

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

February 9, 2019

The meeting was opened by President Mark Torres at 11:30am. The Color Guard advanced the Colors. The Invocation was given by Richard Adams. The Colors were presented. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Kent Gregory. The Color Guards posted the Colors then retired.

We recessed for lunch at 11:45am.

We reconvened from lunch at 12:15pm

President Torres introduced special guest Compatriot Bob Taylor the Executive Vice-President for the state society. He spoke on the education programs we are involved in and complimented us on the number of the contests we do. He complimented our Color Guard and that we also have Compatriot Matthew Noell who gets members of the Los Angeles Fife and Drum Corps to participate in our activities. He noted that the Butte Chapter folded so the state is down to 25 chapters. He also noted that we have a very strong Ladies Auxiliary. He reported that he is looking for a chapter to host this year's Fall Board of Managers Meeting. Hoped he could get Orange County to host it. This Spring meeting will be at the Marriott in Ventura on April 25-26.

President Torres then had the Blake family introduced and their daughter who is the winner of the chapter Essay Contest. She will read her essay later in the program.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included: Mark, Brenda, Spencer, Joe and Hazel Torres, Don & Jan Webb, Hammond Salley, John Blake & Julie Bruton, Marcus and Jane Deemer, Larry & Nicole Hansen, Matthew Noell, Phil Mitchell, Christopher Keene, Hugh & Karen Richards, Dan & Nancy Casey, Kent Gregory, Bardia Pourfallah, Lou & Karen Carlson, Danny & Tedi Cox, David Bew, Sam & Judy Laswell, Tom Laswell, Wayne & Donna Coler, Dan McMillan, Bob Taylor, Dick James, Ted Ross, Cliff Hope, Jim Klingler, John & Liz Ferris, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Jim Blauer, Wayne, Diane & Isabella Blake, Will Chambers, Jon & Lisa Crum, Leonard Chapman, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Charmella Secrest, Richard Adams, Dan Shippey, and Gus Fischer. 34 SARs, 13 Guests.

The Ladies who were in colonial dressed were asked to stand and be recognized for having done so this day.

The minutes from the January meeting were brought up. An interruption occurred at this point as a special guest had arrived. It was announced that General Washington had stopped by to thank us for celebrating his birthday with such pomp and circumstance. General Washington spoke to us on the war and how it was progressing. He fielded many questions from those in attendance, and then he transformed himself into Dan Shippey. Dan fielded several questions concerning his role of playing General Washington. President Mark Torres presented Dan with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Back to the January Minutes, Lou Carlson moved that they be approved and j
John Ferris seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Dan Casey is still getting the information together from previous treasurer Cole Zehnder. Dan reported that as of December 31, 2018 we had a balance of \$14,249.02. He also reported that as of today we have 160 members. About ¼ are Life members.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we had 1 new member and we have 4 new applications and 5 supplementals at National awaiting approval.

Jim Fosdyck reported on the upcoming Color Guard activities. They included the Massing of the Colors on Sunday the 17th and the Revolutionary War reenactment at Huntington Beach Park near the Talbert Library. The reenactment will be on Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th. There will be a booth there both days manned by Brian Merrell from the Harbor chapter.

Jim Blauer reported that those who wish to participate we would be in the annual Patriot's Day Parade on Saturday March 2nd. He had a map and parade information for anyone who wanted it. He noted it is probably one of the easiest parades to participate in as it is all downhill and not that long.

Karen Richards announced that she would collect the posters from Wittmannn Elementary on February 28th and have them at the meeting on the 9th of March to be voted on for the chapter winners.

Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer informed the attendees that the Eagle Scout winner from last Fall, Will Done, was unable to attend due to having back spasms and was unable to sit or stand for any long periods. We will try to get him to the March meeting for his presentation of medal and patches.

Brochure Chairman John Ferris reported he has received 2 entries from the schools he contacted and February 24th is the deadline. John has just taken over the Valley Forge Project so there is no report at this time.

Citizenship chairman Mark Torres reported that letters had been sent out to the schools concerning this award to students.

With no old business to discuss we proceeded on to the Awards part of the program.

AWARDS

Isabella Blake is the chapter winner of the Knight Essay Contest. She was asked to read her essay. It was on King George III and spoke of his as having ruled for 59 years, 3 month and 10 days. Uranus was originally named for him. He had 9 sons and six daughters by his wife. Isabella was presented her check and certificate for being the chapter winner.

Jim Blauer was presented the Roger Sherman bronze oak leaf cluster.

Liz Ferris was presented the Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard medal.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck presented Dan McMillan with his "Color Guard" pin as the newest member of the Color Guard.

Hammond Salley, Veterans Affairs Chairman, presented the NSSAR Veteran's Corps Certificate of Military Service and the NSSAR Military Service Medal to Compatriot Albert Edward (Ted) Ross. Ted was also presented the Orange County Chapter Certificate of Military Service. Ted was in the US Air Force for 21 years retiring at the rank of Lt. Colonel. Charmella Secret and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck from the Quilt Reaction Force (QRF) also presented Ted with a quilt representing his service to our country.

Hammond then called upon Gus Fischer who served in the Navy from 1969-1973 and reached the rank of Lieutenant in 1981. He too received a quilt from the Quilt Reaction Force (QRF) thanking him for his service.

New member Bardia Pourfallah was inducted by President Torres. Kent Gregory pinned the SAR Rosette on Compatriot Pourfallah. He was presented with his Member Certificate.

Supplementals to be presented were to Don Webb and David Bew. Don had to leave early so his will be done at a future meeting. David Bew's ancestors came from South Carolina and North Carolina. Four total!!!

With no new business we moved on to the Ben Franklin Raffle. Winners to day included; Tom Laswell, Jim Klingler, Jim Blauer, Phil Mitchell, Dan Casey, Kent Gregory, Bob Taylor, Bardia Pourfallah, Isabella Blake, Leonard Chapman, Karen McKelvie, Richard James, Tedi Cox, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Christopher Keene, John Ferris, Sam Laswell, and Gus Fischer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a board meeting following this one.

Jim Blauer reminded those who received awards today that if they were not going to need the folders the certificates were presented in to give the Folders to Jim Fosdyck for reuse. Part of our "Going Green" program. After all they do cost money.

The Benediction was given by our guest from Michigan Sam Lasswell..

New member Bardia Pourfallah led the SAR Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted
March 9, 2019

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