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MEETING INFORMATION

When: February 13, 2010
Where: Sizzler Restaurant
1401 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am
Meeting: Called to Order at 11:30am
Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month we will celebrate President's Day. George Washington's Birthday is the official date designated to what many of us know as President's Day. During the month of February the birthdays of two of our greatest President's take place; George Washington who was born on February 11, 1732* and Abraham Lincoln born on February 12, 1809. Those of you who came of age in my generation recall we celebrated the birth of these men as separate holidays. However, Washington's Birthday has been publicly celebrated since he was in office, before Abraham Lincoln was even born. Much of the debate over the name of the holiday springs from the fact that states can follow their own holidays how they see fit and many of them chose to also honor Lincoln, calling the celebration President's Day. It was in 1968 that the term President's Day came up for legal consideration in the Congress but was shot down, though the holiday was moved to fall between the two President's birthdays. Again in the 1980s there was a resurgence of the term with advertisers which solidified the holiday name in American culture. Today, few Americans prefer to call the holiday Washington's Birthday in lieu of President's Day.

Also in February the largest celebration of its kind in the western United States, the 28th annual Massing of the Colors celebration of George Washington's birth will take place. It's sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. The 2010 event will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 21, 2010, at Forest Lawn, Los Angeles. It is hoped that this year there will be a flyover by United States Air Force aircraft – perhaps F-16s.

The Lee's Legion Color Guard participated in the Massing of the Colors event last year and plan to do so again this year. Other Orange County Chapter members present were Larry Magerkurth, Louis Carlson, John Dodd, David Siler and Richard Adams. This year we look forward to seeing a greater participation by our Orange County Chapters members.

I'm very pleased to announce that my former colleague, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Sandra Hutchens will be our guest speaker on February 13. You will not want to miss this opportunity to meet Orange County's top cop, who's also a very nice lady.

Gentlemen and ladies too, in closing I remind you not to forget that every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

James C. Fosdyck

SANDRA HUTCHENS
ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF-CORONER

Sandra Hutchens is the 12th Orange County Sheriff and the first to be selected by the Board of Supervisors to serve out the term of a sheriff who resigned. Selected from a field of 48 candidates after a nationwide search, her current term will continue until January 2011.

Sheriff Hutchens was born in Monterey Park and raised in Long Beach, where she graduated from Woodrow Wilson High. Shortly after graduating from high school she was hired as a secretary for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, where she met some Deputies who convinced her to apply for a Deputy position. She graduated from the Academy in 1978.

Her career at LASD spanned thirty years, giving her experience in nearly every facet of law enforcement. Among her many roles, she served as a Deputy in the Sybil Brand Institute, a women's jail; a patrol Deputy at the Lynwood Station, a Detective with the Metropolitan Bureau; a patrol Sergeant at Temple Station; a Lieutenant at Sybil Brand; a Captain at the Norwalk Station, a Field Commander overseeing several patrol stations; an Executive Aide to Sheriff Baca and, finally she served as Chief of the Office of Homeland Security for four years. She also served as a Legislative Liaison in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Sheriff Hutchens has a reputation as a tough street cop and a proficient manager who shapes massive law enforcement resources to address the challenges of public safety. Her counter-terrorism training in Israel, her travels to Pakistan and Russia, and leadership training both at the FBI Academy and Harvard University has enhanced her ability to build cross-cultural partnerships and foster solid community relations for the Sheriff's Department. Her educational and professional training and experience give her the background necessary to oversee the operations of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, whether it is a threat to national security, effectively and efficiently addressing crime, or problem solving on neighborhood issues.

Sheriff Hutchens, along with her husband Larry, a retired Assistant Police Chief with the Los

Angeles Unified School District, has been a longtime resident of Orange County. In her spare time, Sheriff Hutchens enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, writing and walking their dog, Tucker.

"Go ahead, salute the flag"

"The president is not the only one authorized to salute the flag when in civilian clothes. Two laws allow veterans and military members not in uniform to salute the flag during the National Anthem, or when it is hoisted, lowered or passing in review.

But apparently, few have heard of this. Of the many thousands of fans at sporting events, few, if any, can be seen rendering a military salute during the playing of the anthem. The same is true when the flag passed in review during parades and other activities. While these are civilian events, there must be hundreds of vets and out-of-uniform service members in attendance. Veterans, as well as serving military members not in uniform, have the right to render a salute as Old Glory passes or when they hear the National Anthem.

