

MXSSAR DEDICATION AT THE MALAGA, SPAIN CATHEDRAL

On January 25, 2003, Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr., President of the Mexico Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and his wife, Robin, made a presentation of a large wreath of flowers to Malaga, Spain Cathedral. The circular wreath was about 45 inches in diameter, with a 12 inch band of red, white and blue carnations, trimmed with white gladiolas. Accepting the wreath on behalf of the Cathedral, was Dr. Francisco Garcia Meta, Dean of the Cathedral, and several members of the church's governing body. The presentation was made in front of the plaque on the church wall dedicated by the NSSAR in 1978.

The full address in Spanish by Judge Butler was as follows:

“Buenas Dias Damas y Caballeros,

“Me llamo es Edwardo Butler. Soy el presidente de los Herederos de la Revolucion Americano de Mexico. Estamos aqui hoy para honrar la gente de las ciudad de Malaga durante el tiempo de las guerra de la Revolucion Americano, y los miembros de esta iglesia, y en particular, Don Bernardo de Galvez, quien hasido miembro de esta iglesia.

“Dos Cientos , viente y cinco anos despues la gente de este ciudad handado todo el dinero destinado a la construcion de las torre sur de este iglesia a los colonistas de America para ayadarlos a obtinar la indenpencia de Angletera. Entonces, las mujeres handato sus joyas de plata a Don Bernardo de Galvez para comprar armas para sus soldados.

“General Galvez es un heroe in los Estados Unidos. Sin el General y sus soldados podriamos haber perdido la guerra.

“Estas flores son un pequeno regalo de nuestra apreciacion por la ayuda de esta iglesia, por las gente de Malaga, especialmente las mujeres, Don Bernardo Galvez, y Carlos, III, el Rey de Espana durante este tiempo.

“Pues, hoy, hablamos a ustedes, gracias, gracias, muchisimas gracias. Nosotros no los olvidremos”.

English Translation:

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen,

My name is Edward Butler. I am the president of the Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. We are here today to honor the people of the city of Malaga, Spain during the time of the American Revolutionary War; the members of this church during that time; and in particular, Don Bernardo de Galvez, who was a member of this church.

Two hundred and twenty five years ago the people of this city donated the money which had been set aside for the construction of the south tower of this cathedral to the American colonists, to

assist them in their attempt to gain independence from England. Then, the women of this city donated their silver jewelry to Don Bernardo Galvez to buy arms and ammunition for his soldiers.

General Galvez is a hero in the United States. Without the general and his soldiers, we might have lost the war.

These flowers are a small gift to show our appreciation for the help received from this cathedral; from the people of Malaga, especially the women; for Don Bernardo de Galvez; and for Carlos, III, King of Spain during this time.

So, today, we say to you: thank you, thank your, and a big thanks to you. We will not forget.

Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.

Dean Mota made a few remarks indicating how happy he was to accept this wreath, and how much the people of his church loved America. He took the written remarks of Judge Butler and stated that they would be placed in the archives of the cathedral.

MXSSAR ASSISTING IN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A SAR SOCIETY IN SPAIN

On Feb. 1, 2003, MXSSAR president Judge Ed Butler, and his wife, Robin, met with Tom Denegre, III, an active member of MXSSAR, who lives in Madrid. Tom has been working with several prospects for SAR. Juan Carlos, King of Spain, his son the prince, and a nephew, who is a duke, are all members of the SAR in Spain. Ed shared a few ideas about recruiting, such as contacting the military newspapers at the several military installations in Spain, and working with the DAR..

The following day, Ed had a meeting with the outgoing Regent of the DAR Society of Spain, in which they discussed how the DAR could help the SAR establish a chapter.