

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1  
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution  
January Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2025**

**25 TOTAL PRESENT**

**Officers:**

John Loper, President  
Guy Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Matthew Hewitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Ron Schoolcraft  
Jon Zwahr

**Guests:**

Raquer Cassat  
Lorraine Loper  
Daryl Lott  
Ryan Nelson  
Amelia White

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Loper called the meeting to order at noon.

**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).

**LUNCH**

Most attendees had lunch before noon.

## **PROGRAM**

Amelia White spoke to the members about the Bryan Museum. J.T. Bryan is a sixth generation Texan and Texas Ex student. He began collecting items of interest in Texas and purchased the Gage Hotel built in 1894 located in Marathon. His collection got large enough to house a building and sought out the vacant Orphans Home on 2st Street built in 1902. The Home operated until 1984 when it went into private hands. The Museum opened in 2015 after extensive renovation. It has a room dedicated to the period of the American Revolution and many items of interest leading to the Battle of San Jacinto and beyond. It has an extensive art and firearm collection as well as saddles, etc.

## **BUSINESS**

President Loper continued with chapter business, Frank Steele move to approve the minutes as posted in the Chapter Web Site. Billy Mayo seconded the motion which passed by acclamation. Several members attended the funeral of Bill Love, a long time member and past president of the Chapter. President Loper then announced that Frank Steele can no longer be our Color Guard Commander. He continued to indicate that the chapter is in sore need of volunteers. President Loper then discussed the awards for Essay, Brochure, etc. We expect to hear the winning Essay at our May meeting when we award the cash prize to the winner.

## **INSTALLATION**

President Loper installed Guy Taylor to be our first Vice-President

## **AWARDS**

Ten Year Membership Award was offered to Ron Schoolcraft.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bob Cassat reported that the checking account contains \$11,286.06 as of December 31, 2024 with a total of \$2,225.01 still available for ROTC Awards and the Statue Account is steady \$5,871.47 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**

- 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
- 11 May Mother's Day
- 17 May Chapter Meeting
- 26 May Memorial Day (Color Guard Event)

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page ([www.bdgsar.org](http://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 before 1:00 p.m. CST with a Group Photo following adjournment.

Clark P Wright, Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster