

# Texas Sons of the American Revolution

## Cradle of Texas Crier

Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33

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### Next Meeting

11:30 a.m.

10 January 2026,

### The Bluewater Drift

11511 Bluewater Highway

Freeport, Texas 77541

Phone: (469) 769-6871

### PROGRAM

#### *Induction of the*

#### *2026 Chapter Officers*

Texas Sons of the American Revolution  
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33  
Dec. 13, 2025 - Mikeska's in El Campo

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Call To Order

President David Garza called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. after everyone had gotten their food.

#### 2. Invocation: Chaplain Jim Leach

3. Pledges and Mission Statement: Secretary Chris Barbee

4. **Introduction of Guests:** President Garza introduced Merle Hudgins, program speaker, as the only guest.

5. **Previous Minutes:** On motion by Rodney Weems, second by Jim Leach, the Nov. 2025 minutes passed unanimously.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report: Chris Wendel

(See Dec. agenda for details)

General Fund (Free Checking)

Activity

Beginning Account Balance

11/01/2025) \$1,465.70

Interest Income Deposit: \$0.02

Ending Account Balance

(1/31/2025) \$1,414.72

Total Combined Bank Balance:

2,320.92

Total Available Working Balance:

\$1,314.72

#### 7. Awards: President Garza

No recipients present

#### 8. Reports of Officers & Committees:

Registrar: Compatriot Bill Sanders - absent

**Webmaster:** Compatriot Carl Weems reported The American Revolution book that the Ken Burns PBS series followed is on 50% sale, \$40 instead of \$80.

Community

**Outreach/Education:** Compatriot Rodney Weems did not have a report.

9. **Program:** Mrs. Hudgins once again gave an interesting program, this time on the history of the U.S. Flag. She did so in honor of next year's 250 th Anniversary of the U.S.

Declaration of Independence, or the Semiquincentennial.

10. **New Business:** The Nominating Committee of Compatriots Chris Wendel, Rodney Weems and Carl Wiggins recommended the following, which were approved unanimously after a motion by Rodney Weems and second by Carl Wiggins:

President - David Garza

Vice President - No volunteers

Treasurer - Chris Wendel



Secretary - Chris Barbee

Historian - Michael Bailey

**11. Old Business:** President Garza - None

**12. Next Meeting:** Jan. 10, 2026 in Freeport at The Bluewater Drift, 11511 Bluewater Highway.

**13. SAR Recessional:** President Garza

**14. Benediction:** Chaplain Leach, followed by Adjournment

**15. Adjournment:** President Garza

**Attendance:**

Members: Chris Barbee, Jim Leach, Carl Wiggins, David Garza, Chris Wendel, Rodney Weems, Sandy Weems

Have you remembered to pay yet? It is through your memberships and donations that the SAR can preserve our heritage.

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

## *Annual Dues*

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### 2025

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250 Years Ago  
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United States War  
for  
Independence  
January 10, 1776

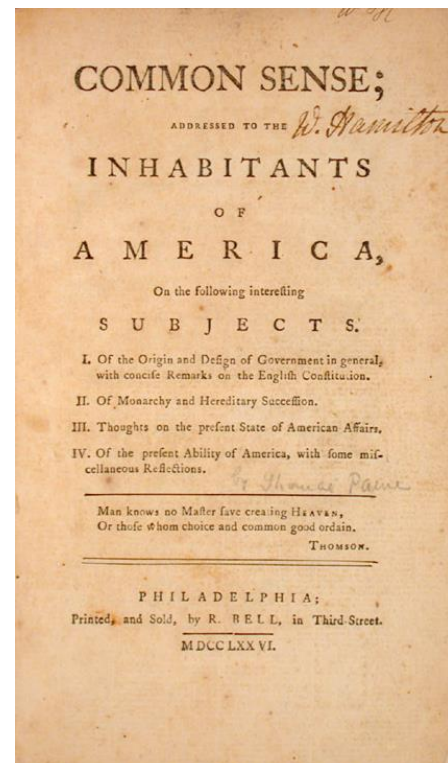
Thomas Paine publishes **Common Sense**.  
Thomas Paine  
February 9, 1737 - June 8, 1809



Art by Auguste Millière- 1876



Chris Barbee, right, secretary of Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented a Certificate of Recognition to new Eagle Scout Elijah Bustamante during a Court of Honor in El Campo Dec. 18. Bustamante is the last of five Troop 368 Boy Scouts who started as Tiger Cubs together to earn the prestigious Eagle. The certificate is from The National Society of the SAR, and was signed by Willam J. Griffiths, MD, and Barbee.



## INTRODUCTION TO COMMON SENSE

### Introduction

Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defence of custom. But tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason.

As a long and violent abuse of power is generally the means of calling the right of it in question, (and in matters too which might never have been thought of, had not the sufferers been aggravated into the inquiry,) and as the king of England hath undertaken in his own right, to support the parliament in what he calls theirs, and as the good people of this country are grievously oppressed by the combination, they have an undoubted privilege to inquire into the pretensions of both, and equally to reject the usurpations of either.

In the following sheets, the author hath studiously avoided every thing which is personal among ourselves. Compliments as well as censure to individuals make no part thereof. The wise and the worthy need not the

triumph of a pamphlet; and those whose sentiments are injudicious or unfriendly, will cease of themselves, unless too much pains is bestowed upon their conversion.

The cause of America is, in a great measure, the cause of all humankind. Many circumstances have, and will arise, which are not local, but universal, and through which the principles of all lovers of mankind are affected, and in the event of which, their affections are interested. The laying a country desolate with fire and sword, declaring war against the natural rights of all mankind, and extirpating the defenders thereof from the face of the earth, is the concern of every man to whom nature hath given the power of feeling; of which class, regardless of party censure, is

The Author.





**A Night Cap With George & Martha**  
**Sponsored by Esperanza Homes**  
**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**  
**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Event Category: WBCA Event**  
**Location: Laredo Little Theatre**

**Details:**

Wednesday February 4, 2026

Location: Laredo Little Theatre - 4802 Thomas Ave.

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. Shows Start at 7:30 p.m

\$15 Per Person

For Ticket Information visit [wbcalaredo.org](http://wbcalaredo.org)

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