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DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting will be Saturday December 20, 1997 at the Best Western Resort & Convention Hotel, 820 Busch Boulevard, Tampa Florida at 12:00 Noon. Each person will be responsible for payment of their own meal and the check will include the gratuity.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

Miriam Weiner will give a presentation on the women in the American Revolution. It will be divided into several parts covering the roll of the women and their part in this great revolution. Their part during this time is rarely covered and will be of great interest to all.

Why not bring your wife or friend along and enjoy this program.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1998

Also at this meeting we will elect our officers for the year 1998. The following have been recommended by the Nominating Committee other nominations may be made from the floor but make sure that the nominee is willing to serve in the capacity he is nominated. Lets have a good turnout for this event and give our future officers your support. They are as follows:

President	Kevin Yarnell
Vice President	Robert Yarnell
Secretary	Robert Yarnell
Treasurer	Martin Miller
Genealogist/Rigistrar	Elwin Thrasher
Editor	Elwin Thrasher
Acting Chaplain	James Washburn

1998 DUES

Your 1998 dues must be paid by January 1st 1998. Now is a good time to pay them before the rush of the Christmas Holidays. They are as follows:

National	$20.00
State	20.00
Chapter	10.00
Total	$50.00

Mail your dues to:

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Minutes of the Tampa Chapter SAR meeting Oct. 18, 1997

The meting wass caled to order by President Yarnell at 12:05.

Jim Washburn offered the invocation. President Yarnell asked George Brooks, the guest speaker to lead in the pledge to the flag. President Yarnell led the SAR pledge.

Guests were introduced: Dwight Tetrick, Mrs. Ritchie and George Brooks.

The minutes were approved as printed.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Bob Yarnell and accepted by the membership.

President Yarnell reported on his conversation with Compatriot Calhoon of the state society regarding the Tampa Chapter once again presenting ROTC medals to the high schools in the area. The chapter agreed to undertake the project on the following lines. 1) The states assurance that the endowment trust fund would pay the costs of the medals; 2) we would invite all recipients to the May meeting to receive their awards; 3) we would not send representatives or the medals to the units for presentation at the school events; 4) the Sr. ROTC medals (college units would be left to Jim Chambers discretion concerning their participation in the May meeting.

A change in the November meeting / River trip was announced. The date is now Sunday, November 16, 1997 at 1:00 PM. Elwin Thrasher agreed to publish the new date in a shortened November newsletter.

The chapter turned again to Marty Miller to chair the nominating committee in preparation for the upcoming elections. Marty suggested the BOG might best fill this role this year. The members agreed. A meeting was set for November 6, 1997 at Kevin's.

Ted Dickerson reported on several groups that might have interest for the membership. He particularly highlighted the Ancient Artillery Company describing its origins and membership requirements.

Lunch was served and the meeting temporarily adjourned for this purpose.

George Brooks, former president of the Tampa Chapter, provided the program on the origins and history of Freemasons. His talk, based on the book "Born in Blood", traced the organization through history. The stories, coincidences and fine presentation were well received by the members present.

Vice President Yarnell being absent, a 50-50 drawing was not held.

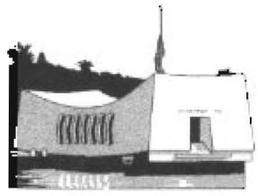
The recessional was said followed by the benediction offered by Jim Washburn. The meeting was adjourned a 1:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Kevein Yarnell
Kevin Yarnell
President

In as much as there was no meeting in November there are no minutes but we went on a Historic River cruise up the Hillsborough river and enjoyed the narration by Rodney Brown of the Tampa Bay Historical Museum of the various historical sites along the river. Must say the view from the river was better than from the streets. Sorry so many of our members missed this event as the weather was delightful and I for one was amassed at the changes that have been made along the shore line since I was last on the river.

Remember Pearl Harbor



December 7th

Your editor had the pleasure of visiting Pearl Harbor this summer and the memorial is a reminder of that part of history that a number of us have lived through. While I had been told in the past that there were some recent burials of a number of the survivors I was shaken by the fact that they still felt this closeness to their comrades to have wished to buried with them. It is a very fitting memorial for all to visit and remember those who have sacrificed their lives that we may be free.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS