

# The Cradle of Texas Crier

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33  
Sons of the American Revolution



Volume 9, Number 1

January, 2006

Dr. Don Pugh, Editor

## Representative Ron Paul to be Speaker

The regular meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the Wursthau in Lake Jackson on Saturday, January 14 at 11:30 a.m..

U. S. Congressman Ron Paul who represents part of the area which our chapter is assigned will give a "Congressional Update: The Economy, Retirement, Social Security and Medicare from a Federal Perspective."

Dr. Paul was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Gettysburg College and the Duke University School of Medicine. He served as a flight surgeon in the U. S. Air Force during the 1960s moving to Texas in 1968 along with his wife Carol where he began his medical practice in Brazoria County. They reside in Surfside and are the proud parents of five children who have presented them with seventeen grandchildren.



Representative Ron Paul

Congressman Paul serves on three Congressional Committees: Committee on International Relations; Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere; Subcommittee on

Asia and the Pacific; Committee on Financial Services; vice chairman of Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, Technology and Economic Growth; and the Joint Economic Committee.

The Wursthau is the "son" of the original Wursthau Restaurant in Lake Jackson. The new owner, a former employee, has purchased all the old recipes. The restaurant has a large meeting room in the rear. To get to the Wursthau come south into Lake Jackson on Highway 288 and turn left at the first signal light after you come over the overpass adjacent to the Mall. There will be a Compass Bank on your left. Turn left in front of the

Compass Bank (this is This Way Street). Proceed into the third block and you will see a Shooter's Pool Hall on your right and on your left on the corner ahead will be the Wursthau. This is That Way Street. You will now be at the infamous and world renowned intersection of This Way and That Way Streets as featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not.

## Minutes of the Last Meeting

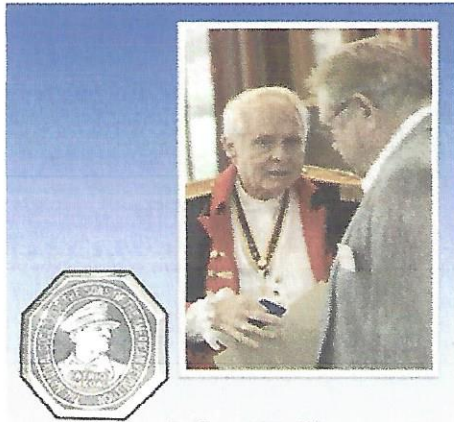
The Cradle of Texas Chapter, Sons of American Revolution met at The Columbia Lakes Clubhouse on Saturday, December 10, 2005. In attendance were Dr. Don Pugh, Earlene Pugh, Arnold Seidule, Janice Seidule, Coryne Choate, Frank Seidule, Milton and Mary Wing, W. A. Bryan, Dr. Tillman Daniel, Freda Daniel, Mike Green, Tim Hall, George Hall, Dot and Jim Salisbury, Garvin Germany, Bob Faulkner, Frances Faulkner, Roger Byler, Beverly Cowen, C.R. Mudd, Kay Mudd, Clell Sechrest, Mary Sechrest, Dick Robinett, Jo Ann Robinett, Mike Rees, Dr. Jim Heath, Julian Taylor III, Mike Rees and Alexander Hodge Chapter President, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bultman .

Roger Byler led the Chapter in a prayer.

President Daniel asked the Nominating Committee to report: Don Pugh, George Easterling and Arnold Seidule announced that President Daniel was nominated for President, Mike Rees for Vice President; Frank Fitzgibbon for Secretary, Russell Dart for Treasurer and Garvin Germany for Genealogist. No other nominations were made. The chapter voted unanimously *viva voce* to elect the nominees.

Texas Society President Dr. Jim Heath presented the Patriot Medal, the highest award of the Texas Society to former Chapter President and District Treasurer Bob Faulkner "for his long and faithful service at the State and Chapter level". President Heath noted that only one such award could only be presented per year per 500 members.

Bob Faulkner graciously thanked everyone for himself and Frances, and expressed his humble pleasure at being so honored.



**Robert Faulkner**  
**Patriot Medal Honoree**  
**December 2005**

State Society Vice President Robinett, representing the President of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, congratulated Bob Faulkner. The Chapter paused to eat.

The program was given by State Society President Elect Tom Green and his wife, Margot Green, physically assisted by District Vice-President Mike Green.

More than 50 flags were displayed during the course of the presentation. Flags and related stories included (please forgive the secretary's inaccuracies):

The "Betsy Ross" flag and the story of the (functional and unique) asymmetry of the stars; the Fort McHenry flag, a giant 30' by 42' flag which flew in 1813; the story of the role of the young Baltimore attorney Francis Scott Key who was asked to negotiate with the British to free American hostages; the subsequent bombardment of Fort McHenry; the storm that night which made it impossible to see the flag until "the dawn's early light;" the 1818 flag which had 20 stars for 20 states; the congressional act that year to limit the stars to 13; the reversed tradition of subsequently added stars on July 4<sup>th</sup> on the year of admission of each additional state; the tradition of numbering the gun salute to reflect the number of states up to 20; the tradition of odd numbered salute (21) in the Navy; "Old Glory" as the name of the flag flown by Captain William Driver's ship, the designation of the blue of "old glory" blue as forever the color of the field of the stars; the addition of Florida (27<sup>th</sup>), Texas (28), Iowa (29); the misconception about the date of Texas' admission to the union; the 34 star Lincoln Flag; the refusal to remove the stars of the Confederate states during secession; the protection of "old glory" by Driver's ship during the secession of Tennessee; the Raven flag based on the bowsprit of the Norwegian Vikings; the double circle

