

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
January Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2025**

25 TOTAL PRESENT

Officers:

John Loper, President
Guy Taylor, 1st Vice-President
Matthew Hewitt, 2nd Vice-President
Clark Wright, Secretary
Bob Cassat, Treasurer
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Billy Mayo, Immediate Past President

Members:

Robert Adams
Louis Garza
Albert Gonzales
Pete Lennes
Austin Loper
Caleb Loper
Jarrod Loper
Thomas Loper
Jon Zwahr

Guests:

Raquer Cassat
Lorraine Loper
Daryl Lott
Ryan Nelson

CALL TO ORDER

President Loper called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m. CDT.

INVOCATION and PLEDGES

President Loper led the meeting with a prayer said by all and he continued the pledges to the United States flag, Texas Flag and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves.

LUNCH

PROGRAM

David Zwahr gave the membership his insight into genealogical research and how it relates to proving membership. The first steps include review of various ancestor charts going back at least to the time of the American Revolution. He then honed in an ancestor who had been referenced in an application to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

AWARDS

President Loper presented a Certificate to Billy Mayo for his work as President of the Chapter. John then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jon Zwahr for his work as Photographer.

Ten Year Membership Awards were offered to Paul Kittler (absent); Ron Schoolcraft (absent); Thomas, Austin, Caleb, Jonah (absent), Jarrod, and Henry Loper.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the minutes as posted on the website from the December 2024 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Cassat reported that the checking account contains \$11,197.33 as of November 30, 2024 with a total of \$1666.00 still available for ROTC Awards and the Statue Account is steady \$5,976.43 on the same date. We were reminder to sign up for the Kroger rebate program.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 82

Current Active: 64

Emeritus Member: 1

Active New Members: 2

Active Reinstated: 4

Junior SAR Members: 9

Dual w/Other Primary State Members: 1

Dual w/Other Chapter Members: 1

Not-Paid Regular Members: 9 (as of 1 October 2024)

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.

We need to improve attendance and committee membership.

NEW BUSINESS

- Amendment of the Chapter By-Laws: The Executive Board has accepted a draft copy of New By-Laws that take into account changes in our procedures, including use of "zoom" for some meetings. The CHAPTER WEB_SITE main page contains a button to the current By-Laws. ALL members are encouraged to access the proposed By-Laws, using the LINKS page of the site where a button has been placed at the bottom of this page. Please review the proposed By-Laws prior to next meeting when we will vote on their approval.
- Texas SAR Youth Awards
- First Responder and Law Enforcement Awards
- ROTC/JROTC Awards (Matthew Hewitt)
- Need for New Committees (Programs and Awards)
- Color Guard Recruitment
- Brochure Report presented by Robert Adams: a brochure on the Marquis de Lafayette

CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 15 February - Chapter Meeting at Kelley's
- 17 February - President's Day
- 09 March - Daylight Savings Begins
- 15 March - Chapter Meeting at Kelley's
- 13 April - Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
- 15 April - Tax Day
- 19 April - Chapter Meeting at Kelley's
- 20 April - Easter

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 John Loper and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. CST with a Group Photo.