

Sons of the American Revolution



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 November Meeting Minutes February 18, 2023

PRESENT: 12

Hugh Ferguson, President

John Loper, Secretary

Bill Adriance, Treasurer

Clark Wright, Webmaster

Zachary Adriance, 1st Vice President and Chaplain

Billy Mayo

Albert Seguin Gonzales

Robert Adams

Frank Steele

David Zwahr, Registrar

Jon Zwahr, Photographer

Richard Zdunkewicz, Vice President of TXSSAR District 7, Guest Speaker

LUNCH

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

1st 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 Richard Zdunkewicz gave an excellent presentation on the Early Settlers of Canada, Mobile, New Orleans and Lake Charles. He identified his ancestors from these families for 9 generations, two of which are recognized American Patriots (Martin Camersac and Firmin Breaux). It was a well- documented and thorough presentation and was enjoyed by all. Mr. Zdunkewicz also reported that Galvez medals are available through the LASSAR.

AWARDS

David Zwahr was presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding service as Chapter Registrar. 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 Richard Zdunkewicz, our Guest Speaker.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the January 2023 meeting is posted on the chapter website. A motion was made by Billy Mayo and seconded by Bill 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: \$10,023.16.

STATUE REPORT

Statue Account Balance: \$4,976.43

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

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+

New Member Frank Steele was sworn in during the meeting and presented with his membership packet.

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).

RECENT EVENTS

None to report.

2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 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) 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 handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Loper", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

John Loper, Secretary