

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
February Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2024**

PRESENT: (25)

MEMBERS (8)

John Loper, Secretary
Robert M. Cassat, Sr., Treasurer
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Robert Adams
Jay Creech
Louis Garza

NEW MEMBERS (4)

Matthew D. Hewitt
Aries Hewitt k(Jr. Member)
Sean D. Weissinger
Evan M. Phillips

GUESTS (13)

Penny Del Bosque
Rubio Del Bosque
Zoe Del Bosque
Mya Del Bosque
Evan Phillips
Todd Phillips
Debbie Phillips
Kelsey Hewitt
David Hewitt
Denise Hewitt
Lee Hawkins
Ronnetta McNair
Preston Armstrong

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary John Loper called the meeting to order at 12 Noon CDT.

INVOCATION and PLEDGES

Secretary John Loper opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR.

INTRODUCTIONS

LUNCH

PROGRAM

Color Guard Commander Frank C. Steele gave an excellent presentation on our need for more Committee participation. Using Google Forms, he has set up a website at <http://tinyurl.com/BdGComm> that describes all Chapter Committees. It also includes a form for each Chapter Member to complete. The form asks for contact information and your selection of a committee(s) you might like to serve on, including possible leadership roles. The form can be completed and submitted online. Compatriot Steele will then tally results for presentation at a future meeting. Please give this effort your highest level of attention. We need a broader group of members serving on committees and in leadership roles if we are to survive as a Chapter.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Secretary John Loper presented new members Sean D. Weissinger, Matthew D. Hewitt, Aries L. Hewitt (Jr. Member) and Evan M. Phillips with their new member packet. They were officially sworn in, and we look forward to his active participation in our Chapter.

YOUTH AWARDS

Zoe Del Bosque, a fifth grader at Odyssey Academy, was our Chapter Winner of the Americanism Poster Contest. She gave a brief overview of her poster and was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$75. Her Poster will be submitted to State for further consideration at the State Convention.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion and was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's Report for January 2024, as posted on the Chapter Website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Robert M. Cassat Sr. reported that our checking account balance at the end of January was \$10,549.76. 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 was not present; however, the balance at the end of January is believed to be the same as that at year end, \$5,676.43.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported that we have 70 Current Active Members, including New Members. Several applications and transfer requests are still in progress.

WEBSITE REPORT

Webmaster Clark Wright was absent, Secretary John Loper 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 has also submitted the Americanism Report and Streamer Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership dues need to be paid promptly.

Upcoming Awards Program include Texas SAR Youth Awards, First Responder Awards, ROTC/JROTC Awards, and Chapter JROTC 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. The essay was selected as 4th Place at State, and Athanasius will be recognized at our March Meeting.

2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 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 (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 Secretary John Loper and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

