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April

Next Meeting

10:30 a.m.

10 April, 2021

Virtual Meeting by Zoom

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For Details.

**No Speaker this Meeting,
New Compatriot Inductions
James H. Leach, William D. Cornelius;
supplemental for Carl M. Wiggins**



Induction ceremony held at office of Jim Leach. Video recorded by secretary Jeri Socha.



New Compatriot Bill Cornelius displays his SAR membership certificate.

Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter 33

March 13, 2021

The Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter 33, met March 13, 2021, virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order: President Carl Wiggins called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Bill Sanders.

Pledges: Vice President Rodney Weems led the pledges to the flags of the United State, Texas, and to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Remembrances of Compatriots:

-Shane Christopher Singleton - Bill Sanders. After a short bio taken from his obituary, compatriot Singleton was remembered and honored by his fellow compatriots. Our deepest sympathy and condolences were offered to his family.

-Harry Marcus Sechrest - Carl Wiggins reported the passing of Harry Sechrest, holder of the oldest SAR number in our chapter. President Wiggins gave a short bio, and burial information. He also noted the involvement of the Sechrest family in the founding of our SAR chapter. Condolences were offered to his family.

Induction Ceremony:

The induction ceremony of James Leach was rescheduled for the April meeting.

Program:

President Wiggins introduced our speaker, Bill Adriance, Past-President Galvez Chapter #1.

Compatriot Adriance is a 5th generation Galvestonian whose family moved to Texas to answer the call to help in the war against Mexico. Bill has contributed considerable of his time and resources to SAR, most recently in fundraising for a statue of Bernardo de Galvez to be placed in a Galveston park. Following his introduction, Compatriot Adriance spoke on the role of Galvez in the American Revolution.

Don Bernardo de Galvez was born in 1726 in Macharaviaya, Spain – son of a wealthy Spanish family. In 1757, the family moved to the Canary Islands. In 1762 Bernardo enlisted in a French army unit fighting in Portugal. He later returned to France, and eventually to Mexico, fighting Apaches crossing the Pecos River. In 1777, he was appointed governor of Louisiana. Between 1777-1779, he supported the U.S. in the Revolutionary War by running supplies up the Mississippi River past British forts, although Spain was neutral at this time. In 1779 Spain declared war on Britain, and Galvez moved to capture the four British forts on the river, then attacking Baton Rouge and Natchez. In 1780, the first cattle drive was organized from San Antonio to New Orleans to feed Galvez forces and American forces up the Mississippi.

Mobile was attacked and occupied by Galvez. In 1781, his forces laid siege (for three months), and eventually captured, Pensacola, the last British holdout on the Gulf Coast. This military activity by Galvez led to the defeat of the British in the Mississippi

River area and the Gulf Coast, diverting British troops from fighting Washington further north. In 1765, Galvez became Viceroy of New Spain and Governor of Cuba. He died in Tacubaya, Mexico, in 1786. Various organizations in Spain and Texas honor Galvez. In 1980, a U.S. postage stamp featured Galvez and he was made an honorary U.S. citizen in 2014. A statue of Galvez stands in Washington, D.C., a gift of the King of Spain. Compatriot Adriance then discussed the planned statue of Galvez and the associated fundraising efforts. He was thanked by President Wiggins who noted that a certificate of appreciation will be mailed.

Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Nelson Leopold.

Treasurer's Report:**General Fund**

Beginning Balance
02/01/2021 \$2,824.81
Deposits-Interest
02/28/21 \$.04
Donation (Wiggins)
02/22/21 200.00
Check #1030 -50.00
Ending Balance
02/28/2021 \$2,974.85
McAlexander Fund
Beginning Balance
02/01/2021 \$ 901.81
Deposits-Interest
02/28/2021 \$.07
Ending Balance
02/28/2021 \$ 901.88
Total Bank Balance- \$3,876.73

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: Bill Sanders

Applicants Approved: 3

Applications Awaiting National Approval: 0

Applications Actively Working: 35

Applications Without Activity: 0

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins

More website pages have been updated, more to go.

Community Outreach: Rodney Weems

The two medals for heroism have been rescheduled.

Getting to Know Your Compatriot:

We request volunteers from members who have not yet presented their bio.

Old Business: Drake Peddie reviewed the agenda for the upcoming SAR state conventions, including the delegate situation. The unpaid dues agenda item was updated to 10 for our charter. Drake noted that the numbers have not been reconciled with National yet.

Correspondence: None.

Members Present: Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Bill Griffiths, Russell Dart, Win Avera, Chris Wendel, Nelson Leopold, Bill Sanders.

Guests Present: Drake Peddie, Bill Adriance.

Next Chapter Meeting: April 10 via Zoom.

SAR Recessional: Led by Rodney Weems.

Benediction: Given by Bill Sanders.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Win Avera.

Law Enforcement Commendations Chief Ray Garivey, Detective Kristy Mercado Mercado

Freeport Police Department

At age 4 Abigail was diagnosed with a rare kidney cancer followed by numerous chemotherapy treatments

and surgeries. At about age 6, the cancer came back in her lungs and further treatments failed. Throughout the family's pain and suffering, Abigail's spirit was inspirational.

Last year Freeport Texas Police Chief Ray Garivey was introduced to Abigail by Officer Kristy Mercado and they developed a special friendship which spread to the rest of the police force. Abigail joined their Blue Santa program helping to hand out toys to disadvantaged kids. When her father, Ruben, mentioned it was Abigail's dream to become a police officer, Garivey made it happen.

With her custom uniform and badge, Abigail was inducted as an honorary police officer in a special ceremony attended by more than 200 family, friends and police officers in the city council chambers. One after another, law enforcement officials from the police and fire departments, schools, sheriff's office, Texas Rangers, FBI and more from all across Brazoria County and neighboring Galveston County came to make Abigail an honorary officer for them or give her special patches to add to her uniform.



Attention Members and Spouses!!

Please consider volunteering to speak at one of our nine yearly chapter meetings on a historical or hobby topic that you wish to share with us all (about 30 min.) Send ideas to: cmwiggins1@comcast.net

Chapter-Level Student Competitions**MEET**

Rhea Singh, winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest for 2021 from the Cradle of Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Please see attachment for the text of her oration presentation.

Emily He is chapter-level winner of 2021 Middle School Brochure contest. Ronald Jacobs finished second. Please see attachment for their brochures.

Singh and He each receive a certificate and check for \$100 from the chapter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10 April, 2021	Next Chapter Meeting	Via Zoom
16 - 17 April, 2021	126 th Annual Convention	Rescheduled via Zoom
21 April, 2021	San Jacinto Day	Various Locations
4 July, 2021	American Independence Day	TBA
7 - 14 July 2021	National Congress	Renton, Washington

NEXT MEETING:

April 10th: New Member inductions; supplemental patriot recognition.

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