



# Texas Sons of the American Revolution

## Cradle of Texas Crier

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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### January

#### Next Meeting



**Due** to current COVID resurgence, the in-person Chapter meeting previously scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, 8 January, 2022 at Los Cucos in Wharton has been shifted to a ZOOM meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, 8 January, 2022. You will receive a Zoom link along with the agenda

#### Speaker

##### Installation of Officers for 2022

##### Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution  
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33  
December 11, 2021

The Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter 33, met December 11, 2021, at 9ers Grill in Bay City, Texas.

**Call to Order:** President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Bill Sanders.

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

**Introduction of Guests:** Our speaker, Cynthia Ericson, was introduced by President Wiggins. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Induction:** The induction of new member Harvey Ringo was done by Bill Sanders. His rosette was pinned by his daughter, Vivian Ringo.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November meeting were approved on a motion by Michael Bailey, second by Bill Griffiths.

#### Treasurer's Report:

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
11/1/2021	\$ 2,752.70
Debit	
11/24 (check #1039)	\$50.00
Ending Balance	
11/30/2021	\$2,702.70
McAlexander Fund	
Beginning Balance	
11/1/2021	\$902.49
Deposit-Interest	
11/30/2021	\$0.08
Ending Balance	
11/30/2021	\$902.57
Total Bank Balance	\$ 3,605.27

#### Awards/Recognitions:

-A 5-year certificate was presented to Vice President Rodney Weems by President Wiggins.

#### Program:

Our speaker Cynthia Ericson was introduced by President Wiggins. Her biography can be found in the newsletter. She spoke on the issue of whether the former slaves on the Levi Jordan plantation were forced to abandon their former slave quarters following emancipation, or whether they left on their own volition. This was part of her Master's thesis. Attempts to answer this question revolved around archeological findings from the remains of the plantation, as well as extensive record reviews. Artifacts

recovered from the plantation site suggested the narrative of abandonment, but records from the Grace United Church at the neighboring Mims plantation suggested many left Jordan voluntarily in 1876. Following her talk, President Wiggins presented Ms. Ericson with a Certificate of Recognition.

### Reports of Officers and Committees:

#### Registrar: Bill Sanders

Applications Approved: 0

Applications Awaiting National Approval: 2

Applications Actively Working: 2

Applications Without Activity: 3

Registrar Sanders noted that 5 members of the Garza family have transferred to our chapter. He also noted that Texas had the greatest number of SAR applicants (114) of any state in the last 2 months.

**Education and Outreach:** Vice President Weems again mentioned the scholarships, contests, and awards SAR has available.

**Old Business:** Anniversary certificates were mailed to Rees, Eastland, Chris and Cole Skinner.

#### New Business:

-Win Avera reported the nominating committee's recommendation for 2022 Chapter officers:

President: Carl Wiggins

Vice President: Rodney Weems

Treasurer: Chris Wendel

Secretary: Bill Griffiths

Registrar: Bill Sanders

There were no nominations from the floor. The above officers were approved on a motion by Russell Dart, second by Bill Griffiths.

-At the request of President Wiggins, a motion was made by Michael Bailey, seconded by Nelson Leopold, to establish a

committee to audit the chapter bank accounts prior to the installation of the 2022 officers; the committee to consist of the 2021 and 2022 treasurers. After a short discussion, the motion passed.

-A short Pearl Harbor remembrance was made by President Wiggins, followed by a moment of silence for those lost.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Members Present:** Rodney Weems, Carl Wiggins, Win Avera, Bill Griffiths, Russell Dart, David Garza, Michael Bailey, Bill Cornelius, Chris Wendel, Chris Barbee, Abby Hereth, Harvey Ringo, Bill Sanders.

**Guests Present:** Connie Avera, Carroll Griffiths, Caroline Wiggins, Mary Garza, Vivian Ringo, Ted Marek, Cindi Ericson.

**Next Chapter Meeting:** January 8, 2022, at Los Cucos in Wharton. (*Canceled, now a ZOOM Meeting*)

**SAR Recessional:** Led by Rodney Weems.

**Benediction:** Given by Bill Sanders.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



We mourn the loss of our Compatriot Dr. Michael James Rees. Dr. Rees passed on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Please keep him and his Family in your thoughts and prayers. His obituary can be viewed at:

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/2345604/dr-michael-james-rees>





We mourn the loss of our Compatriot John Harris Beard, he passed on, December 6, 2021. Please keep him and his Family in your thoughts and prayers. His obituary can be viewed at:

<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/tx/league-city/john-harris-beard-13830430>

**11 November, 2021  
Veterans Day  
Freeport, Texas**



Thanks to all of the Chapter Members and other Compatriots who took the time to participate or come to the annual Parade and show their support for American Veterans.



**18 December, 2021  
Wreaths Across America  
Angleton, Texas**



Thanks to all of the Chapter Members and other Compatriots who took the time to participate in the annual **Wreaths Across America** event and show their respect and remembrance of American Veterans and their families.





**THIS MONTH DURING  
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**The Battle of Princeton**

**January 3, 1777**



Painting by John Trumbull

“Washington’s victory at Princeton on January 3, 1777, like that at Trenton a week earlier, heightened the morale of the American Army as well as that of the citizens, and strengthened the reputation and authority of Washington himself. The twin victories of Trenton and Princeton came at a time when the spirits of the American people had reached a dangerously low ebb, when another defeat might have been fatal to the cause of independence. The situation brightened with these successes at the year’s end, and from every corner militiamen flocked to the colors. A new Continental Army emerged.”

National Park Service- *Survey of  
Historic Sites and Buildings*

[https://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online\\_books/colonials-patriots/sitec25.htm](https://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/colonials-patriots/sitec25.htm)

**Next Meeting**

**08 January, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

**ZOOM Format**

**2021  
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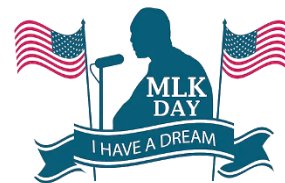
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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

**Monday, January 17**



**MLK Parade and Festival**  
**Mon, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
 Freeport Municipal Park,  
 421 N Brazosport Blvd  
 Freeport, Texas