

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:37 by President Mark Torres.
The Invocation was led by Chaplain Richard Adams.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox.
The SAR Pledge was led by Rev. Lou Carlson.
2. President Torres announced that the Patriot of the Month was James Forten (1766-1842). He recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:45.
3. The meeting was called back to order at 12:15. Special guests were introduced including Brian and Diane Stephens from the Riverside Chapter, Edward Torrence from San Diego Chapter, and Ken and Pat Winiecki. Self-introductions were made around the room. Attending the meeting were Dan and Nancy Casey, John Blake, Julie Bruton, Kent Gregory, John and Liz Ferris, Ted and Linda Carlson, Don and Dianne Carlson, Hugh and Karen Richards, Lou and Karen Carlson, Marcus and Jane Deemer, Mark, Brenda, and Spencer Torres, Joe and Hazel Torres, Daniel McMillan, Larry Hansen, Danny Cox, Bill and Jackie Gaumer, Dan McKelvie, Richard Adams, Gus Fischer, Tom Laswell, Ryan Jackson, Will Chambers, Leonard Chapman, Richard James, Paul Garcia, Mike Miller, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi, Phil Mitchell, Jim Klingler, Douglas and Jay Pettibone, Jim Townsend, Cliff Hope, Edward Torrence, Brian and Diane Stephens, Ken and Pat Winiecki, and Matthew Noell. 35 SARs 17 Guests.
4. The minutes from the April meeting were approved. Motion by Hugh Richards, seconded by Lou Carlson. Motion passed.
6. Treasurer Dan Casey reported that the chapter has \$8,449.71 in the bank account.
7. Secretary Dan McMillan stated that we started the last month with 155 members, added two new members and two Junior members for a new total of 159 members.
8. President Torres reported that at the California State Society SAR meeting in Ventura, the Orange County Chapter received streamers for Best Large Color Guard, Wreaths Across America, and the Massing of the Colors. The chapter received the Col. Richard F. Locke award for membership growth and retention, which came with a check for \$250. And a check for \$400 was received for chapter dues of our Life Members, since we have 40 Life Members.
9. Registrar Kent Gregory announced that one Memorial Membership had been approved since the last meeting, and we are waiting to hear on two new members and five supplementals.

10. Chaplain Richard Adams reported on the funeral of recently deceased member Lt. Col. James Quinnelly.

11. Karen Richards shared that our entry in the Elementary School Poster Contest won second place at the state competition and \$200. She described the large ribbon for the award and delivered both to the student at school. The posters will also be displayed in an Art Extravaganza at the school.

12. JROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that seven bronze ROTC medals had been presented at area high schools.

13. Middle School Brochure Contest Chairman John Ferris reported that our 8th grade Brochure Contest winner earned second place in the state competition and a check for \$300 from the state and \$100 from our chapter. She wasn't able to attend the meeting, so he will make a presentation at her class. He asked for any teacher contacts for future participation.

14. President Torres announced that students had been selected for the high school Outstanding Citizenship awards. We will be presenting the award to Benjamin James at Cypress High School and to Gladys Villegas at Kennedy High School.

15. Vice President Phil Mitchell introduced our speaker, Dolley Madison (portrayed by Diane Stephens) the first Lady of the United States when her husband James Madison was President. Dolley Madison told the audience about her life, as she had written in a letter for a biographical essay on her.

16. President Torres presented Clifford Hope with the Lafayette Service Medal for his work editing biographies in the SAR Patriot Research System. Karen Richards and Un Hui Yi of the Quilt Reaction Force presented a quilt to John Blake for his service in the National Guard.

17. Rev. Lou Carlson conducted the Benjamin Franklin Raffle while Kent Gregory made announcements about the National SAR Congress to be held in July in Orange County. President Torres also talked about a project to collect donations to run newspaper ads promoting gifts to the SAR Foundation.

18. Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that at the state meeting, Dan McKelvie had received the CASSAR Gold Von Steuben Color Guard medal, and that Mark Torres had received the Outstanding Color Guardsman of the Year Award and the CASSAR Gold Von Steuben medal. He announced upcoming events for the Color Guard including the Field of Honor on May 17 & 18, the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade on May 25, the Memorial Day ceremony at the Santa Ana Cemetery, and the Garden Grove Car Show on June 28.

18. President Torres announced that the next meeting would be June 8th.

Chaplain Richard Adams led the Benediction.

Chapter Treasurer Dan Casey led the SAR Recessional.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
June 8, 2019

M. Kent Gregory
Recording Secretary Pro Tempore