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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

February

Next Meeting
11 February, 2023
9er's Grill
112 W Boling Hwy
Wharton, TX 77488

PROGRAM
BERNARDO GALVEZ
BY
MERLE R. HUDGINS



Occupation: Research writer with focus on the history of Wharton County, Gulf Coast of Texas, and the State of Texas.

Merle has been active in the history and culture of Wharton County and Texas for many years, including:

Designated Wharton County's Historian by Wharton County Commissioner's Court for her many years of researching and compiling history of Wharton County.

Active member of the Wharton - County Historical Commission
-Charter member of the Wharton County Historical Museum

-Former ambassador for the Institute of Texan Cultures
-Columnist for the three county newspapers
-Major contributor and editor for: The New Handbook of Texas
Pictorial History of Wharton County
Marking the Way Across Wharton County
-And, most recently, War Between the States Changed Texas Forever.

Merle has received numerous awards, most recently the Texas Governor's Yellow Rose of Texas Award in 2022. This award was conceived and inaugurated by Governor Allan Shivers before the end of his second term in 1957. The Yellow Rose of Texas Commission is the highest award bestowed to women by the Texas Governor.

Merle has served Wharton County Junior College as a Board Member, Trustee and Teacher

She is the wife of SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter Compatriot Joe D. Hudgins, mother of 3, grandmother of 6, and great-grandmother of 5.

Merle will speak on "Bernardo Galvez".

Meeting Minutes
Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter 33
January 14, 2023

The Sons of the American Revolution met January, 14, 2023, at Dido's Restaurant in Brazoria, Texas.

Call to Order: Vice President Weems called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Jim Leach.

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

Introduction of Guests: Members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were approved on a motion by Griffiths, second by Avera.

Program: 2023 Officer installation was performed by District 7 Vice President Representative, Richard Zdunkewicz. New Chapter officers installed were President: Bill Griffiths, Vice President: Carl Wiggins (absent), Secretary: J. D. Humber, Treasurer: Chris Wendel, Historian: Michael Bailey (absent), Registrar: David Garza, and Chaplain: Jim Leach.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Wendel

General Fund

Beginning Balance	
12/1/2022	\$ 2,738.18
Income: Deposits	
Alexander Hodge Chapter	\$ 75.00
Carl Wiggins	\$ 50.00
Alexander Hodge Chapter	\$ 900.00
Interest	
12/31/2022	\$ 0.06
Expense:	

Check #1054	
Mikeska's BBQ	\$ 17.90
(Guest meals)	
Ending Balance	
12/31/2022	\$ 3,745.34
McAlexander Fund	
Beginning Balance	
12.01.2022	\$ 903.47
Income: Deposits	
Interest	
12/31/2022	\$0.08
Expense: None	
Ending Balance	
12/31/2022	\$ 903.55
Total Bank Balance	
12/31/2022	\$4,648.89

Awards/Recognitions: President Bill Griffiths was presented with the Cradle of Texas Presidential neck ribbon with the McAlexander medallion.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Registrar: David Garza

-Awaiting National approval
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Webmaster: Carl Wiggins: No report

Community Outreach/Education:
Rodney Weems

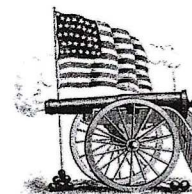
Two entries were turned in to Vice President Weems. Due date for entries is February meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Correspondence: None

Members Present: Rodney Weems, Bill Griffiths, Billy Yates, Chris Wendel, Dave Garza, Jim Leach, Russel Dart, Winston Avera, J. D. Humber, Chris Barbee, Sandy Weems and N. S. Leopold.



Guests Present: Richard Zdunkewicz, Carroll Griffiths, Betty Leach, and Connie Avera.

Next Chapter Meeting: February 11, 2023, at 9ers Restaurant, Wharton, Texas.

SAR Recessional: Led by President Griffiths.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chris Wendel, second by Winston Avera, at 1:15 p.m.

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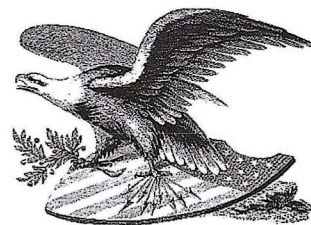
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**REMEMBER WASHINGTON'S
 BIRTHDAY.**





Officer installation was performed by District 7 Vice President Representative, Richard Zdunkewicz.



Past Chapter President Michael Bailey, and fellow veteran Zac Stebbins, attend the Wreaths Across America Program in Angleton, Texas. Over 1,500 wreaths were laid on Veterans' Graves in the Angleton Cemetery.



Past Chapter President Michael Bailey presents to the Brazoria County Veteran Service Officer Sonya T. Broadway, Purple Heart Recipient, the Sons of the American Revolution Wounded Warrior Challenge Coin.