*If anyone challenges the right to render a salute when out of uniform, they should know it is officially authorized in **Titles 4 and 37 of the United States Code.**"* — Jim Tice This was contributed by Richard Adams from the Army Times Magazine.

GOING GREEN

by

James C. Fosdyck, President

Those of you who came of age in my generation recall fund raiser paper drives either through your school, church or scouting organization. I suppose those were the early days of what is now called *going green*.

In my view, part of being a good citizen and good steward of the earth is recycling. Paper, plastic, glass and aluminum are at the top of the list of materials recycled into new products.

Another form of recycling is conducted by service organizations like the Shriners when they go so far as to collect the pull tabs from aluminum beverage cans to give to the Shriners Children Hospitals for

credit toward medical treatment for children. Similarly, at Houston's Ronald McDonald House the money received from recycling pull tabs helps support their operations. The money is used to purchase food for the family food pantry, cleaning supplies, and to provide van transportation to and from the Texas Medical Center for the families.

I encourage all of you to recycle at your home and business. Communities and refuge collectors have made the process easy by supplying most homes with bins or barrels for recyclable items.

One way we, as members of the Sons of the American Revolution, can participate in the recycling process within our communities and chapter is by recycling the ink cartridges from our home and/or office printers. We can further benefit our chapter by giving the cartridges to our Recording Secretary who can turn them in for credit at Office Depot, Staples and similar businesses.

I would like to suggest another form of recycling within our chapter. Because we issue dozens of SAR certificates to members of our own chapter each year coupled with the fact we will be dealing with the proposed budget for 2010 over the next several weeks I encourage those of you who frame your certificates, place them in a scrapbook or store them in a such manner that you will not need the presentation folder to please return the folders to our Medals and Awards Chairman. In the words of Benjamin Franklin; "A penny saved is a penny earned."

MASSING OF THE COLORS

On February 21, the 28th Annual Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn will take place. The ceremonies this year will include a U.S. Air Force "Fly by", a pass-in-review of 50 plus color guards, an artillery salute, a 21 gun musket salute, wreath laying ceremony, addresses by dignitaries and music by the Mountain Fife & Drum Corps. Festivities will begin at 3pm with the procession from the Wall of Liberty to the base of the George Washington Statue. This is where the Color Guards will line up. Those wishing a good view for picture taking should gather at the top of the steps facing the Old North Church. It runs about an hour and should be finished about 4pm

Check the flyer that was sent out in December's Newsletter for details.

PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

On Saturday March 6th we will once again participate in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. Those of you who would be interested in participating should contact Parade Chairman Jim Blauer (jblauer@pacbell.net), so that he can send you the line up information once it has been received. It is an easy walk all down hill. We begin at the Parking lot across from Laguna Beach High School and walk down to the area of City Hall and the Pepper Tree Parking Lot. We will have our Color Guard and our 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe.

BENJAMIN EDES (1732-1803)

For forty-three years Benjamin Edes and his partner, John Gill, published the *Boston Gazette and Country Journal*. During the years preceding the Revolutionary War their paper served as the mouthpiece of the Patriot cause in Boston, and other colonial newspapers frequently reprinted stories from the *Boston Gazette*. Royal authorities continuously tried to silence the "trumpeters of sedition" but were never successful.

