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MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN: February 11, 2006

Where: The Sizzler
1401 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA

Time: Set up and Social begins at 11:00AM

Meeting: Called to order at 11:30AM

Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my initial President's Message, I'd like to first thank the members of Orange County Chapter for electing me as your President for 2006. I'd also like to thank CASSAR President Larry Magerkurth for conducting the installation of officers at our January meeting, as well as his report on activities within the National and State bodies. In addition to myself, Compatriots Dan Henry and Arthur Koehler were installed as incoming Vice President and Treasurer, and Compatriots Jim Wallace, Jim Blauer, Jim Quinnelly, and Lou Carlson were installed in their continuing offices of Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Registrar, and Chaplain. I am also happy to report that the appointed committee chairmen for 2005 have agreed to continue serving in their positions for 2006. It was gratifying to have such a good turnout for the meeting, and I certainly hope that our members and their ladies will continue to support us as heartily for the rest of my term.

Our speaker this month for our February meeting will be our own Chaplain, Reverend Lou Carlson, who will present a program entitled "Around the World in 1776". As you all know, Lou is quite an interesting and dynamic speaker, so we can certainly look forward to an informative and entertaining presentation.

The decision made late last year to hold the Executive Board meetings immediately following the Chapter meetings has worked well. These meetings are open to all members, and you are welcome to attend if you so desire. As you are (hopefully) aware, our Poster Contest is under way, and several schools have been contacted and expressed interest in participating. It's getting close to our entry deadline, so if any of you wish

to contact a school (or schools) in your area to enlist the participation of the 4th and 5th grade classes, it needs to be done immediately. This year's theme is "Winter at Valley Forge." The deadline to submit an entry to our chapter is March 1, 2006, so that we can select a winner at our March chapter meeting. Details and entry forms are available on the N .S .S .A.R. website, <http://www.sar.org/youth/Americanism.htm>. If you need a letter which can be used to contact a school, contact me and I will e-mail you a format.

Our Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer have been busy collecting annual dues from our members, and getting the proper paperwork sent off to CASSAR in order to meet the State deadline. I'd like to thank CASSAR Secretary Jim Shadwick for his help in preparation of the submittal documentation. As has been noted in previous newsletters, due to an error in the dues notifications mailed out in the fall, there was some confusion about the amount for dues – the notification stated that the amount was \$53, when the correct amount is \$58. As it was the chapter's error, if a member sent in either amount by the deadline, he was included in the active membership roster. However, if you are one of the members who sent in \$53 before being notified of the error, we would appreciate receiving the remaining \$5 as soon as possible, and apologize for the inconvenience. Also, as some members did not get their dues in to us before the cut-off date, it was necessary to drop them from the active membership roster until their dues are received. In such cases, we will contact them in order to complete the necessary reinstatement form in order to reactivate their

memberships.

The Sons of Liberty Chapter will sponsor the 24th Annual George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to the United States Armed Forces at Forest Lawn Memorial Park on Sunday, February 19th, at 3:00 p.m. Orange County Chapter encourages all of our members to attend, if possible, to support this event as enthusiastically as in past years. We will have more information at our February chapter meeting.

The next time you are logged onto the web, be sure to drop by our chapter website <http://www.orangecountysar.org>.

Webmaster Arthur Koehler continues to do a fine job of maintaining and updating the site, and it's worth visiting frequently.

Finally, if you won a prize at the raffle last month (or just want to help contribute), please remember to bring an item for the Ben Franklin box this next month. We will continue to donate the proceeds to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in the name of the Orange County Chapter. Thank you for your anticipated generosity, and I will see you at the meeting.

Hugh Richards

LOUIS VICTOR CARLSON, JR.

Our Speaker this month will be our own Compatriot Lou Carlson. Lou was born May 16 in Seattle, Washington. He is the son of Louis Victor Carlson, Sr. and Rebecca Leigh(Lewis) Carlson. His mother is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames 17th Century and the Jamestown Society. He has a brother who is a retired Seattle police officer.

Lou graduated from Hudson High school in Vancouver, Washington, where he was

Managing Editor of the school paper, a member of the Student Council, the School State Math Team, and he attended Boy's State. He moved on to the University of Washington, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Lou entered the Saint Thaddeus Eastern Catholic Seminary in Everett, Washington, where he earned a M.Div., in Theology and pastoral counseling, followed by Ordination as a Deacon in 1978, a Priest in 1980 and consecration as a Bishop in 1983.

