

Texas Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Crier

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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January

Next Meeting

11:30 a.m.

January 11, 2020

FAT GRASS RESTAURANT

1717 7TH STREET

BAY CITY, TEXAS

Program

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

&

PRIVATEERING



TXSSAR President-Elect Drake Peddie

assisted by

District 7 Vice-President Ron Brown

TXSSAR President-Elect Drake Peddie -
Born and raised in Houston - a Native
Texan.

Graduated from University of
Houston with a degree in Electrical
Engineering and an MBA in

Management from Amberton
University. Worked in Engineering and
Engineering Management in the Dallas-
Fort Worth area ever since living in the
Richardson area most of that time...

He has been an active member of
the Sons of the American Revolution for
over 15 years since he was sponsored in
by past president general Nathan
White. He was twice Past President of
the Plano Chapter and also the Denton
Chapter of the Sons of the American
Revolution. He received the SAR Patriot
Medal in 2012. Currently, he is the
President Elect for the Texas Society of
the SAR and was previously a District
Vice President, the State Secretary and
also the Texas State Color Guard
Commander.

He is a past President of the
Craig Austin Rowley Chapter of the
General Society of 1812 based in Plano
and a Past Camp Commander for the
E.E. Ellsworth Camp of the Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is
also a member of the Dutch Colonial
Society, Order of Descendants of Pirates
& Privateers, the Sons & Daughters of
the Pilgrims, Society of Early Quakers,
the Sons & Daughters of both WWII
Veterans and WWI Veterans and the
Order of Founders of North
America. Most recently he was
knighted by the Sovereign Military
Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and is

one of the modern-day Knights Templar.

Finally, he has cleaned and restored hundreds of gravestones in North Texas over the past several years including 100 Civil War Union soldiers and over a dozen from the War of 1812.

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
December 14, 2019

The Sons of the American Revolution met December 14, 2019 at Egypt Plantation (established in 1830s), the home of George Heard "Bud" Northington, IV and Mary Margaret Sampson Northington, in Egypt, Texas.

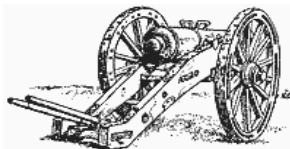
Call to Order - President Rodney Weems called the meeting to order at 11:46 A.M.

Pledges - Vice President Carl Wiggins led the pledges to the flags of the United States of America, Texas and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Introduction of Guests: President Weems introduced Compatriots' spouses and guest speaker William Loocke.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved on motion by Dr. Griffiths and second by Sandy Weems. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report reported in the *Cradle of Texas Crier* for October was approved on motion by Bill Sanders and second by Winston Avera. The report on the Meeting Agenda contains a typo and is shown correctly below:



General Fund

Beginning Balance	
11/01/2019	\$2,551.39
Deposits - Interest	\$0.04
Expenses - Guest Meals	-\$70.00
Ending Balance:	
11/30/2019	\$2,481.43
McAlexander Fund¹	
Beginning Balance	
11/01/2019	\$900.59
Deposits -	
Interest	\$0.07
Ending Balance:	
11/30/2019	\$900.74
Total Bank Balance:	
11/30/2019	\$3,382.17



Induction Ceremony: Registrar Bill Sanders officiated the induction for George Heard "Bud" Northington, IV. Bud's Patriot is Samuel Northington, Sr. who was a private in the North Carolina Militia. Mary Margaret Northington pinned the SAR Rosette on Bud's lapel. John Wiggins presented the SAR Challenge Coin to Bud.



¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guard Members

Awards: - Ten-Year Membership Certificates were earned by and will be mailed to:

- Jerry Murphey
- Clayton A. Mann
- Dylan B. Johnston

Reports of Officers and Committees:

- Registrar - Bill Sanders
 - Applications Completed - 0
 - Applications waiting NSSAR approval - 0
 - Applications actively working - 37
- Webmaster - Carl Wiggins continued updating the website, www.cradletxsar.org. Additionally, Carl's great effort to update current compatriot contact information has produced 79 successes out of 84 total compatriots.
- Community Outreach/Education - Rodney Weems reminded Compatriots that contest entries will be due by the end of December. He has two (2) students who have shown interest in entering the Knight Essay contest and possibly one (1) for the poster contest.