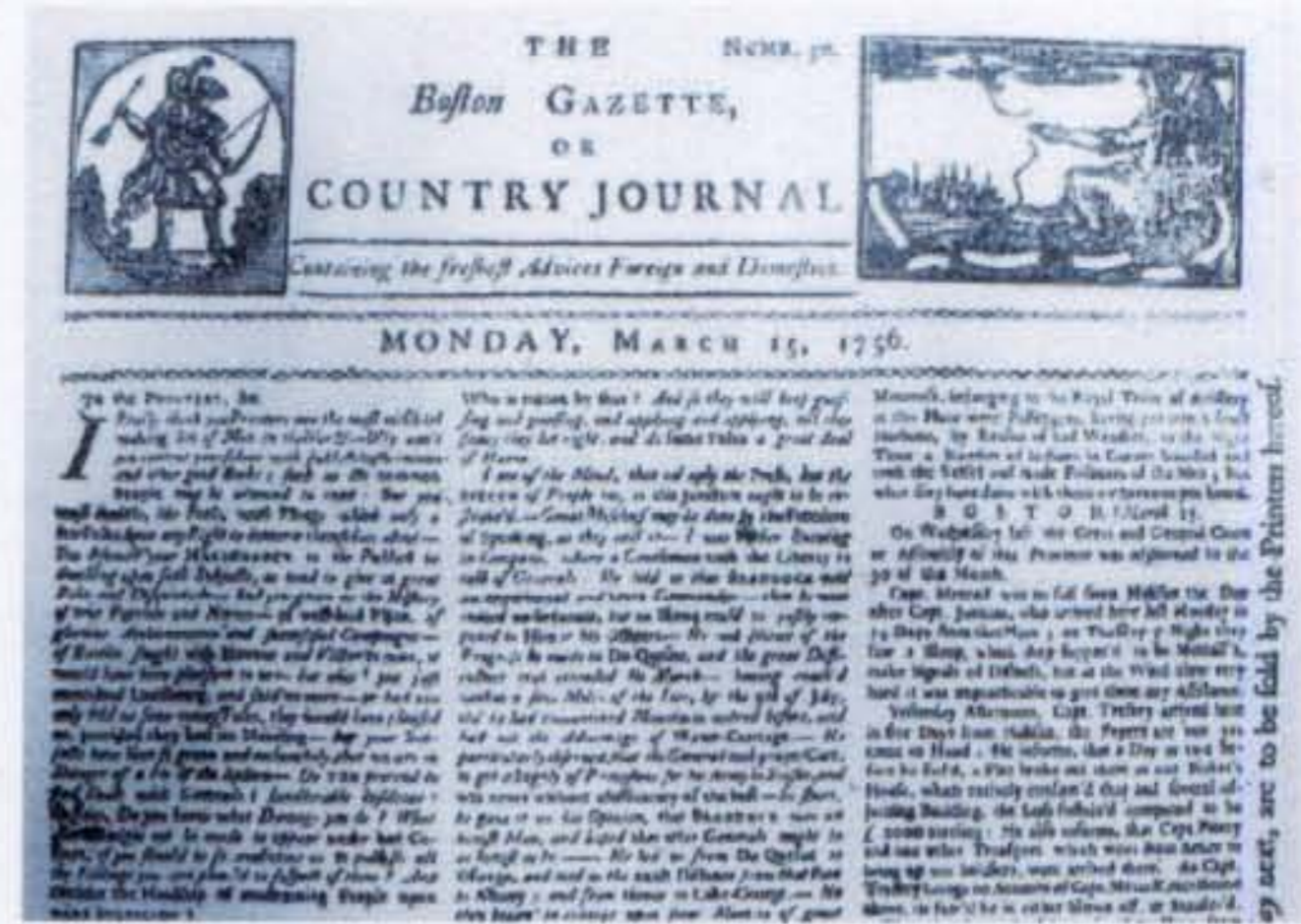
Beginnings. Edes was born on 14 October 1732 in Charlestown, Massachusetts, the son of Peter and Esther Hall Edes. As a boy he received some schooling. In 1754 he married Martha Starr, and in April of the next year Edes and Gill took over the *Boston Gazette*. The paper, established in December 1719 by William Brooker, had five other owners before Edes and Gill.

Political Commitment. The two young printers set up a shop at the corner of Court Street and Franklin Avenue. In 1765 they became embroiled in politics when they purposely violated the Stamp Act. This statute placed a tax of from a halfpenny to a penny on newspapers, depending on size. While some colonial papers ceased publication, others published issues without paying the tax and printing the publisher's name. Edes and Gill did not pay the tax and circulated the *Boston Gazette* with a skull and crossbones on the front page.

A Son of Liberty. The printers were not penalized for two reasons. First they conveniently did not use stamped paper in printing the *Boston Gazette*. (They had cut off the stamps in a cutter's binder.) Second, Edes's membership in the "Loyal Nine," a secret group of leading Bostonians who controlled the Sons of Liberty, intimidated the stamp distributor, Andrew Oliver. Frequent visitors to the printing shop of Edes and Gill included Samuel Adams, John Adams, Joseph Warren, Josiah Quincy, James Otis, and John Hancock, all of whom contributed articles to the *Boston Gazette*. In 1768 and 1769 the paper criticized Gov. Francis Bernard as a "scourge" and "plague" to the province. Bernard was recalled by Whitehall soon afterward.

