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December

Next Meeting
09 December, 2017
11:30 am
River Point Restaurant
111 Abner Jackson Parkway
Lake Jackson, Texas

Speaker
Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
President, Winston Avera
S.F. Austin's Texian Pioneers

MEETING MINUTES Sons of the American Revolution Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 November 11, 2017

The Sons of the American Revolution met November 11, 2017 at the Fat Grass Restaurant and Grill, Bay City, Texas. SAR President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:40 A.M. SAR Vice President Ray Beall led the Chapter in the U.S., Texas and SAR pledges. Bill Sanders gave the invocation and blessing of the meal.

Veterans Day Remembrance:

Vice President Ray Beall presented an audio program on Francis Scott Key and the bombardment of Fort McHenry, Maryland including the backdrop of Key's purpose on that fateful September day. The British had taken Washington, D.C. in August and, also took prisoner, Dr. William Beanes. Fearing that Beanes would be

hanged, Key and Colonel John Skinner, under a flag of truce, boarded the HMS Tonnant to negotiate his release. British plans to bomb Fort McHenry had been finalized and the three men were transferred to HMS Surprise to prevent them from making those plans known. There they could only watch the shelling of Ft. McHenry over a 26-hour period of time. In the early morning of September 14, 1814 Key penned his poem that would become our "National Anthem" on March 3, 1931. The audio concluded with the playing of our anthem and everyone standing.

Introduction of Guests:

SAR President Winston Avera introduced guest speaker Merle Hudgins and associate Pat Blair, and our Chapter's newest members, Carl Jensen, Brian Jensen and Brian Wubbena. Carl & Brian introduced their family members. Other guests were acknowledged and thanked for their participation.

Report on Compatriots:

There were no reports on Compatriots, but Bill Sanders told that Ryan Tomberlin will receive his "Eagle Scout" designation tomorrow at the First United Methodist Church, Katy, Texas.

Minutes:

President Avera called for approval of the October 2017 minutes. Nelson Leopold moved to approve the minutes as presented and Ray Beall seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR**October 2017:****General Fund**

Beginning Balance
9/30/2017 \$3,673.19

Deposits
Interest Earned \$ 0.98

Expenditures
Supplies \$ 157.50

General Fund

10/31/2017 \$3,516.67

McAlexander Fund¹ \$900.00

Ending Balance

10/31/2017 \$4,416.67

Induction Ceremony -

Registrar Bill Sanders inducted five new members:



Brian Wubbena with his mother, Janice, and brother, Brad Wubbena, with Registrar Bill Sanders. Rosette pinned by Janice Wubbena.



¹ Funds available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

**Jensen Family**

Tanya, Julia, Jacob, Carl, Bill Sanders, Patty, Brian, Jackson, Stephanie, Brianna, Tanya Jensen pinned husband, Carl, & Jacob's Grandmother, Patty Jensen, pinned him. Stephanie Jensen pinned husband, Brian, & Jackson's Grandmother, Patty Jensen, pinned him.

Awards Presentation:

- 10-year Membership Certificate - Harry House (not present to receive)

Reports of Officers and Committee:

Registrar Bill Sanders - Registrar

- Applications Approved - 11
- Applications waiting National approval - 4
- Applications actively working - 29

Carl Wiggins - Webmaster

- Carl did a quick overview of the "Site" and asked that Compatriots do a short biography and include information on their "Ancestor Patriot".

Get to Know Your Patriot -

William J. Griffiths, III spoke on his ancestor Patriot Waitstill Strong. Strong served as a Private in Captain Ebenezer

Strong's Company of Volunteers, 2nd New Hampshire County Regiment of Massachusetts. He was born December 1764 and died December 1822.

Dr. Griffiths holds dual SAR memberships with both the Ohio and Texas Societies. His academic achievements include: B.S. in Psychology/pre-med; M.S. in Physiological Psychology; M.D. in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Gastroenterology. Also, he has earned a PhD. in Neuroscience. He has published multiple medical research articles & book chapter as well as research presentations to national & international conferences. Dr. Griffiths is an adjunct Faculty member of Yosemite Community College and University of California, San Francisco. He has been Chief of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Service and Asst. Professor of Gastroenterology at University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City VA Hospital. His private practice includes Gastroenterology in Modesto, CA. Additionally; his other practices include Chief of Staff for Doctors Medical Center, President of Stanislaus Medical Society, Jaco Hospital Reviewer (U.S.), USAID/NGO² International Hospital Review and USAID³ International Hepatitis Screening Projects.

For fun, he enjoys reading, travel, Philately - especially Military Postal History, collecting primitive art, and fly-fishing/hunting.

² U.S. Agency for International Development in cooperation with Non-Governmental Organizations

³ U.S. Agency for International Development – the lead U.S. Government agency that works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential. The world's largest provider of international food assistance for the last 50 years, targeting the underlying causes of hunger and malnutrition.

