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Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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March

Next Meeting

12 March 2022

11:30 a.m.

Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant

211 W Elm Street

Wharton, TX 77488

Speaker

James Glover

The Masonic History of Texas



James Glover is the first and current Site Supervisor of the Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park located in Angleton, Texas. This site is part of the Brazoria County Parks Department, James is a native of Brazoria County and has promoted history through many activities. The Masonic history of Texas is an early part of the history of Texas.



Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter 33

February 12, 2022

The Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter 33, met February 12, 2022 at The Swamp Shack in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:44 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 program speaker, Epphilia Kennedy, and her daughter Serena were introduced by President Wiggins. Bill Sanders introduced Bill Yates, a prospective member.

Award Presentation: The Silver Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Epphilia Princess Kennedy for her humanitarian work by Vice President and Programs Committee Chairman Rodney Weems.

Program: After being introduced by President Wiggins, Epphilia Kennedy of Angleton spoke about operation Serena and her humanitarian efforts. Ms. Kennedy's daughter Serena, visiting family in Lebanon, became trapped there in 2006 during the war between Israel and Hezbollah. Mrs. Kennedy, a

naturalized U.S. citizen of Turkish origin, became involved in efforts to extract her two-year-old daughter. Eventually, with the help of the U.S. government, Serena was able to leave Lebanon through Syria. Turkish media ran the story. Because of the publicity associated with "Operation Serena", Ms. Kennedy became involved in efforts to help others in similar circumstances. In 2019, two Turkish citizens were working in a restaurant in Libya, in an area controlled by Libyan warlord Kalifa Haftar. They were arrested and detained apparently for inadvertently taking pictures of a military convoy. Their families contacted Ms. Kennedy asking for her help. Lengthy efforts ensued, involving the U.N., NATO, the Turkish and U.S. governments. Eventually, she used social media to get world attention. Ads were run on Facebook against Haftar including the detainees' pictures and maps of all Libyan prisons. People from the areas responded. Responses included multiple threats against her and the detainees. Responses also included information concerning the prisons. This apparently prompted the U.N. to pressure the Turkish government to intervene with the Libyan government. Information was received the detainees were alive, and they were eventually released. President Wiggins presented Ms. Kennedy with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were approved on a motion by Win Avera second by Bill Griffiths.



Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Chris Wendel.

General Fund

Beginning Balance

1/1/2022 \$2,702.80

Deposit-interest \$ 0.05

Expense-

Wreaths Across America (#1040)
\$50.00

Ending Balance

1/31/2022 \$2,652.85

McAlexander Fund

Beginning Balance

1/1/2022 \$ 02.64

Deposit-Interest \$ 0.08

Ending Balance

1/31/2022 \$ 902.72

Total Bank Balance \$3,555.57

Awards/Recognitions (from January):

Presented by President Wiggins

-Medal of Distinguished Service
to Bill Sanders

-Meritorious Service Medal to
Rodney Weems

-Texas Society Chapter Service
Medal Oak Leaf to Bill Griffiths, Nelson
Leopold, Michael Bailey, Rodney
Weems, and Bill Sanders.

-Certificate of Appreciation to
Tim Hall.

-Member anniversary awards
will be mailed to:

-Arnold Seidule - 25 years

-Nelson Leopold - 5 years

Reports of Officers and Committees:**Registrar: Bill Sanders**

-0 Applications approved
 -2 Applications waiting National approval
 -26 Applications actively working.

Registrar Bill Sanders detailed the steps for using family bibles for kinships and descent sources.

1. Copy inside bible first pages for publication information.
2. Type bible information on a separate sheet.
3. Assemble information.
4. Notary public to verify records are exact copies of those in the bible.

Registrar Sanders mentioned three memos from National Registrar Bob Fish concerning new rules and regulations. Reviews for Supplemental SAR Applications are currently taking about a year.

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins – No report.

Community Outreach/Education:**Rodney Weems**

-No submissions for this year's contests,
 -Flag certificates are available.

Color Guard: Russell Dart/Michael Bailey

Color guard presence.

-DAR George Washington Tea, West Columbia, TX, February 6.

-Lamar Day, Richmond, TX, January 26.