of stars (flown in the movie "Dances with Wolves"); militia flags; the Castilian flag flown by Columbus; the Spanish flag flown in San Antonio when Stephen F. Austin first arrived; the flag of the "New Orleans Greys" taken at the Alamo; the "Bedford Flag" from Concord; the "Bunker Hill" flag with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew removed; the "Appeal to Heaven" (John Locke) flown by Colonel Reeves; the "position flag" indicating the command post of General Washington; the "Liberty" Flag flown by General Mercer; the Palmetto flag from South Carolina with a "gorget" (and its vestigial function as vestigial armour which saved Compatriot Robinett's ancestor while fired upon as a U.S. Ambassador) and leaves representing the porous palisades on Fort Moultrie in Charleston harbour; the "Gifford Court House" flag with blue and white stripes and multi-pointed stars; the dissected snake motif in the colonial flag "Don't tread on me") and the Gadsden flag ("Join or Die"); the Culpepper flag" ("Liberty or Death") carried by Colonel John Green, Tom Green's ancestor, the first to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery; the colonial Navy flag; the Piedmont flag for the oldest ship in the Navy; the "76" flag flown at the Battle of Bennington; the Ethan Allen flag with blue field and green stripes flown when Lafayette "came back" in 1826; the story of John Paul Jones flag on the *Bonne Homme Richard's* (cf. Benjamin Franklin) battle against the *Serapis*; the French flag with golden *fleurs-des-lis* on a blue field (generally, white field near the person of the French King); the United Kingdom "Grand Union Flag" or "King James Flag" which had the Crosses of St. George and St. Andrew without the (later) Irish cross.

Compatriots Tom Green, Margot Green and Mike Green concluded their colorful and informative demonstration with the remarkable story of the modesty of General Washington, who, given the chance, refused to become King.

President Daniel adjourned our body by asking Chaplain Roger Byler to lead the assembly in grateful benediction.

## Upcoming Dates of Interest

February 23-26 National Trustees Meeting, Louisville KY

March 17-19 State Meeting, Sugar Land

Not only will our own Tom Green will be installed as the new State President the meeting will be in our own backyard. We should make every effort to support Tom in his presidency by attending this meeting.

July 8 -12 National Congress, Dallas, Texas

This will be a great opportunity. The President General for the National Society will be former Texas State President Judge Nathan White. This will be a great opportunity for many of us to attend the National Congress.

## Father and Son Join Chapter

The Cradle of Texas chapter is proud to welcome two new members to the chapter, a father and a son. George Hall and his son, Tim were installed during the May meeting. They are from Bay City. The installation was performed by Compatriot George Easterling.



## Announcements

The chapter is making plans now to host the BOM for August 4-6. Plan now to participate and assist in the administration of the tasks to host this meeting. Our ladies are planning a ladies' tour, a ladies hospitality suite, and to assist in the decorations. We will need our members to man the registration facility, to run the silent auction and to generally assist in all the functions.

This meeting here will give our members the opportunity to see how our organization is administered at the State level and will gain a wider appreciation of the organization and our fellow compatriots from the other chapters throughout the State of Texas.

We will ask our membership to donate items for the silent auction. These are tax deductible contributions. The proceeds from the sale of these items will be used to fund the student scholarship activities on a state wide basis.

### FINANCIAL REPORT December 31, 2005

General Fund Balance November 28, 2005	\$1367.48
<b>Income</b>	
August Historical Tour	\$245.00
Guest Meals	45.00
Newsletter	6.00
	\$296.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$1663.48
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Guest Meals	\$86.93
ROTC Medals	36.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	\$122.93
<b>General Fund Balance November 28, 2005</b>	\$1540.55
Balance for Historical Tour	\$385.00
General Fund Balance	\$1155.55
<b>Total</b>	\$1540.55

### Cradle of Texas Officers for 2006

**President** -- -- Dr. Tillman Daniel Ph. (979) 245-6211  
Email address [doedan31@sbcglobal.net](mailto:doedan31@sbcglobal.net)

**Vice-President** -- -- Dr. Michael Rees -- Ph. (800) 244-5492  
Email Address [mrees@lonestarlegal.org](mailto:mrees@lonestarlegal.org)

**Secretary** -- -- Harry Fitzgibbon -- Ph. 979 266-1019  
Email address [harryfitzgibbon@mms.gov](mailto:harryfitzgibbon@mms.gov)

**Treasurer** -- -- Russell Dart - Ph. (713) 436-1039  
Email address [rdart@houston.rr.com](mailto:rdart@houston.rr.com)

**Genealogist** -- -- Judge Garvin Germany -- (979) 849-4614  
Email address [ggermany@earth-comm.com](mailto:ggermany@earth-comm.com)

**Chaplain** -- -- Roger L. Byler - Ph. (979) 647-4222  
Email address [rlbyler@sat.net](mailto:rlbyler@sat.net)

**Historian** -- -- Maxwell Salisbury, Jr. - Ph. (979) 265-3579 -  
Email address [dsalisbu@brazosport.edu](mailto:dsalisbu@brazosport.edu)