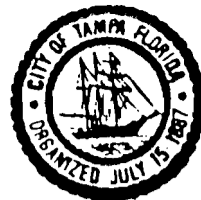




THE TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

Our Last Meeting

At the last meeting there was - as the saying goes - some good news and some bad news.

First the good news. Between member SARs, guest SARs and other guests, there were 40 persons at the December meeting. That set the highest attendance record!!! The chapter is growing not only in total membership but in active membership too!!! You Compatriots who haven't been attending the meetings are missing out on the good, positive things the Chapter is doing in furtherance of the purposes of the SAR. You would do well to join your fellow Compatriots to lend your support and input to the Chapter programs.

The bad news was that lines of communication between the Chapter and the Shrine got muddled. The Shrine had the Chapter scheduled for an evening meeting rather than a noontime one and consequently had no luncheon prepared. Of course a little sweetening was that there was no charge for lunch so \$8 was saved there for lunch "on your own" after the meeting.

One guest SAR was Compatriot Ken Jencks who is President of the Rhode Island State Society. He gave an interesting talk on the approach his state society takes to the SAR and its programs at the same time stressing that he wasn't putting them out as a model for other state societies to copy or follow.

The other guest Compatriot was Harlan (Mick) Fuller of the Texas Society who is moving to Tampa.

Treasurer Bob Hill reports that the Chapter has \$477.37 unencumbered for its use.

President Jim Smith spoke of the books which he took out to the VA Hospital in his capacity as Chairman of the VA Committee. This is a temporary chairmanship until a permanent one can be appointed. Here is an excellent chance for one of the Compatriots who is not otherwise active to come forward and volunteer for this position. Compatriot Spec Winfree was the Chairman of this committee up until the time his health deteriorated to the point at which he could no longer handle it. The Chapter extends its best wishes to Compatriot Spec for his return to complete good health.

New Compatriots John Allison and Donald Goodwin were sworn in and presented with their certificates of membership. The Chapter welcomes these new members and urges them to take an active part in its committees and programs.

Compatriot Duane Vandenberg and his wife, Peggy, were presented with certificates of appreciation for their support during the 96th National Congress here here in Tampa last June. Registrar/Genealogist Martin McKinnon formally announced his resignation of this position. He is moving to Mississippi. Taking over the position is Ted Dickerson. McKinnon announced that in addition to the members taken in since the start of the Chapter year, April 1st, the applications of Scott Mason and Jeffrey T. Skeim are all but complete and should be approved very soon. Scott is the son of present member Herb Mason.

Compatriot McKinnon was presented with the Chapter's General Sumter L. Lowry Award in recognition of his services to the Chapter.

Major Ken Taylor of the Tampa Police Department was called on to introduce the recipient of the Chapter's Law Enforcement Medal. This was Corporal Bruce Shonyo who has been in charge of the Department's Explorer Program. Cpl. Shonyo explained that the main purpose of the program was to expose young men and women to law enforcement techniques as encountered in the police department with the expectation that at least some of these young people will be drawn to seek careers in police work. He explained the qualifications, responsibilities and limitations of those in the program. Major Taylor noted that under Cpl. Shonyo's supervision and direction the Tampa Police Department's Explorer Program placed at or near the top in all areas of competition with other programs throughout the nation.

Dues Information

Secretary Bob Baylies explained that although in the past members coming in to the SAR in November and December were exempt from having to pay dues in the succeeding year that would no longer hold true for National and State dues but would hold true for Chapter dues. State Secretary, Floyd May, has informed Bob that he would delay applications for membership which would otherwise be processed in November and December until the following year to avoid this hardship. The change was instituted at National level.

Dues are paid on a calendar basis although the Chapter year runs from April 1st through the following March 31st. Dues for 1987 are therefore, as of the reading of this, past due if not having been paid before. Dues are payable to -

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Robert R. Hill, Sr., Treasurer
631 S. Echo Drive
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Nominating Committee

As reported last month, the Committee is composed of President Jim Smith, Secretary Bob Baylies and Compatriot Martin Miller. Make your recommendation known to them PDQ. Even yourself if you are willing to serve.

State Board of Governors Meeting

Will be held on January 30th and 31st at Cypress Gardens. All SARs are welcome to attend although only Chapter representatives have a vote.

Name Tags

100 name tags are being ordered. The price of each will probably be in the \$3 to \$5 range depending on the cost. This will give the Chapter a small profit on each to help finance the tags remaining in inventory pending future sale.

Publicity

Compatriot Arter has pointed out that 3 pictures regarding the Tampa Chapter have appeared in the National SAR magazine. He believes that this is a first for a chapter so young.

New Member, Donald Edward Goodwin

Is descended from Edmund Doane of Massachusetts and Nova Scotia. Edmund was a fisherman who pledged loyalty to the colonists and petitioned Massachusetts to accept shipments of fish and liver oil from their kinsmen working in Nova Scotia during the Revolution.

Don, a draftsman, was in the Naval Reserve eight years. He enjoys cooking and has published a cook book. He lives in Zephyrhills.

Our Next Meeting

Will be on January 17th at Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. Let Bob Hill (see above) know by Wednesday, January 14th if you will be there so arrangements can be made with the Shrine for lunch. Since President Jim Smith lives next door to the Potentate-Elect of the Shrine, a lunch is all but guaranteed; but be there about 11:30 just to get in the mood for it.

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