

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
February Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2024**

PRESENT: (21)

MEMBERS (15)

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
Robert M. Cassat, Sr., Treasurer
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Clark Wright, Webmaster
William Adriance
Robert Adams
Louis Garza
Roger Dimmick
Albert Gonzales
Matthew Hewitt
William Sullivan
Guy Taylor

JUNIOR MEMBERS (1)

Aries Hewitt

NEW MEMBERS (1)

Jonathon D. Burnette

GUESTS (4)

Shirley Espinosa
Shane McKinley
Christiana McKinley
Athanasius McKinley

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION and PLEDGES

Secretary John Loper 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

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Billy Mayo presented new member Jonathan D. Burdette with his new member packet. Registrar David Zwahr presented him with his membership pin. Compatriot Burdette was officially sworn in, and we look forward to his active participation in our Chapter.

YOUTH AWARDS

Athanasius McKinley was our Chapter Winner in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and was presented with a \$200.00 check and Medal to recognize his excellent work. He was also selected as a 4th Place winner in the District Contest.

PROGRAM

Athanasius McKinley presented his essay titled *Born to Equal Rights: Adams & Jefferson on Equality*. It was well received by all, and we are very fortunate to have these youth participate in our Youth Contests.

OTHER AWARDS

Webmaster Clark Wright was presented an Emeritus Membership Certificate, recognizing his 50 years of membership in the Chapter. We are blessed to have Clark as a Chapter Member.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion and was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's Report for February 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 February was \$10,793.95. There is also \$1,666.67 in the JROTC Scholarship Fund. 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 balance at the end of February is \$5,676.43.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported that we have 76 Current Active Members, including New Members. Several applications and transfer requests are still in progress., including 3 transferees from a Chapter in MD.

WEBSITE REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

We still need better participation in our various committees. Following our last meeting, Color Guard Commander Frank Steele provided a link to a form to be completed by all members to identify their potential interest in various committees. Membership dues also need to be paid.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Awards Programs include Texas SAR Youth Awards, First Responder Awards, ROTC/JROTC Awards, and Chapter JROTC Scholarships.

2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 13 April – Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday
- 19 April – DISD JROTC Award Program – 1800 hours
- 20 April – Chapter Meeting
- 27 April – Texas A&M Maritime Academy ROTC Award Program
- 11 May – CCISD JROTC Award Program – 0900 hours
- 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 12:50 p.m. CDT.