Lou and Karen Ann(Teubner) Carlson met when both sang in the Church Choir, and they married. Karen has consistently contributed greatly to the success of our meetings with her presence and help, even during those few times when Lou has been unable to attend.

Lou is currently on the pastoral team at the Orange County Worship Center, a church of the Assembly of God in Santa Ana, and has been highly successful Funeral Director at Fairhaven Memorial Park and Mortuary in Santa Ana since 1992. He has also run a Christian Counseling Center system throughout the Western United States, Alaska, and Hawai'i. His other church activities are too numerous to list.

Lou's hobbies are reading and the study of history, and he is active in charitable organizations, especially St. Stanislaus, where he received a knighthood of the Order of St. Stanislaus and he is a Prior for California of that Organization. He collects die-cast model cars.

His other interests are the Scottish/Celtic heritage involvement in a Scottish Baronial House, Chaplain of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Chairman of the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Council.

Working on his family's genealogy, and his mother's membership in DAR awoke a passion for patriotism and his American Heritage. Bishop Lou Carlson is the immediate past president of our chapter, serving in an outstanding manner for two years, and he is the Chaplain for the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. His Revolutionary War ancestor is Captain John Clopton of the Virginia Militia.

EMAIL/U.S. MAIL NEWSLETTER

Currently your chapter has about 90 members, officers and prospective members on our mailing list for our newsletter. If you have not sent the Editor, Jim Blauer or Corresponding Secretary Jim Wallace your e-mail, we would appreciate it as it will only be used to send you your newsletter and if need be to contact you concerning the chapter. Your Editor is currently mailing out 50-55 newsletters while the rest go via e-mail thanks to Compatriot Jim Shadwick, who puts it in an easy to open and read PDF File.. This means costs for Printing and mailing can run as high as \$60.00 or more with the recent increase in postage.

In an effort to reduce this cost your editor has been taking advantage of a program at Staples copy center where when you turn in an old or empty ink cartridge, you will receive a \$3.00 gift Certificate good on purchases. Though you can only use one Certificate per purchase, I have found you can split up an order to use them. A couple months ago I had 330 copies. I was able to block this off into 6 segments of 50 copies and one of 30. At 6 cents a copy that is \$3.00 for each 50 copy segment. I had enough certificates to cover those first six segments (300 copies), so for those I had to pay nothing. Since the

remaining 30 did not reach \$3.00 I ended up paying only \$1.94.

If you have some empty cartridges or will, I would encourage you to take them to Staples (you can redeem 3 at a time) and get some of these gift certificates and send them to your chapter Editor, Jim Blauer for use to save money on copies. I recently copied the minutes from the January meeting and because I had exactly 50 copies I paid nothing as it came to \$3.00 for which I had a certificate.

I hope you will be able to help your chapter save money by sending us your e-mail address and gift certificates from the empty cartridge program at Staples Copy Centers.

Your Editor Jim Blauer

MASSING OF THE COLORS

It is once again that time of the year and we gear up for the Massing of the Colors. The 24th Annual Massing will take place on Sunday February 19, 2006 at Forrest Lawn Memorial Park, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Burbank.

For those who will be participating, you are requested to be there at the Hall of Liberty by 2pm as the program will begin promptly at 3pm. All those in attendance will receive a Certificate of Participation. It will go on rain or shine as the auditorium has been reserved in case of rain. Even if you are not in uniform and part of the Color Guards, as a spectator you will not see a more patriotic gathering of flags. Once again Compatriot Jim Blauer has been asked to do the National Anthem.

For more details see the enclosed flyer and come and join us for a Tribute to our first President and our Armed Forces.

PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

This Years Patriot's Day Parade will be on

March 4 and begin at 11am. At present your Parade Chairman, Jim Blauer is waiting to hear from the organizers on our entry. When he does he will send out the information to those who have said they wish to participate in our group. This years theme is "America--Still United". We will have our 1931 Model A and Karl Jacobs and his "Union Sound" Barbershop Quartet will once again join us. If you recall their appearance in the parade garnered us a second place finish in the Color Guard over 21 category. You never know it could happen again.

If you do not want to walk or ride come out and cheer us on. It is a fun parade and it helps us to celebrate the lives and sacrifices our ancestors made so that we could be here today able to enjoy the freedoms we do.

Those interested in joining the fun contact Parade Chairman Jim Blauer and he will mail you the information when he has copies made.