Angry Bostonians. Between 1764 and 1776 Edes and Gill led colonial printers in the production of political pamphlets; indeed until 1783 their firm was the leading printer in America. The *Boston Gazette* had a record-breaking weekly circulation of two thousand papers between 1774 and 1775, evidence of its popularity among the mechanics, dockworkers, and other laborers of Boston. Seven days after the Boston Massacre in March 1770 the newspaper appeared with heavy black borders to mourn those killed. On the second page Paul Revere drew four large coffins with the initials of the deceased. The account of the event began "The Town of Boston affords a recent and melancholy Demonstration of the destructive Consequences of quartering Troops among citizens in a Time of Peace." A special report covered the death of a fifth rioter several days later.

Tea Party. The coverage of the Boston Massacre aroused the Sons of Liberty to a fever pitch. Edes's home became the focal point of the next crisis, and it was here that the Boston Tea Party was conceived and organized. When the first tea ships arrived on November 1773, the *Boston Gazette* ran a protest, and Edes and Gill recruited armed men to patrol the docks twenty-four hours a day to ensure the cargo was not unloaded. Edes himself served on the guard. Governor Thomas Hutchinson remained steadfast that the tea be unloaded, and on 16 December leading Patriots met at Edes's house on



Brattle Street. That night they disguised themselves as Indians and, joining others at the meetinghouse, boarded the ships and destroyed the tea.

Fallout. Neither the Patriot nor Loyalist press identified Edes as one of the participants. In fact the *Boston Gazette* published a warning that Edes and Gill were not to be arrested or the authorities would fall "into the pit they are digging for others." Nevertheless the threat of arrest remained, especially after Loyalists in the city requested that Gen. Thomas Gage apprehend certain individuals. Edes escaped from Boston with an old press and types, but his son Peter and Gill were arrested and jailed for several weeks. On 5 June 1775 the *Boston Gazette* resumed publication in Watertown.

Mission Accomplished. After the British evacuated Boston in March 1776, Edes returned to the city, but without the same popularity among readers and financial support of patrons; apparently the *Boston Gazette* had served its purpose. Gill started his own paper in May; the *Continental Journal* ran until 1787. The last issue of the *Boston Gazette* appeared on 17 September 1798. Edes spent his last years in ill health and poverty and died on 11 December 1803.

Source

Sallie A. Whelan, "Benjamin Edes," in *American Newspaper Journalists, 1690–1872, Dictionary of Literary Biography*, volume 43, edited by Perry J. Ashley (Columbia, S.C.: Brucoli Clark/Detroit: Gale Research, 1985), pp. 178–183.

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JOHN GILL

There has not been a lot written about John Gill. He was not as active politically as his partner Benjamin Edes, who with Gill, purchased the Boston Gazette and Country Journal in 1755.

Commenting on Gill's political activism, rival Isaiah Thomas write: *"Gill was soundly a Whig, but did not possess the political energy of his partner. He was industrious, constantly in the printing house, and there worked a case or press as occasion required."*

He was known to keep the company of such men as John Adams, Samuel Adams, and James Otis to name a few. It was from talking to these men that he would get articles for the *Gazette*.

In 1768 Edes and Gill were confronted by fellow newsman John Mein, who co-owned the *Boston Chronicle*, was upset about an article they had printed attacking Mein. Two days in a row he went to their shop demanding to know the name of the author of the article they called *Americus*. They refused at which point Mein asked they to step outside. When they refused to do so, Mein promised that the next time he ran into either of them he would "thrash them".

Mein ran into Gill first and beat him with his cane. Gill sued with James Otis as his attorney. Mein was fined 40 shillings for criminal assault and 75 pounds plus costs were to be paid to Gill.

In 1775 after his partner, Edes, had left town, Gill along with Edes' teenage son were jailed.

During the War Edes became sole owner of the *Boston Gazette and Country Journal* as Gill began his own paper the *Continental Journal* in May 1776. Gill ran the paper until shortly before his death in 1785. The paper printed an obituary which read, *"Captain John Gill, for disseminating principles destructive of tyranny, suffered during the siege of this town in 1775, what many other printers were threatened with, a cruel imprisonment. He, however, was so fortunate as to survive the conflict; but had the mortification, lately, of seeing the press ready to be shackled by a stamp act fabricated in the native state; he, therefore, resigned his business, not choosing to submit to a measure which Britain artfully adopted as the foundation of her intended tyranny in*



America. His remains were respectfully entombed last Monday afternoon."

At the time of John Gill's death, the Massachusetts General Court was considering whether to levy a small tax on some of the printed materials in the State. This was part of the economic crisis that led to Shay's Rebellion. The press was quick to point out the irony of this proposal.

FEBRUARY 11, 1732

As you may have noticed in the President's Message, an asterisk was placed after the date of Washington's Birth date. And you thought he was born on February 22, 1732. Do not fret. It is a common mistake that was even made by the game show Jeopardy back in the late 60's or early 70's when Art Fleming was the host.

George Washington was born on February 11, 1732 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. How is this possible? Blame Henry the VIII. Henry as you may recall had a problem with the Catholic Church (Rome) when he was not granted a divorce he had requested. When this happened he broke away from the Catholic Church and established the Anglican Church as the Church of England.

During the papacy of Pope Gregory, was the time when he called several learned men together to determine how far off the Julian Calendar was and what needed to be done to get it back on track. The solution became the Gregorian Calendar. To correct the situation and get back on track at that time required the removal of 9 days from the calendar to "catch up". Since Britain was no longer a part of the church they did not go along with the change as did the rest of the continent. So, Britain and all her colonies remained on the Julian Calendar. This is the calendar under which George Washington was born

in 1732.

In 1752, the British government decided that they needed to correct the calendar and switch over to the Gregorian Calendar as with the rest of Europe. To do so now required the removal of 11 days from the calendar. This happened in September between the 2nd and the 14th. They went to bed on the night of the second and awoke on the 14th. If they had any meetings scheduled on the old calendar for the 3rd through the 13th, they missed them.

Washington, considered whether he was going to keep his birthday on the 11th or whether he should move it to the 22nd. After much consideration he decided that had the British changed over to the Gregorian Calendar when the rest of Europe did, he would have been born on the 22nd. So, in the Fall of 1752 George Washington made the decision to celebrate his birthday on February 22 not February 11th.

PRESIDENTIAL COUSINS

It was reported in the Orange County Register on January 30th that newly elected Senator Scott Brown of Massachusetts and President Barack Obama are 10th Cousins.

If your lines go back to early colonial days you may also be a cousin to one or more presidents. How do you find out this sort of information? You first must have your family tree at hand. Then get a copy of the recent edition of Gary Boyd Roberts' "Ancestors of American Presidents". Your editor has the early copy from 1989 with 330 pages as well as the updated 2009 copy of 838 pages!!!

There are two ways you can check this out. One you can go President by President checking the lines, or you can use the index to locate names of your ancestors.

You may find that your connection may not be in the colonies but back overseas where the family came from. This is the case of one line of your editor. When he decided to enter the Presidential Families of America he selected as his cousin to enter on, Abraham Lincoln. He submitted his line through the Gilman Family which was in New Hampshire, but his connection does not appear until he got back to Caston, England in the 1500s. PFA requires that the common ancestor must have been at some time on American Soil. So, the Gilman line

though a good line for cousinship to President Lincoln, was not acceptable to the society. So, he went with his other Lincoln ancestor John Whitman who was in Weymouth, Massachusetts. John is #134 and his wife Ruth is #135 in the Book by Roberts.

Your editor went on to locate other cousinships with several Presidents. He has 2 lines to Francis Cooke that leads him to Franklin D. Roosevelt through three ancestors--Jan Mahieu, Francis Cooke and William Cheney, One line to Franklin Pierce through John Johnson, one line to Gerald Ford through Edward Gilman, 2 lines to Ulysses Grant through the Mahieu and Cooke Lines, three lines to William Howard Taft through Experience Mitchell, Thomas Heyward, and William Cheney, and three lines to both Bush Presidents through Edward Gilman, Jan Mahieu and Francis Cooke.

In his updated book Roberts work covers the president's ancestries through the first 214 pages. He then goes on to give an extensive bibliography of the sources used for each president. That takes up another 90 pages. Then he gets into the fascinating part of which presidents are related to royalty showing their direct lines to royalty in England, Scotland, and France. He then does the same for the First Ladies. He then gives a synopsis of the lines. FDR has 10, George H.W. Bush has 9 and George W. Bush has 11 lines to Royalty.

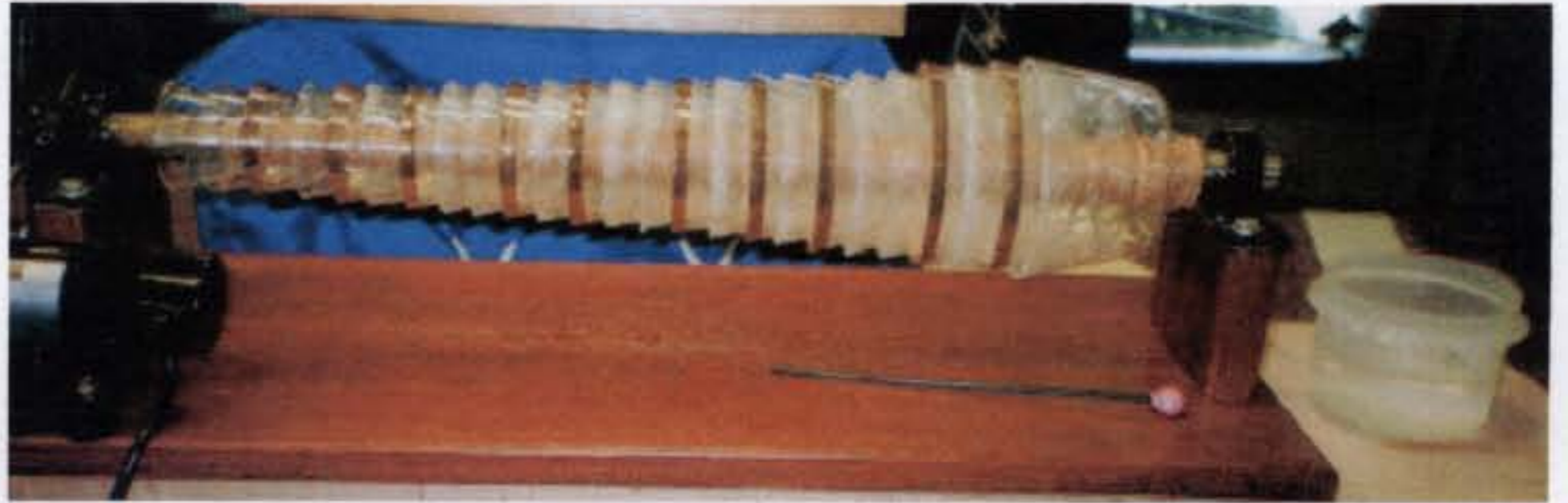
Mr. Roberts goes on to show how the various Presidents are related to each other through his kinship charts. He finishes up showing how the Presidents are related to modern Royalty.

So, if you are interested to see if you have any Cousins in the Presidents of the United States here is where you can start.***



