

# ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER \* CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

## GENERAL MEETING

January 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Klingler at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams... The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Cole Zehnder. The Founder of the month was John Jay who was the first Chief Justice and negotiated the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War. He also helped to author the Federalist Papers in an effort to get the states to ratify the new Constitution. The quote for the day is “Nothing is more essential than that all persons employed in places of power and trust be men of unexceptional character. The public cannot be too curious concerning the character of public men.”— Samuel Adams.

One event for the month is the Electoral College met for the first time.

We recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

We reconvened at 12:15pm...

Introductions were made by members. Those in attendance included; Jim Klingler, Larry Hansen, Gus Fischer, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Craig & Liz Matheny, Doug Pettibone, Jay Pettibone, Mark, Brenda & Spencer Torres, Hammond Salley, Cole Zehnder, Dan & Karen McKelvie, John Dodd, Kent Gregory, David, Elizabeth and Andrew Beall, Phil Mitchell, Richard Adams, Don & Dianne Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Phil Hoge, John & Liz Ferris, Danny & Tedi Cox, Jim Quinnelly, and Leonard Chapman. 25 SARs, 10 Guests.

## BUSINESS/REPORTS

The minutes had been emailed out earlier this month. John Dodd moved that they be accepted, the motion was seconded by Jim Fosdyck. The motion passed.

Treasurer Don Carlson reported we have \$5,996.80 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. As of January 9<sup>th</sup> we have \$5,865.67. The Ben Franklin took in \$175 today.

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer thanked all those who have sent in their dues in a timely manner. Membership as of December 31<sup>st</sup> was 150. Was reduced to 135 due to drops and we have four dual members placing our membership at 131 to begin this year.

Vice-President of the Western District John Dodd announced the cruise to Alaska for the Western, Pacific and Rocky Mountain Conference that will take place. This will be an official meeting and as such will be tax deductible. The plan is to fly into Seattle, have dinner with the State Society then will take a bus to Vancouver. Here we will catch the ship and move up the coast to Anchorage where the trip will end for some, but others are taking the three day extension to Denali.

Congress will be in Boston this year. The Orange County Chapter will be hosting the 2019 Congress. We are looking for volunteers for that one.

President Klingler reported that he was happy to be able to serve the chapter this last year as President.

Vice-President John Ferris reported that in February we will have Steve Snyder as our speaker and in April it will be a return visit by Sharon Meets.

Jim Blauer reported that with the approval of the minutes his job was done for the Recording Secretary.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that we had 2 supplementals for James Townsend.

Chaplain Richard Adams had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox had nothing to report.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck spoke on the Massing of the Colors is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> next month. This is a National Color Guard event, so it counts toward SAR Color Guard medals. He announced the Colonial Wars Society Meeting next weekend and if you planned to attend you need to get your reservations in.

Veteran's Affairs had no report.

ROTC/JROTC chairman Gus Fischer announced there were three awards scheduled. There are two high schools that each have an entrant in the enhanced JROTC Contest. The name of the winner and their application is due at State February 2/3. He will turn in his annual report.

Medals & Awards Chairman Jim Fosdyck noted there would be several Awards presented today. If someone feels they have been overlooked let him know for which medal you are referring to.

Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer announced once again that our chapter winner this year was Jesse Martin. He also announced that Jesse's application was judged the best in the State and that his application was being forwarded to National for consideration for the scholarship awards. Compatriot Blauer also noted that in December they had issued 100 Eagle Scout Certificates. Lastly Jim announced that he had sent a letter of Congratulations to Jesse on being chosen our chapter winner and requested that he attend our February meeting to receive his medal and patches. Compatriot Blauer noted that he liked to do this at the February meeting as February is Boy Scout month.

The Knight Essay Contest we had just one entry by Michael Valino, so he will be the chapter winner.

The Oration Contest needs a chairman.

Flag Certificate Chairman Hans Hunt reported that in November a certificate was presented to Sonora High School in Brea.

Brochure Contest Chairman David Beall had nothing to report.

Chaplain Richard Adams had no report.

Flag Certificate Chairman was absent so there was no report.

Mark Torres is our new Website Chairman and has added music to the website. He passed out a letter giving permission to use the music on the website.

## AWARDS

Jim Fosdyck presented Color Guard Awards to John Dodd and John Ferris.

President Klingler presented John Ferris with the Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate.

President Klingler presented Hammond Salley with the Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate.

President Klingler then presented the Certificate of Appreciation to Tedi Cox, Liz Ferris, and Karen McKelvie.

Eagle Scout Chairman, Jim Blauer asked Compatriot Phil Hoge to come forward. Phil, like Jim, is an Eagle Scout and Jim presented Phil with the SAR Eagle Scout pin. This pin is for those members who are Eagle Scouts.

## INSTALLATION

Jim Fosdyck as Vice-President South did the honors of swearing in the officers for 2016. After the general officers were sworn in, VP Fosdyck installed as President for 2016 John Ferris.

Jim Klingler then draped the membership ribbon around President Ferris' neck as a symbol of his office.

President Ferris then presented Compatriot Klingler with the Past President's pin and Certificate.

## RAFFLE

The raffle was conducted by John Dodd. Winners this day included; Craig Matheny, Jim Blauer, Phil Mitchell, Dan McKelvie, John Ferris, Gus Fischer, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Tedi Cox, Karen McKelvie, Jim Fosdyck, David Beall, Hammond Salley, and Spencer Torres.

Next meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Board Meeting today.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The Recessional was led by Doug Pettibone.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm

Respectfully Submitted  
February 13, 2016

James F. Blauer  
Recording Secretary