

# Sons of the American Revolution



## Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 January Meeting Minutes January 21, 2023

### **PRESENT: 13**

Hugh Ferguson, President

John Loper, Secretary

Bill Adriance, Treasurer

Clark Wright, Webmaster

Zachary Adriance, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Chaplain

Billy Mayo

Albert Seguin Gonzales

Ronald Schoolcraft

Robert Adams

Guy Taylor, Jr.

Robert Cassat, Sr., Guest

Jay Creech, Guest SAR Member

Tom Jackson, Guest SAR Member, TXSSAR Past President, Speaker

### **LUNCH**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Hugh Ferguson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### **INVOCATION**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Chaplain Zachary Adriance led the invocation.

### **PLEDGES**

President Hugh Ferguson led us in reciting the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and to the SAR.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone introduced themselves and their guests, and thoughts and prayers were offered up for Compatriots that were absent.

## **PROGRAM**

Guest Speaker Tom Jackson gave an excellent presentation titled "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". The presentation focused on the role the Hessians played as blood thirsty mercenaries hired by the British and the Battles of Trenton and Princeton, including General Washington's bold crossing of the Delaware River in the middle of winter. The Battle of Trenton took place on December 25 and 26, 1776 and resulted an American victory and the ultimate defeat of the British.

## **AWARDS**

Compatriot Billy Mayo received the Past President Medal. David Zwahr was to receive the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal but was not present. Compatriots Harry Elmendorf (5 Year) and Donald Swarz (10 year) will be mailed their Member Service Certificates.

A TXSSAR Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Tom Jackson, our Guest Speaker.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's Report for the December 2022 meeting is posted on the chapter website. A motion was made by Bill Adriance and seconded by Zachary Adriance to approve the minutes. It was passed unanimously by members.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Bill Adriance reported that all accounts are doing well.  
Chapter Account Balance: \$10,313.04.

## **STATUE REPORT**

Statue Account Balance: \$4,976.43

## **REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

President Hugh Ferguson, on behalf of Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 76

Current Active: 60

New Members: 4 (Eddy Betts, Gary Donovan, Frank Steele, and James Anderson)

Junior SAR Members: 9

Dual Members: 1

Transferred Out: 1 (Carl Crittenden)

Deaths: 1 (William Belcher)

Not-Paid Regular Members: 6  
Membership Applications Submitted Active: 1 (Lonnie Cox)  
Applications in Progress: 20+

### **WEBMASTER REPORT**

Webmaster Clark Wright reported that the website is being actively maintained and updated.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Fundraising - The Kroger's Community Rewards application has been withdrawn.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dues for Junior Members will be paid by TXSSAR for 2023.
- Member Dues Notices have been sent out. Annual dues for this year are \$65.50.
- We need to publicize TXSSAR Youth Awards, e.g., Essay Contest, Oration Contest, Poster Contest, Brochure Contest, JROTC Cadet Award, 4-H Award, Eagle Scout Award (see: [https://www.txssar.org/education\\_index.htm](https://www.txssar.org/education_index.htm)).

### **RECENT EVENTS**

The BDG Chapter Color Guard represented by Billy Mayo, Hugh Ferguson and John Loper along with TXSSAR Members Sam Massey, Drake Peddie and Tom Jackson participated in the Dickens on the Strand Parade on December 3, 2022.

John Loper and compatriots from other Chapters provided the Color Guard for the Lady Washington DAR Luncheon on December 10, 2022.

The BDG Color Guard members Billy Mayo, Hugh Ferguson and John Loper provided the Color Guard for Wreaths Across America ceremonies in LaMarque, TX.

### **2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR**

- 18 Feb - Chapter Meeting @ Kelleys
- 18 Mar - Chapter Meeting @ Kelleys
- 30 Mar to 2 Apr - Texas SAR Annual Conference at Marriott City Place, 1200 Lake Plaza Drive, Spring, Texas (281-350-4000); Conference Room Rate if booked by March 8, 2023

For additional information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page ([www.bdgsar.org](http://www.bdgsar.org)) or Facebook Group (Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 SAR)

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded and approved by all.

**RECESSIONAL**

The Recessional was led by President Hugh Ferguson and recited by all Compatriots.

**DISMISSAL**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read "John Loper".

John Loper, Secretary