Old Business:

-Wreaths Across America progress report – no further discussion.

-Chapter Financial Audit – Chris Wendel

-Outgoing Treasurer, Nelson Leopold, and Incoming Treasurer, Chris Wendel met, reviewed accounts, and agreed records were accurate. VP Weems was also in attendance. Current officers on the TDECU account signature card are Weems and Wendel.

-Motion by Bill Griffiths, second by Win Avera, was made to destroy all receipts and records older than 7 years. Motion discussed and passed.

-Two outstanding checks remain:

-One for \$100 to contest winner Rhea Singh after numerous unsuccessful attempts to contact. No further decision was made.

-One for \$50 to Wreaths Across America – still pending.
New Business: Vice President Rodney Weems

-Financial support of Region VI oration contest.
 After some background information, VP Weems introduced a motion to approve \$35 for each contestant sponsored out of Region VI, and to approve \$100 for a contestant from our coverage area. Lengthy, sometimes confusing discussion ensued. The motion was eventually seconded by Bill Griffiths. An amendment was offered by Michael Bailey to table the issue. It was defeated by voice vote and the original motion passed after further discussion.

Correspondence: None.

Members Present: Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Bill Sanders, Bill

Griffiths, Win Avera, Chris Wendel,
Mike Bailey, Russell Dart.

Guests Present: Connie Avera,
Caroline Wiggins Carroll Griffiths,
Epphilia Kennedy and her daughter
Serena, Bill Yates.

Next Chapter Meeting: March 12, 2022
at Los Cucos restaurant in Wharton.
Speaker James Glover, on Masonic
history.

SAR Recessional: Led by Rodney
Weems.

Benediction: Given by Bill Sanders.

Motion for Adjournment: Bill Griffiths
moved, second by Win Avera. Meeting
adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

12 March 2022

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Wharton, TX 77488
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March is
Womens History Month
& March 8th is International
Women's Day



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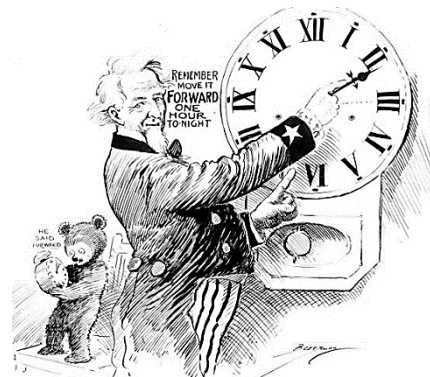
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Daylight Saving Time, for 2022,
in Texas will begin at 2:00 a.m. on
Sunday, March 13, 2022.



2022 Upcoming Events/Programs/Meetings

| Date | Time | Event | Place | Organization/Contact |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| March 1- March 31 | Each Saturday of March | Black History Month March 5, 12,19,26 | Brazoria Heritage Foundation 202 W Smith Street Brazoria, Texas 77422 | Bernice Smith, Chair Person (979) 824-0455 https://brazoriahf.org/new |
| March 1- March 31 | | Texas History Month | TBD | TBD |
| March 5-6 | All Day | 18 th Annual Brazoria Heritage Day Celebration and Gun Show "Shake Rattle & Roll" Group Performance in p.m. | Brazoria Heritage Foundation 202 W Smith Street Brazoria, Texas 77422 | Bob Schwebel rlsdvm@quikheal.com (979) 824-0455 https://brazoriahf.org/new |
| March 6 | 2:00 p.m. | Monthly Meeting | Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515 | Brazoria Historical Militia Ronald McCulley mcculley42@gmail.com |
| March 6 | | Alamo Heroes Day | | |
| March 9 | 2:00 p.m. | Brazoria County Historical Commission (BCHC) | Brazoria County Courthouse in the courtroom of County Court at Law No. 1 (second floor on the 1939 courthouse side). | Cynthia Ericson BCHC Chairperson cynthia_ericson@hotmail.com |
| March 12 | 11:30 a.m. | Monthly Meeting | TBA | SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter 33 https://cradletxsar.org |
| March 13 | 2:00 p.m. | History Talks TBA | Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX 77515 | James Glover jamesg@brazoria-county.com Brigid Burke BrigidB@brazoria-county.com |