

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875
Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

April 14, 2018

The meeting was opened by President Gus Fischer at 11:32am. The Invocation was given by Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Alan Swift. The Founder of the day was Roger Sherman who signed all four documents of our founding.

We recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

We reconvened from lunch at 12:17pm.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included Gus Fischer, Richard Adams, Hammond Salley, Jeffrey Yaggi, Mike & Terry Yaggi, Marcus Deemer & daughter Kathleen, Patrick Cecil, Tom Laswell, John & Liz Ferris, Hugh & Karen Richards, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Dan & Nancy Casey, Bob Kazebee, Matthew & Gloria Noell, Ted & Linda Carlson, Lou Carlson, Jim Blauer, Chris Epting (Speaker), Mark & Brenda Torres, Doug Milliken, Danny Cox, Dick James, Leonard Chapman, Barbara & Don Winkler, Cole Zehnder, Steve & Patrice Demory, Anny Cox, Alan, Cindy & Travis Swift, Barbara Swift, 22 SAR, 20 Guests.

The Minutes for the February meeting was emailed out by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer. A motion was made by Dan McKelvie to accept the minutes as sent out. It was seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed.

Treasurer Cole Zehnder reported that we had \$8,894.53 in our bank. We took in \$125 in the Ben Franklin drawing today.

Corresponding Secretary Ted Carlson reported we had one new member. He reported he is working on the T-Shirts. President Fischer expounded on the T-Shirts.

President Gus reported that we are IRS compliant. As of January 1st we had 141 members.

Jim Blauer reported that the car used in the parades for over 2 decades was in need of some repairs. Since this was not a non-profit group the chapter could not make a donation to a non 501 © (3) and maintain its non-profit status. So, he passed the hat requesting members to donate to the fixing of the 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe. He noted we needed some \$197 to pay to have the brakes fixed on the car. We raised \$232.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley reported that we have 36 Veterans on our rolls.

IT Chairman and Webmaster Mark Torres reported that the website will be updated soon.

Karen Richards thanked the chapter. Kent Gregory came to the school (Whittman Elementary) and spoke to them wearing his uniform. They presented the awards for the Poster Contest. Karen hoped that we could up the prizes for the kids. The teachers were very receptive this year and the awards were much appreciated by the kids.

President Fischer spoke on the use of artifacts in making presentations to school children and telling how these items were used. We will have the chapter try and implement this sort of program.

President Fischer also spoke on the JROTC Awards presented to local school cadets. We have 15 presentations this year and will finish up in June. Our chapter winner was also the State winner. They will make the presentation of her award on April 24th.

John Ferris reported on the Brochure Contest. We had 6-7 entries this year and the chapter winner took 2nd at State.

Vice-President Mark Torres introduced our speaker Chris Epting who spoke to us about Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir. He spoke on the Camping trip that changed America. President Fischer presented Mr. Epting with our Certificate of Appreciation following his talk.

AWARDS

Patrick Cecil was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for being our speaker last month.

Hammond Salley was presented the Bronze Roger Sherman medal.

Hammond then called up Jeffrey Yaggie. Hammond read his bio on his military service. While in Afghanistan he was wounded by friendly fire and received the purple heart. He was presented with our Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. Barbara Winkler then presented him with a quilt from Quilts of Valor.

Alan Swift and his son Travis were inducted as new members. With the absence of Kent Gregory who sponsored them into the chapter Barbara Swift Alan's mother and Travis' grandmother pinned on the rosettes for these new members. Barbara is a member of the DAR.

John Ferris received his supplemental for Francis "Frank" Spillman.

Bob Kazebee received his supplemental for ancestor Josiah Holister.

Dan McKelvie received his supplementals for Jacob Mills and Amos Thatcher.

Our monthly raffle was held and winners this month included; Hugh Richards, Mark Torres, Dan Casey, Barbara Swift, Cole Zehnder, Jim Blauer, Ted Carlson, Dan McKelvie, Brenda Torres, Jeffrey Yaggie, Tom Laswell, Chris Epting, and Karen Richards.

Our next meeting will be May 12th.

The state meeting will be in Concord, California from April 19-21.

May 18-20 will be the Field of Honor event.

May 29th will be the Strawberry Festival Parade.

There will be a short Board Meeting following this meeting.

The Benediction was given by Richard Adams.

The Recessional was led by Travis Swift. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

May 12, 2018

James F. Blauer

Recording Secretary