rise and swear that they would support their duly elected and sworn officers in the conduct of the Chapter. They did.

Ex-President Jim Smith turned over the President's gavel to President Jack Seymour as a symbol of the transfer of office. As his first official acts as President, Jack presented Jim with his official neck ribbon and appointed him as Chapter Chaplain.

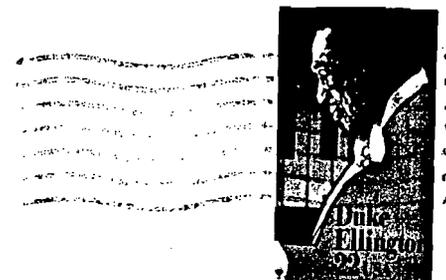
Compatriot Hoyt gave an interesting talk on the state of the SAR at both the National and State level mentioning particularly the Douglass G. High Oratorical Contest and the Eagle Scout Contest. Eighteen Chapters of the Florida Society will have participants at the "talk off" during the Annual meeting in May. Increased prize money is a lure for even more participation.

He cited two situations which should command the attention of SARs. Both are touched in the Spring issue of the FLORIDA PATRIOT on page 2 where in his President's Message he notes that testing of American History before 1860 will not be required of high school students in Florida for graduation in 1989 and only two more states are required to pass the necessary legislation to require the calling of a Constitutional Convention. The first will develop citizens with little or no appreciation of the Revolutionary effort, our Constitution etc.; the second opens a Pandora's box of uncertainties about the Constitution our country might end up with. Keep aware and act on these issues whenever you can.

Our Next Meeting

Saturday, April 18th, 11:30 AM at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Dr., Tampa. The program will be presented by Wanda Frederick of the General Telephone speaker bureau. Her topic will be Structures & Styles, a slide picturization of Tampa in its early days. Let Bob Hill (689-5395) know by April 15th (there's that day again) if you will be attending so he can arrange with the Shrine for meals. Cost - \$8.

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