

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
January Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2024**

PRESENT: 18

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
Bill Adriance, 1st Vice President
Robert M. Cassat, Sr., Treasurer
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander
Clark Wright, Webmaster
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Zachary Adriance
Robert Adams
Jay Creech
Roger Dimick
Louis Garza
William P. Sullivan
Guy Taylor, Jr.
Flem Rogers, Speaker
Shirley Burleson (Guest)

CALL TO ORDER

President Billy Mayo called the meeting to order at 12 Noon CDT.

INVOCATION and PLEDGES

Monsignor Anderson opened the meeting with a prayer, and President Billy Mayo led the Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR.

INTRODUCTIONS

LUNCH

PROGRAM

Flem Rogers gave an excellent presentation on Colonial Weapons. He brought his personal collection of flintlock rifles and weapons, as well as several knives and swords for "show and tell." All the weapons were still "usable."



President Billy Mayo presented Mr. Rogers a Certificate of Appreciation after his presentation.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Billy Mayo presented Roger L. Dimick with his new member packet. He was officially sworn in, and we look forward to his active participation in our Chapter.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

Compatriot Robert Adams was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

Compatriots Guy Taylor Jr. and Frank Steele were presented Texas Chapter Service Medals.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion and was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's Report for December 2023, as posted on the Chapter Website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Compatriot Bill Adriance (Former Treasurer) reported that our checking account balance at the end of the year was \$9,268.86. He also reminded everyone to be sure to sign up for the Kroger Community Awards Program (<http://www.Kroger.com>; Community Awards Program; ER869 – Sons of the American Revolution)

STATUE REPORT

Compatriot Bill Adriance reported the statue account balance at year end was \$5,676.43.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported that we have 84 Current Active Members, including 14 New Members. Several applications are still in progress.

WEBSITE REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

We still need better participation in our various committees. Second Vice President Frank Steele indicated that following the meeting that he will work closely with President Billy Mayo to fill Committee open positions.

The Stark Report was submitted by President Billy Mayo. First Vice President Bill Adriance is working on the Americanism Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership dues need to be paid promptly.

Upcoming Awards Program include Texas SAR Youth Awards, First Responder Awards, ROTC/JOTC Awards, and Chapter JROC Scholarships.

Secretary John Loper reported that we had one submittal for the George and Stella Knight Essay Scholarship Contest. Athanasius McKinley submitted an excellent essay titled: *Born to Equal Rights: Adams and Jefferson on Equality*. This essay has been submitted to State as our winning Chapter entry.

RECENT EVENTS

Recent events include our Chapter's participation in the Dickens on the Strand Parade in Galveston and in Wreaths Across America in Galveston.





2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 17 February – Chapter Meeting
- 22 February- George Washington’s Birthday
- 16 March – Chapter Meeting
- 13 April – Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday
- 20 April – Chapter Meeting
- 18 May – Chapter Meeting
- 27 May – Memorial Day; Color Guard Event
- 15 June – Chapter Meeting

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page (www.bdgsar.org) or Facebook Group (Bernado 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 Billy Mayo and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. CDT.