New Business:

Winston Avera appointed the Nominating Committee for calendar year 2018 who are: Chair, Michal Bailey, Carl Wiggins and Russell Dart.

Also, Avera showed a graph of Chapter income and spending for the past five (5) years and projected two (2) years. In order to increase community involvement with more recognition of people in our communities and awards for youth programs the members need to determine if we should increase dues, cut expenses, utilize the General Fund, or a combination of these. This will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

Program:



Speaker: Merle Hudgins

Author Merle R. Hudgins is Wharton County's Historian, who has written several books, presented "*War Between the States Changed Texas Forever*". She also serves as Position 5, Board of Trustees, Wharton County Junior College. Ms. Hudgins has transferred Copy Right of all of her books to the Wharton County Historical Association, ensuring all monies generated from the sale of her works goes to the association. This particular work "*War Between the States Changed Texas Forever*" is written as a series of episodes rather than chapters, and deals with many issues from slavery, farming, lumber, and others. Of interest, she elaborated on the value of lands before and

after the Civil War. Prior to the war many lands were valued from \$10 to \$14 an acre. While after the war some acreage were valued at about \$0.12 an acre. Additionally, land owners had agreed, prior to the war, to allow their lands to be taxed at a higher rate to help fund the railroad, which would help get their cattle and crops to market. Unfortunately for the land owners a tax lien was created, and they were unable to make payment after the war. "Scalawags" saw an opportunity to force the sale of lands, and were able to make purchases for themselves, family and friends - thus a huge land grab in Texas after the war.

Members Present:

Winston Avera, Ray Beall, Rodney Weems, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Carl Wiggins, Brian Wubbena, Mark Hansen, Jack Newman, Nelson Leopold, Cody Wright, Tillman Daniel, M.D., Kirk Daniel, Ted Bates, Jackson Jensen, Brian Jensen, Jacob Jensen, Carl Jensen, Chuck Bernard and William "Bill" J. Griffiths, M.D.

Guests Present:

Merle Hudgins, Pat Blair, Connie Avera, Janice Wubbena, Brad Wubbena, Max Royalty, Alice Royalty, Brianna Jensen, Patty Jensen, Stephanie Jensen, Julia Jensen, Tanya Jensen, Freda Daniel, Joan Bates, Judy Bernard, Bud Northington and Mary Northington.

Next SAR Meeting:

The next SAR will be on December 9, 2017 in Lake Jackson at River Point Restaurant.

SAR Recessional was led by Ray Beall.

A motion for adjournment by Ray Beall and second by Nelson Leopold. Motion approved.

The Benediction was given by Bill Sanders.

2017 Veterans' Day



Mike Bailey and members of the Brazoria Historical Militia provide artillery support for this Year's Veterans' Day Activities in Danbury, Texas.

Texas SAR Board of Managers Meeting in Galveston, Texas



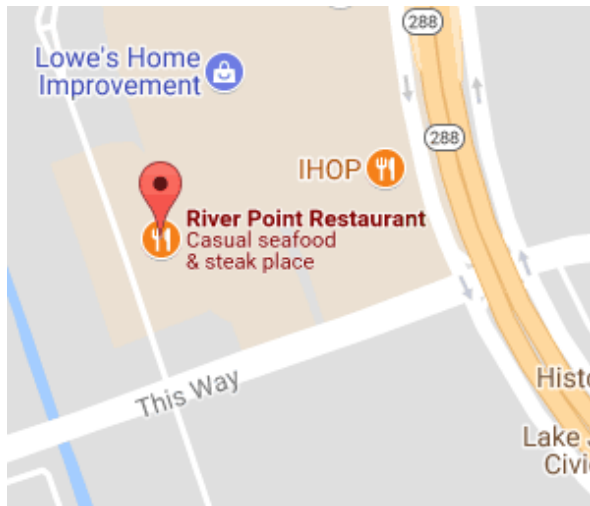
Chapter Compatriots Frank Seidule and Tom Green serve as Color Guard, Russel Dart is seated.



Chapter Compatriots Scott Leopold, Nelson Leopold and Michael Bailey demonstrate a period Masonic Burial at Varner- Hogg SHS

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Washington and Lafayette at Valley Forge

By John Ward Dunsmore, 1907

American Continental Army encampment 1777-78

2017 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec 9, 2017	Election of Chapter Officers	
Jan 6, 2018	Stephen F. Austin Funeral Reenactment	9:00 A.M., First Capitol Republic Replica, 512 E. Brazos Ave, West Columbia. Call James 979-248-5961
Jan 13, 2017	Texas Reenactors Winter Gathering	Gun Smoke Shooting Range just outside of Columbus, Texas.
Jan 20, 2018	Dunes Day	City of Surfside, Texas. Volunteer to help maintain the sand dunes. Bring your old Christmas tree.
Jan 2018	Mirabeau B. Lamar Day Celebration	Historic Morton Cemetery, 900 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas.