

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

September 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Klingler at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Colors were presented by the Lee's Legion Color Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was recited.

David Bushnell was the Founder of the Month. He was the inventor of the submarine.

The quote of the day came from John Adams.

President Klingler noted some of the historical events that occurred this month; the siege of Fort St. John and the Invasion of Quebec.

We recessed for lunch at 11:45am.

We reconvened at 12:20pm.

Self-introductions were given. Those in attendance included; Jim Klingler, Jim Townsend, Lou & Karen Carlson, Bill & Mary Utley, Mark Torres, Don & Diane Carlson, Richard Price, John & Liz Ferris, Jim Blauer, Karen Truett, Heather Henson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Hammond Salley, Kristin Funk, George & Bonnie Kridner, George Kridner IV, Michael Kridner, Jim Bradley, Doug Bradley, Joseph Torres, Mary A. Shult, Brenda Torres, Hazel Torres, Arthur Koehler, Sharon Meigs-Speaker, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Virginia Schilli, Ted & Linda Carlson, Larry & Nicole Hansen, Hugh Richards, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Richard Adams, Hugh Shanahan, Mike Shanahan, Tallinn J. Dear, Brian Dear, David Beall, Matthew & Gloria Noell, Dan Shippey, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Danny & Tedi Cox, Richard Grogan and Gus Fischer. 31 SARs, 25 Guests.

SPEAKER-Sharon Meigs

It was moved by Lou Carlson that we proceed out of order. This was seconded by Jim Fosdyck. John Ferris then introduced our speaker Sharon Meigs who gave a power point presentation on the Star-Spangled Banner, the Flag not the song. She spoke of Major Armistead and Mary Pickersgill and the effort to sew the Flags he had ordered. She explained where it resided when the battle was over and how it got to the Smithsonian and its restoration over the years. President Klingler presented Sharon Meigs with a Certificate of Appreciation for being our speaker.

BUSINESS

The minutes were emailed out. Jim Fosdyck moved that the minutes be approved as sent out. This was seconded by Dan McKelvie. The motion passed.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Arthur Koehler reported we took in \$140 for the Ben Franklin today. Our checking account stands at \$5,040.80

Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer reported that since June we have had 7 new members and 2 transfers bringing our membership to 141. He thanked Kent Gregory our chapter Registrar and Jim Fosdyck for their work in getting our new members and sponsoring them.

The nominating Committee is working on a slate of officers for 2016.

Vice-President John Ferris reported he has Captain Suttie and Dr. Biel for the October meeting.

Jim Blauer spoke on the Eagle programs including the Scholarship Contest which we already have one applicant. He also spoke on the other contests and his efforts to get more participation from other schools. He reported that for the first time in 27 years our chapter was not in the Huntington Beach

Parade due to injuries. Plan to do it for next July 4th. Next will be the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade in March.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that we have had 17 new members since May and 2 supplementals. We currently have 5 applications and 2 supplementals at National waiting for approval. He also reported that at the 2015 Congress in Louisville that the National Dues had been raised by \$5.00 and would be reflected in the dues notices sent out this Fall. The State Meeting will be held on November 5 & 6 at the Mission Inn in Riverside. All are invited to attend.

Chaplain Richard Adams noted that it is Jim Wallace's 85th birthday today. He is doing fine. Kent Gregory noted that Larry Magerkurth has had a reoccurrence of cancer.

Danny Cox reported that he and Tedi have been married for 50 years. He noted they have been traveling to places that included; Washington, D.C., Kings Mountain, Cowpens, and in Georgia they went to Andersonville Prison.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that we did the Let Freedom Ring where there were 20 participants from 3 chapters. Matt was fifing with his drummer friend and Mark Kramer led the firing squad.

On September 26 we will have the DAR Southern Council at the Los Angeles Marriott. On October 11th the Santa Monica Chapter DAR will be celebrating their 125th anniversary. On December 12th we will have the Wreaths Across America Event.

Gus Fischer is in the process of contacting the schools for the ROTC/JROTC awards to be handed out next Spring.

Medals & Awards Chairman Jim Fosdyck asked that any member who feels he deserves an award to contact Compatriot Fosdyck concerning this.

Essay Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie announced the deadline for essays is December 31st.

Brochure Contest Chairman David Beal reported that the Brochure deadline to get them to the chapter is February 1st. Poster Contest Chairman Hugh Richards reported that he and Karen will contact Whittmann Elementary where Karen used to teach and see if they will participate this year. The deadline for the chapter to receive the posters is April 1st.

There is no Orations Chairman for our chapter..

Flag Certificate Chairman Hans Hunt is working on that program, looking for persons or businesses that fly the Flag correctly.

Lou Carlson reported on the Trustees meeting. The National Congress for 2016 is going to be in Boston. There will be tours of the patriotic sites. It will be toward the end of June. He noted that at this year's Congress they had fun going to Churchill Downs where the Kentucky Derby is run. The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for September 26th.

AWARDS

President Klingler began by doing several inductions of new members. Mark Torres and Bill Utley were sponsored by Kent Gregory. Jim Fosdyck sponsored the Kridners; George William, George Worthington, and Michael. Matthew Noell. Jim Townsend, and Richard Price. John Ferris received a supplemental Certificate for his ancestor John Garnet. Finally Arthur Koehler was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the State Meeting.

BUSINESS

First it was noted we have a new stand for our chapter wreath.

Vice-President South Jim Fosdyck then announced that there will be an election of state officers at the meeting in April. Bob Taylor is moving up to Vice-President South so the State will need a new Treasurer. VP Fosdyck moved that we nominate and support our own Jim Klingler for the post of State Treasurer. Compatriot Fosdyck noted Compatriot's Klingler's credentials and his help to the State society this year. The motion was seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion to support Compatriot Jim Klingler for the post of State Treasurer passed.

Arthur Koehler announced our final total in the Ben Franklin stood at \$145 today. Winners from the raffle included; Larry Hansen, Danny Cox, Gus Fischer, Hammond Salley, Mark Torres, Un Hui Yi

Fosdyck, David Beall, Karen McKelvie, Richard Price, Hugh Richards, Sharon Meigs, Mrs. Price, Jim Blauer, and Bill Gaumer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next meeting will be October 10th.

There will be a Board Meeting following this one.

The Benediction was given by Lou Carlson

The Recessional was led by Mark Torres

The meeting was adjourned at 210pm..

Respectfully Submitted,
October 10, 2015

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary