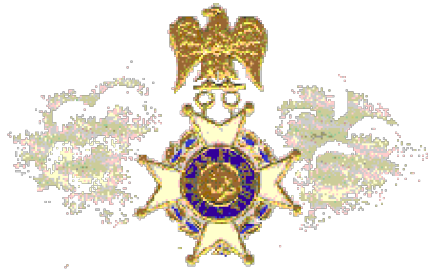


# Sons of the American Revolution



## Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 June Meeting Minutes June 17, 2023

### **PRESENT:                    14**

Hugh Ferguson, President  
John Loper, Secretary  
Billy Mayo, Past President  
Robert Adams  
Lonnie Cox  
Louis Garza  
Albert Seguin Gonzales  
Charles D. McBee, Jr.  
Frank Steele  
William Sullivan  
Guy Taylor, Jr.  
Clark Wright, Webmaster  
David Zwahr, Registrar  
Jon Zwahr, Photographer

### **LUNCH**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Hugh Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

### **INVOCATION**

President Hugh Ferguson 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 thoughts and prayers were offered up for Compatriots that were absent.

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## **LUNCH**

## **PROGRAM**

President Hugh Ferguson gave an excellent presentation on his Acadian Revolutionary Ancestor, Jean Baptiste Chiason. Jean Baptiste ("Jonas") was born in Nova Scotia of French parents. After imprisonment by the British during the French and Indian War, he and his parents fled to France where he was soon orphaned. He returned to North America and joined the Colonial Army in 1775 at Quebec. He served with Lafayette at Brandywine in 1777; fought at Germantown in 1777; was wounded at Eutaw Springs in 1781; and fought under Lafayette's command at Yorktown in 1781. In 1785 he migrated to Western Louisiana as a cattle rancher and farmer, married Marie LeBlanc and had eight children. He later moved to Beaumont, TX with his son until his death in 1854. He was one of few men in the American Revolution involved in Texas history. He is a recognized Patriot by both the SAR and DAR.

## **AWARDS**

President Ferguson was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

Douglas Fullilove will receive his 10-Year Membership certificate via mail since he was unable to attend the meeting

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## **NEW MEMBER**

Charles D. McBee, Jr. was presented with his Membership Certificate and Pin and welcomed into our organization.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's Report for the April 2023 meeting is posted on the chapter website. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. It was passed unanimously by members.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Hugh Ferguson reported that all accounts are doing well.  
Chapter Account Balance: \$10,026.06.

### **STATUE REPORT**

Statue Account Balance: \$5,176.43

### **REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 76

Current Active: 57

New Members: 8 (Judge Lonnie Cox, Charles McBee III, William McBee, William Alsobrook, Robert Cassat, Sean Weissinger, Mark Kelso and William Sullivan)

Junior SAR Members: 7

Dual Members: 1

Transferred In: 1 (Jay Creech)

Deaths: 1 (Bill Whatley)

Not-Paid Regular Members: 7

Membership Applications in Progress: 8

### **WEBMASTER REPORT**

Webmaster Clark Wright reported that the website is up to date.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Fundraising - The Kroger's Community Rewards Program is now active, and all Compatriots are encouraged to visit <http://www.Kroger.com>. After logging into your account, search for Sons of the American Revolution

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Compatriot/Member Grave Marking – Need someone to lead this effort.
- CAR is not sponsoring a float at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Friendswood, and we voted not to participate in the Parade this year.
- Compatriots Hugh Ferguson and Billy Mayo presented Eagle Scout Certificates to the Whatley boys at an Eagle Scout Honor Court ceremony at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on June 11, 2023.

**2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR**

- 15 July – Chapter Meeting @ Kelleys
- 19 August – Chapter Meeting @ Kelleys
- 04 September – Labor Day
- 16 September – Joint Meeting with George Washington Chapter of the DAR at the San Luis; Color Guard event
- 17 October – Chapter Meeting at Kelleys

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 12:30 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Loper, Secretary