



Minutes of the *Fernando de Leyba Chapter*

Sons of the American Revolution

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MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)

AT SCHNUCKS, 1950 ZUMBEHL RD. IN ST. CHARLES, MO

Chapter Officers

President: Marvin Koechig
Treasurer: Jim Borgman
Genealogist: Doug Neff

Vice President: Michael Shea
Sgt At Arms: Bill Grote
Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Secretary: Roy Snyder
Historian: Dennis Hahn
Chaplain: Paul Smith

THIS DATE IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY

March 4 – 17, 1776

American forces capture Dorchester Heights and British evacuate Boston

Revolutionary War Quote

“Honor is truly sacred, but holds a lower rank in the scale of moral excellence than virtue.”

John Adams, April 1776

Minutes
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Chapter Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Color Guard presented Colors

Invocation: Chaplain Compatriot Paul Smith

National Anthem —Vanessa Cransten

Pledge of Allegiance – Compatriot Jeff Sullivan

Pledge to SAR – Compatriot Stephen Baldwin

Color Guard dismissed

Secretary Compatriot Roy Snyder recognized guests and welcomed all attendees.

Attendees: Members-Marvin Koechig, Michael Shea, Roy Snyder, Jim Borgman, Bill Grote, Paul Smith, Dennis Hahn, Jan Beardsley, Stephen Baldwin, Dusty Rhoads, Steve Hayes, Charles Lilly, William David, Jeff Sullivan; Charles Jefferson, Greg Landrum, John Swanson, Matt Swanson.

Guests: Joan Koechig, Diane Borgman, Richard Snyder, Mike Francusco, Tim Carsten, Holder Carsten, Vanessa Carsten, Beth Carsten, Kurtis Kaspar.

Announcements:

- 1) President Compatriot Marvin Koechig reported the Death of Compatriot Milan Paddock followed with comments from Compatriots Dennis Hahn and Paul Smith. There will be a celebration of Compatriot Milan's life on Sunday, March 25th at the Maryland Heights Community Center (2300 McKelvey Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043 in the Millennium Room – C).
- 2) Charles Lilly and Joan Koechig reminded members to bring old flags so that the Colors can be retied correctly.
- 3) President Compatriot Marvin Koechig thanked Compatriots Jan Beardsley and Roy Snyder for their work on the Membership Update Project.

Awards

- 1) Compatriot John Swanson was awarded the War Service Medal with Korea Defense Ribbon.
- 1) Joan Koechig was awarded the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in appreciation for her service to the FDL Chapter.

New Inductions: Timothy Carsten - Jr. Member

Swearing in of Jim Borgman as FDL Chapter Treasure

Reports: Minutes as prepared by Compatriot Roy Snyder

Motion to approve by Compatriot Charles Lilly

2nd- Matt Swanson

Motion Carried

Treasure Report- by Compatriot Jim Borgman

Note: Members may receive a copy of the report by contacting Secretary Roy Snyder.

Genealogist Report- As Genealogist Compatriot Doug Neff was unable to attend the meeting, President Compatriot Marvin Koechig acted in his stead:

Applications Approved Since Last Meeting:

New Member: John Swanson, II

New Junior Members: Alex Swanson and Scott Swanson

New Member Applications in Review Process: Ted Chumley at MOSSAR

Supplementals in Review Process:

Steve Hayes at MOSSAR

David Cox and Hogan Spratt at NSSAR

Veterans Report-Compatriot Michael Shea

- 1) Compatriot Michael Shea reported that he has communicated with five ROTC Instructors at High Schools and has mailed Certificated and Medals. Three schools have invited us to their award ceremony.

Color Guard Report-Compatriot Bill Grote

- 1) The National Churchill Museum at Westminster College Plaque honoring Compatriots Winston Churchill and Harry S Truman was well attended by approximately Color Guard members from chapters in Missouri and Kansas.
- 2) The Milton Paddock Life Celebration on March 25th at the Maryland Heights Community Center.

Flag Commendation Certificate Committee Report-Compatriot Michael Shea

- 1) To date, one certificate has been presented this year. A goal of 31 Flag Commendation Certificates has been set for 2018.
- 2) Compatriot Shea asked for members to give him names of businesses and homes for consideration.
- 3) The FDL chapter will be teaming with the local DAR chapter for the presentations.
- 4) Compatriot Matt Swanson recommended the St. Charles County Ambulance District and their branch locations.

Fund Raising Report/Family Arena-Compatriot Marvin Koechig

- 1) The event on March 3rd gained the chapter \$364.85.
- 2) The next event will be on March 23d for the Shriner's Circus.

Other Report: MOSSAR President and FDL Compatriot Dennis Hahn Report on the Dedication of the Plaque honoring Compatriots Winston Churchill and Harry S. Truman at Westminster College.

- Compatriot Hahn reported that FDL had 8 people in attendance.
- The combine Color Guard from various chapters looked fantastic and very impressive.
- The Museum Director was very pleased with the presentation

- Compatriot Hahn related some background on placing the plaque. The previous museum director was not interested in a plaque but under the preset museum leadership there was great interest.

Old Business-Planning continues for the MOSSAR State Convention in St.

Charles April 2018 with the following information:

- ❖ Charles Lilly suggested that Compatriot Greg Landrum charge a nominal fee for pictures of individuals and/or groups at the convention and the Greg keeps half and the FDL chapter received half. Compatriot Landrum stated he had some ideas on how to handle the costs and allowing people to view the photos on his website.
- ❖ Charles Glenn who sings the National Anthem for the Blues Hockey Team will sing the National Anthem at the convention.
- ❖ The Fife and Drum group will attend.
- ❖ Please bring quality items to our April meeting for the MOSSAR Auxiliary's Silent Auction. Please do not bring "White Elephant" type items.
- ❖ If you have items for the Silent Auction bring them to the April Meeting
- ❖ A Lewis & Clark Museum & Boat House tour has been set up for Saturday Afternoon. Compatriot Matt Swanson recommended seeing about a tour of the First State Capital building.
- ❖ Compatriots Dave Hill and Matt Swanson will have a presentation on Website & Social Media to improve networking and recruiting for local chapters.
- ❖ Compatriot and MOSSAR President Dennis Hahn reported that there will also be a session on chapter newsletters.
- ❖ **Important:** Please -- Every Member bring a bag of Pretzels to the April Meeting to be used at the convention.
- ❖ **Important:** It is imperative that all members **register for the convention quickly** so that an accurate count for convention attendance can be made. Even if you are not staying at the Hotel, you still need to register for the convention and you will be eligible for some free food and drinks. A REGISTRATION FORM IS ATTACHED TO THE EMAIL SENDING THE NEWS LETTER.

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn by Compatriot Charles Lilly and 2d by Compatriot Jim Borgman. Motion Carried.

Benediction-Compatriot Paul Smith

SAR Recessional-Compatriot Michael Shea

Color Guard retrieves Colors

Next Meeting: April 9, 2018 at Schnucks on Zumbuhl in St Charles

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