



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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JANUARY 8TH, 2024

6:00 p.m.

MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)
at St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO
63301

Chapter Officers for 2024 as elected at this Meeting.

President: Jim Jackson

Vice President: Casey Brizendine

Secretary / Treasurer: Dan Evans

Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Historian: Justin Watkins

Genealogist: Michael Hubbard

Chaplain: Jim Keithly

Sgt at Arms: Bill Hemenway

Color Guard Commander: Charles Lilly

Junior Color Guard Commander: Boaz

Grimstead

Webmaster: Dave Desmarais

Emeritus Officers

Doug Neff, Genealogist

Bill Grote, Color Guard Commander

Jim Borgman, Treasurer

Committee Chairmen

Charles Lilly, Youth Awards, Naval Cadets

Marvin Koechig, Flag Certificates and Flag

Retirement, First Responders, and JROTC Awards

Dave Demarais, Webmaster / Technology

THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The Battle of the Assunpink Creek, also known as the Second Battle of Trenton, was a battle between American and British troops that took place in and around Trenton, New Jersey, on January 2, 1777, during the American Revolutionary War, and resulted in an American victory.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Assunpink_Creek

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.

The functionaries of every government have propensities to command at will the liberty and property of their constituents. There is no safe deposit for these but with the people themselves; nor can they be safe with them without information. Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe."

Thomas Jefferson warned in a letter to Charles Yancey, on Jan 6, 1816

Anniversary Congratulations

**January is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Months for the following Compatriots.
years of Service and Membership:**

Robert Arthur Ackley	1/22/1987	37	James Williams McFerrin	1/28/2022	2
Mark Anthony Brewer	1/8/2014	10	Clyde Robert Raines	1/24/1997	27
Ben Louis Crouch III	1/29/2021	3	Austin James Stevens	1/20/2017	7
Richard Allen Denning	1/23/2014	10			
Glennon Lawrence Henke Jr.	1/13/1998	26			

Minutes

January 8th, 2024

St. Charles County Knights of Columbus, St. Charles, Missouri

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM by President Jim Jackson

Color Guard Presented the National Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

The Singing of our National Anthem

SAR Pledge – Color Guard Dismissed

Invocation by Chaplain Jim Keithly

President Jackson welcomed all attendees, and recognized guests. He then described events occurring this month during the American Revolution and American History.

Members in Attendance (18):

Casey Brizendine	James Keithly	Patrick Turner
Ben Crouch	Marvin Koechig	Justin Watkins
Dave Desmarais	Bob Koffman	
Dan Evans	Rob Koffman	
Dennis Hahn	Greg Landrum	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Bill Hemenway	Charles Lilly	<i>National yet to be</i>
Mike Hubbard	David Stone	<i>inducted into FDL</i>
Jim Jackson	Matt Swanson	

Guests (21):

Lieutenant Kile Bay ¹	Lieutenant Pat Sykes ¹
Jamie Buckman	Captain Elliot Thomas ²
Aubrey Buckman	Engineer/Paramedic Justin Tichy ²
Engineer / Paramedic Kyle Chadwell ²	Sergeant John Williams ¹
Paramedic Jim Costello ²	Nadleen Wilson
Tricia Crouch	Kathleen Wilson
Joan Koechig	Jayden Wilson
Payton Sanders	Francois Wilson
Don Sanders	Administrative Support Services – Cottleville
Emily Sanders	Chief Rob Wylie (ret) ¹
Lieutenant Fred Stotler ¹	
Captain Curtis Sullivan ¹	

¹St. Charles County Police Department
²O'Fallon MO Fire Department

2023 Brochure Contest Award winners:

Compatriot Matt Swanson introduced the three 2023 annual Brochure Contest Award Winners:

They are (LtoR) Aubrey Buckman, Payton Sanders, and Madleen Wilson



Here shown with Compatriot Matt Swanson, President Jim Jackson, and Missouri Society Honorary Vice President and our Compatriot Charles Lilly

Ms. Sanders, as first place winner will be submitted to the Missouri Society Contest for a potential further award.

Awards for our First Responders:

On September 11, 2023, retired police officer Dean Alexander lost consciousness and collapsed and without hesitation was aided by first responders. Officer Alexander had, what his physician called later "a widow maker" heart attack, from which only 8 percent of patients survived. Officer Alexander, who during the meeting was able to witness awarding of the Life Saving medals and Certificates via a Facetime cellphone connection with Joanie Koechig from his location in Arkansas, expressed his appreciation and love to all the recipients.