THADDEUS KOSCIUSKO

Thaddeus(Tadeusz) Kosciusko was born Andrei Tadevush Banaventura Kastsyushka (according to Belarusian history) on February 12, 1746 to a middle Belarusian gentry family. It seems his exact place of birth is in question depending on the source used. One says he was born in Kosava, which is now a part of Belarus. Then there is the Belarusian town of Marachowshchyna that claims he was born there. Another says he was born in Novogrndek, Lithuania and a fourth says he was born in Siechnowica in the eastern territories of the Kingdom of Poland.

Whether born in Lithuania, Belarus or Poland, he is considered Polish as he fought for his homeland after he aided the American Revolution.

for the women among the serfs of his own estate.

He tried once more to marry an aristocrat's daughter, but like the first time he was refused mainly for his lack of wealth and aristocratic standing. He did reestablish a relationship with his first love, the now Princess Lubomirska, and she acknowledged her continued affection for him. She went so far to use her influence at court and persuaded the king to commission her former suitor as a major general. It did not hurt that he had an impressive record from his work during the American Revolution.

With the spread of the enlightenment to the Polish Commonwealth, even King Stanislas Augustus Poniatowski was attracted to the liberal ideals. This caused a personal conflict as he had been very close to Empress Catherine the Great who had worked to get the king elected and held great influence over him and the country. In 1789 the king received an offer from Frederick William II of Prussia for an alliance against the Empress's expansionist plans.

King Stanislas then set about reforming the government. In doing so Catherine had had enough and with her war on the Turkish front at an end she turned her attention to the west. It was 1792 and she sent her armies to occupy the eastern portion. When the king appealed to Frederick William for help, the Prussian proceeded to help himself to the Northwest area of Poland and Lithuania.

In January of 1793 the king sent Kosciusko to Paris on a secret mission to persuade the French Revolutionaries to help avert what would otherwise be the elimination of the commonwealth entirely. Being involved in their own struggle at the time they could only offer moral support.

Kosciusko traveled throughout Europe looking for assistance until it appeared that the king was once again becoming the puppet of the Empress. At this point Kosciusko joined several other officers in resigning from the army and fled to the neighboring kingdom of Saxony.

His leadership and character convinced the patriots he was the one to lead the military and on March 24, 1794 he took an oath as Commander-in-chief in Crakow's marketplace. Accepting leadership of the insurrection he made clear his democratic intentions of restoring authority to the civilian Diet once the fighting was over. He proclaimed an "Act of Insurrection" calling upon all Poles and Lithuanians rich and poor to drive out the foreigners occupying their lands. His Act specified the "Sacred Rights to liberty, personal security and property".

The people, peasants and townspeople came out in droves, so that by June 1794 Kosciusko had an army of 150,000. Unfortunately only about half were armed and he lacked the support of the upper class who were unsure of his liberalism.

The Russians were surprised with some early victories by the insurrectionists. Though they fought hard and bravely they were overwhelmed on October 10, 1794 by over 14,000 Russians. He himself was severely wounded from which he would never fully recover. He was imprisoned in St. Petersburg for about 2 years. Following Catherine's death in 1796, the new Czar Paul I freed the Polish freedom fighter on the promise never to return to his homeland.

He visited the USA in 1797 to great fanfare. He returned to France then settled in Solothurn, Switzerland where he died in 1817.***



THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GEORGE WASHINGTON MASSING OF THE COLORS AND SALUTE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

At Forest Lawn Memorial Park
6200 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles,
Sunday - 3:00 p.m. February 19th, 2006
(Assembly of participants - 2:00 p.m.)

"Rain or Shine" - we have reserved the auditorium in case of rain.

Sponsored by:

The Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

The Largest Celebration of George Washington's Birth held in the West

Ceremonies include:

- Pass in Review of fifty-plus Color Guards --- Artillery Salute ---
- Wreath Laying Ceremony --- 40 piece Fife and Drum Band ---
- twenty-one musket salute --- Addresses by Dignitaries

Participation is open to all Military, Veterans, Lineage, Patriotic and
Reenactment Organizations.

There is no better way to show your patriotism than to honor the
Father of our Country, George Washington and to show your
support of the men and women in our Armed Forces.

If you wish to participate contact our event coordinator
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Photo Album

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Awards Chairman Dan Henry inducts Warren Oakes into the chapter and presents him with his Membership Certificate. Warren's Father, Comatriot Jim Oakes, pins the society Rosette on. President Hugh Richards joins in congratulating Warren as a new member.

On January 21 Jim Blauer(right) joined fellow SARs from the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Don Moran and John Rhoades as Color Guard at the Annual Court for the Society of Colonial Wars. This was the debut of the this Society's uniforms for their Color Guard.

