



THE TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
NEWSLETTER MAY 1987

Our Last Meeting

Was the first under the Presidency of Jack Seymour. Unfortunately, after several meetings of good attendance there was apparently an epidemic of Spring Fever affecting many of the Compatriots with complicating factors of golfitis, tennitis, boatitis, lazyitis and who knows what all. At any rate, only eleven Compatriots felt well enough to brave the weather on one of the finest Florida days God ever made to attend the meeting. They, together with five ladies including our guest speaker, enjoyed a very relaxed and informal time with plenty of time for everyone to chat with everyone else, a good meal and an interesting program.

The program was presented by Wanda Frederick of General Telephone Company's Speakers Bureau. Wanda has had a good number of years of service with the telephone company--from even before it was GTE. It was a very interesting slide presentation paralleling the growth of Tampa and the Tampa Bay Area with the development of the telephone system serving it. The first phones were homemade or mail order phones connected by barbed or iron wire and first installed in the late 1870s to early 1880s period. There was no phone ringing in those days; you just started talking. Wanda said she didn't work for the phone company THAT far back. Peninsula Telephone Company was formed in 1901 and served the area until 1958 when it merged with the GTE system.

Treasurer Bob Hill reported that the bank balance was \$614.90.

Genealogist/Registrar Ted Dickerson reported that the application papers of Scott Peeler were now in order to be sent off for approval for membership. Scott has been coming to meetings for so long and so faithfully that most of us considered him a member right along anyway.

Seven other men are being worked with by Compatriot Ted with the papers of two of them nearing completion. There are no men ready to be sworn in at the present time.

FLSAR Annual Assembly

President Jack Seymour and Secretary Bob Baylies attended the Assembly or at least parts of it. It was held May 1, 2 and 3 at the Sarasota Holiday Inn-Airport. As was expected Tampa Chapter Compatriot Glenn Arter was elected West-Central Vice President.

The Chapter received the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service award but none other.

FLSAR President is now Lunsford O. (Skip) Healy of the Brevard Chapter and Senior Vice President is Raymond A. Haas of Caloosa Chapter.

Name Tags

Are available at \$3.50. Give your money to Treasurer Bob Hill or Secretary Bob Baylies and try to do it at our next meeting or otherwise as soon as possible. The Chapter will have to pay for the 100 ordered so it needs the Chapter members to pay for their individual ones PDQ to ease the strain on the bank account.

Our Next Meeting

Will be held at Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa on Saturday, May 16th beginning at 11:30 A.M. Luncheon will cost \$8 as usual. An in-house program is being worked up by a Chapter Compatriot on a battle of the Revolution but he won't say which battle. He doesn't want his topic usurped (meaning stolen) before he can put it on. So y'all come, you might get an idea of a program you can put on.

As usual let Bob Hill-689-5395-know if you are going to be able to make the meeting so that he can make arrangement with the Shrine for the appropriate number of meals to plan on serving. Do this by Wednesday, May 13th because he has to let the Shrine know by Thursday the 14th.

Incidentally, this is ARMED FORCES DAY.

Vacation Time

The Tampa Chapter does not meet during June, July and August. The first meeting in the fall presumably will be on Saturday, September 19th, however the Chapter has found that in the past the Shrine has still been on its summer schedule in September and not available for meetings. Since the Newsletter is also suspended until fall, you will have to wait until the September issue for the particulars on the wheres and whens of the September meeting to be verified.

Anything which any member would like to have included in the September Newsletter should be gotten to the Editor by Monday, August 24th.

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER AND MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

YOUR EDITOR

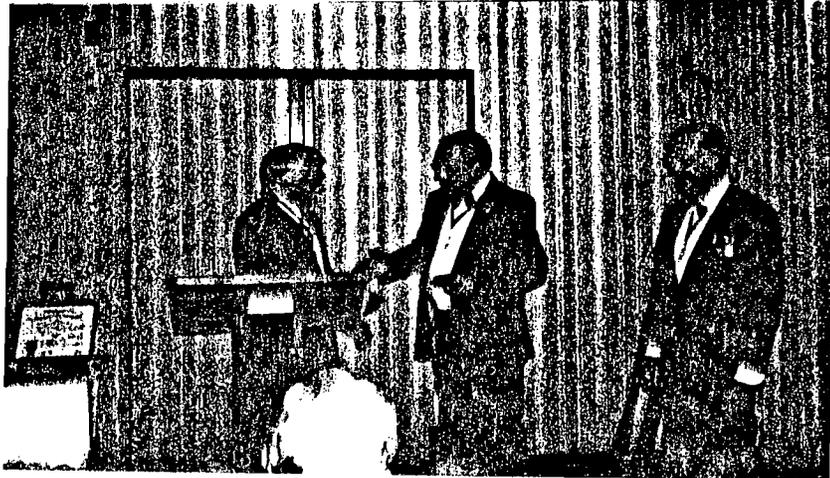


TAMPA CHAPTER OFFICERS 1987-1988

Ted Dickerson, Genealogist/Registrar; Bob Hill, Treasurer; Martin Miller, Vice President and Jack Seymour, President with installing officer FLSAR President, Ed Hoyt. Secretary Bob Baylies not pictured.



FLSAR President, Ed Hoyt placing ribbon symbolizing the office of Chapter President around the neck of newly-installed Jack Seymour.



Outgoing President Jim Smith offers a congratulatory handshake to new President Jack Seymour as FLSAR President Ed Hoyt observes



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