L to R: Casey Brizendine, Jim Jackson, Justin Tichy, Kyle Chadwell, Elliot Thomas, Charles Lilly, James Castello, Marvin Koechig, Sgt. John Williams, Lt. Kyle Bay, Dan Evans, Lt. Pat Sykes, and Rob Wylie, now retired from the O'Fallon Police Department.

Awardees not present: Capt. Craig Ostermeyer- now retired from St. Chas Co PD St. Charles County Ambulance District: Ned Dolan, Nate Bower, Scott Cooke, Brian Stewart.

Announcements: The dynamic duo Joanie and Marvin Koechig received a State Award for their Flag retirement efforts.



Induction of New Members: None

Election of Officers for the Calendar Year 2024: Nominating committee chairman Charles Lilly announced the results for each of the offices and asked for nominations from the floor. The officers, as listed on page one of this Cannoneer, were elected by acclamation.



Taking their Oath of Office are Chaplain Jim Keithly, Sergeant at Arms Bill Hemenway, Registrar Dennis Hahn, Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans, Vice President Casey Brizendine, President Jim Jackson, Genealogist Mike Hubbard, and Historian Justin Watkins.

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on December 11th, 2023, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter: Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary / Treasurer Dan Evans reported on December 2023. Report was accepted subject to audit.

Genealogist's Report: By Genealogist Justin Watkins,

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

1/8/2024

1. Current Roster Membership: 105
 - a. Full Members: 86
 - b. Dual Members: 6
 - c. Junior Members: 13

2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 0
 - a. New Member Applications: (0).
 - b. Supplemental Applications: (0).

3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 1
 - a. At MOSSAR: (1) Tim Williams.
 - b. At NSSAR: (0).

4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 1
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (1) Louis Volpi.

5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 12
 - a. New Member: (1) John Hilton.

IN COMMITTEE: (11) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Mike Noe, Steven Fuller, Jeff Sullivan, Harold Croy, Steve Trikensas, Dotson family, Jimmy Ridenour, Dale Mueller, Tim Brower.

- b. Supplementals: (0).

Color Guard Report:

Flag Recognition Report:

JROTC Report:

Website Report: Webmaster Dave Desmarais

Old Business:

We are still looking for Committee members and Chairman for our Chapter committees, including the Steering Committee.

New Business: President Jackson announced a new program for the monthly meetings.

YOUR PATRIOT – individual Compatriots should be prepared to give a short verbal history of their Patriot ancestors.

Program: was the award presentations at the beginning of the meeting.

Benediction by Chaplin Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson.

**In Remembrance
Compatriots lost to us in January.**

**Robert Burton Baldwin
Roger C. Fuqua
Dale Lee Wiseman**

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12th 2024 AT 6:30 PM at the St Charles Knights of Columbus
Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO 63301

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Chapter Presidents

Organizing President:

James L. R. Boyd, Jr. 1995-1996 and early part of 1997 ¹

Chapter Presidents:

Kenneth (Norm) Norman Hagen	Part of 1997 & 1998 (1 year, 8 months)
Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin	1999, 2000, 2001, & 2002 (4 years)* ^{1 2}
Norval C. Hood, Jr.	2003 (1 year)
Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin	2004, 2005, 2006, & 2007 (4 years)* ^{1 2}
Charles E. Lilly	2008, 2009, 2010, & 2011 (4 years) ¹
Dennis J. Hahn	2012, 2013, 2014, & 2015 (4 years) ¹
Marvin R. Koechig, Jr.	2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019 (4 years)
Thomas M. (Mike) Wood	2020 (1 Year)
William J. (Jim) Jackson	2021 to Present

*Stephen M. Baldwin served a total of 8 years as Chapter President.



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1996-1997
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Thomas M. (Mike) Wood
2020



William J. (Jim) Jackson
2021-Present

¹ Served as Missouri Society SAR President ² Served as South Central District Vice President General

The Preamble to the Constitution

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

"IN GOD WE TRUST"



THE AMERICAN CREED

by William Tyler Page

Accepted by House of Representatives, April 3rd, 1918

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag, and to defend it against all enemies.