Photo Album

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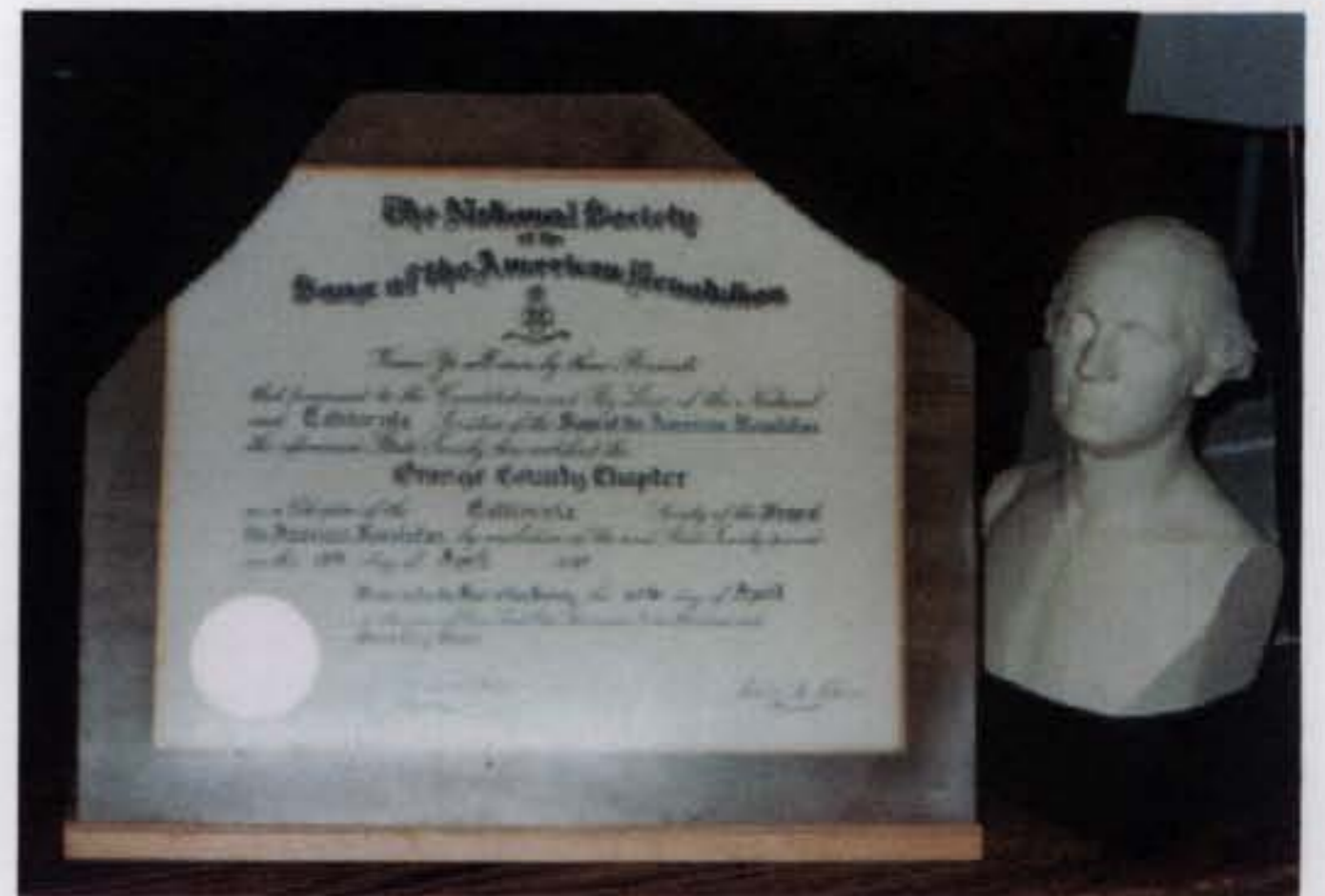
At left President Siler with DAR District XII Regent Donna Cole. She is the widow of Compatriot Earl Cole.

Above, is a Harmonica, a musical instrument, made of glasses, it was created by Benjamin Franklin. Speaker David Mauldin showed us how to play it and about the history of this instrument.



At left David Mauldin receives a Certificate of Appreciation from President David Siler.

At right, our charter is draped in memory of Compatriot Jim Shadwick.



At left Dan Henry receives the Bronze Good Citizenship Award.

At right Jim Blauer is presented with the SAR Bronze Color Guard Award.



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Above left, Dave Siler presents Jim Fosdyck with his two new supplemental certificates. Above left, President Siler recognizes the work of chapter members by presenting them with a Certificate of Distinguished Service. Rex Shannon, Lou Carlson, Jim Wallace, John Dodd, Arthur Koehler, Richard Adams, Kent Gregory, Jim Blauer, Hugh Richards and Jim Quinnelly show off their certificates..



Above, State President Lou Carlson installs our officers for 2010. President Jim Fosdyck, Vice-President David Siler, Recording Secretary Jim Blauer, Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox, Corresponding Secretary Jim Wallace, Treasurer Arthur Koehler, Registrar Kent Gregory and Chaplain Richard Adams.



At left Un Hui Yi Fosdyck places the officers ribbon on husband and newly installed President Jim Fosdyck.

At right Donna Cole presents bags to outgoing president David Siler(right) and incoming president Jim Fosdyck(left).