Program: William Loocke shared his research about the Cane Belt/Santa Fe Railroad's history from its creation. Per Wikipedia, "The Cane Belt Railroad was chartered in 1898. Formed by a group of businessmen from Eagle Lake, the short-line railroad was intended to bring the area's sugarcane to market. By 1904 the line was in operation from Sealy to Matagorda on the Gulf of Mexico. That year the company's stock was bought by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway and the line continued operations under lease to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway starting in 1905. By the 1920s, the local sugarcane industry collapsed but the railroad was saved by the discovery of two nearby sulphur mines. In 1948, the Cane Belt was merged into the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway. In the 1990s most of the original line was abandoned after the last sulphur mine closed. By 2013, only a small portion of the line south of Bay City was operating as part of the BNSF Railway." Loocke showed where the rail lines were built to service the various businesses in Wharton and Matagorda Counties and how the Cane Belt/Santa Fe competed and cooperated with the other railroad companies in the area. His first-hand



experience with railroads and their operation was truly enlightening.

New Business: President Weems reported that the Cradle of Texas Constitution permits a compatriot to hold one office per year. He asked members if we wanted to change it to allow a compatriot to hold more than one office. The consensus was to leave it as is.

Winston Avera presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2020. The nominees are as follows:

Rodney Weems - President
Carl Wiggins - Vice President
Dr. Bill Griffiths - Secretary
Nelson Leopold - Treasurer
Bill Sanders - Registrar
Timothy Hall - Chaplain
Michael Bailey - Historian

Avera moved to elect this slate by acclamation, Sandy Weems seconded the motion which passed.

Members Present: Rodney Weems, Carl Wiggins, Bill Sanders, Win Avera, Dr. William Griffiths, Chris Wendel, Sandy Weems, John Wiggins, Bud Northington, Russell Dart, David S. Hall, Joe Hudgins

Guests Present: Connie Avera, Caroline Wiggins, Carroll Griffiths, Mary Margaret Northington, Pat Sanders, Dee Hall and Merle Hudgins

Next Chapter Meeting: January 11, 2020, Fat Grass Restaurant, 1717 7th Street, Bay City, Texas. TXSSAR President-Elect Drake Peddie will be our guest speaker and he will swear in the

2020 officers, assisted by District 7 Vice-President Ron Brown.

SAR Recessional: Carl Wiggins

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Russell Dart at 1:34 p.m. and seconded by Dr. Griffiths and approved by all.

Benediction: Bill Sanders



Next Meeting
 11:30 a.m.
 January 11, 2020
 FAT GRASS RESTAURANT
 1717 7TH STREET
 BAY CITY, TEXAS
 Phone: (979) 244-7277
<https://www.thefatgrass.com>



**2019
 Officers of the
 Cradle of Texas Chapter #33**

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Events

10-12 January, 2020

Winter Camp

Friday, January 10, 2020 - Sunday to
 January 12, 2020: Columbus, Texas.
 Texas Re-enactors Annual Swap Meet
 and Gathering. For more information
 Jerry Tubbs at coloneltubbs@yahoo.com
 or phone 713-806-8924

<https://www.texasarmy.org/events>

January 12, 2020, 2 p.m.

Sunday

The Great Chicken Massacre of 1836 and
 other unlikely stories. Is it fact, or is it
 fiction? Journey with us as we explore a
 few of the more colorful tales of Texas

history. Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park, 41885 SH 288 Angleton, Texas 77515. 979-849-5965

January 19, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Marian Social Club

For those interested in Women's

History of Early Texas

Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park, 41885 SH 288 Angleton, Texas 77515. 979-849-5965, ask for Jennifer Parsley.

January 24, 2020, 10:30 a. m.

Lamar Day Ceremony

Morton Cemetery.

Hosted by the Sons of the Republic of Texas; various chapters- 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Morton Cemetery, 900 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

February 9, 2020, 2 p.m.

Sunday

Francis Adams – the Man behind the Murder. Discover an early adventurer, often-wealthy businessman, sometimes-shady dealer, and influential settler of Austin's Colony. Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park, 41885 SH 288 Angleton, Texas 77515. 979-849-5965

15 February, 2020

7th Annual Texas History Symposium,

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bethel Presbyterian Church,

East Columbia, Texas.



See attached flyer for information.



National Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

**Angleton Cemetery, 14 December, 2019
Angleton, Texas**



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE SAR MEMBERS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.