



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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DECEMBER 9TH 2024 6:30 PM

NORMAL MEETINGS ON THE 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 -- 2024

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 Capture of Fort William and Mary took place in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on December 14, 1774, when local Patriots led by John Langdon stormed Fort William and Mary guarding the mouth of the busy seaport. They overcame a six-man caretaker detachment and seized the garrison's powder, which was distributed through several towns in the colony for potential use in the looming struggle against Great Britain. On December 15, 1774, patriots led by John Sullivan again raided the fort, this time seizing numerous cannons, later used in the pivotal Battle of Bunker Hill.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capture_of_Fort_William_and_Mary#Raid

NOTABLE QUOTE

"We've spawned a new race here, Mr. Dickinson. Rougher, simpler; more violent, more enterprising; less refined. We're a new nationality. We require a new nation."

Benjamin Franklin to Mr. Dickinson

Anniversary Congratulations

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

Timothy James Carsten	12/31/2017	7	Hogan Liam Spratt	12/1/2017	7
Boaz Marshall Grimstead	12/20/2019	5	Patrick Andrew Turner	12/9/2022	2
Ezekiel Johnson Grimstead	12/20/2019	5	Jackson Patrick Turner	12/9/2022	2
Ezra Washington Grimstead	12/20/2019	5	Micah Thomas Turner	12/9/2022	2
Gregory Allen Landrum	12/8/2016	8	John William White	12/3/1987	37
Charles Elliott Lilly	12/20/2005	19			

Minutes

December 9th , 2024

St Charles Knights of Columbus Hall, 20 Westbury Dr, St Charles, MO 63301

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM by President Jim Jackson who wished all a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Invocation by Chaplain Jim Keithly

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

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 (27):

Evan Anderson	Mike Hubbard	Steve Stegen
Steve Baldwin	Jim Jackson	David Stone
Jim Borgman	Keith Jasin	Patrick Turner
Jon Carlock	James Keithly	Justin Watkins
Paul Carlock	Marvin Koechig	Tim Williams
Ben Crouch	Charles Lilly	
Harry Croy	Ken Lynch	
William David	Keith Morris	
Craig Dedloff	Doug Neff	<i>*denotes approved by</i>
Dave Desmarais	Ron Niebrugge	<i>National yet to be</i>
Dan Evans	Dusty Rhoads	<i>inducted into FDL</i>

Guests (10):

Diane Borgman	David Rawlings
Tricia Crouch	James Rawlings
Joan Koechig	Daniel Riggs
Milly Neff	David Riggs
Ben Nulton	Rochelle Riggs

New Member Inductions:

Harold Eugene Croy
Evan James Anderson
Kenneth Charles Lynch

Awards:

Joanie Koechig – was awarded the Martha Washington Award oak leaf cluster, from the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Dave Desmarais – was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, which is given once per year by the Chapter President. Dave has given exceptional results on both the

Chapter and Missouri Society Websites, and also serves as Chairman of the Society's Committee of Correspondence.

Milly Neff thanked Dave from the DAR for his efforts at video production at their Veteran's Day commemoration at Bellefontaine Cemetery.

5 years of membership – Boaz, Exekiel, and Ezra Grimstead

Program: Video – “The American Form of Government”

<https://youtu.be/VogzExP3qhl?si=Gnpbp7KiqZo0Y188>

Announcements:

- President Jackson announced that the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) were present and were holding their annual pecan sale.
- Diane Borgman announced that she has provided her delicious cookies to all, with a selection that will be open for bidding. (which later yielded \$20 for our Chapter)
- Erik Hagen, reported ill in the November Cannoneer, had passed away.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on November 11th 2024, as printed in the *Cannoneer* newsletter: Accepted after revision of the correction of Eric Hagen's death.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Dan Evans presented the November 2024 financial report. Report accepted as presented, pending audit.

Genealogist's Report: Genealogist Mike Hubbard's report was published prior to the meeting via email and accepted, as follows:

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER
GENEALOGIST'S REPORT
December 9, 2024

1. Current Roster Membership: 109
 - a. Full Members: 89
 - b. Dual Members: 7
 - c. Junior Members: 13
2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 3
 - a. New Member Applications: (4) Evan Anderson, John Hilton and Ken Lynch.
 - b. Supplemental Applications: (0).
3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 7
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0)

- b. At NSSAR: (7) Harold Croy [NM], Don Dotson, William Dotson, David Rawlings, Sr., James Peter Rawlings, Bart Tallent and Tyler Tallent [NM].
 - 4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 3
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (3) Michael Hubbard [2], Rick Morton and Keith Walleman.
 - 5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 15
 - a. New Member: (9) Austin Dove, Mason Farrell, Randy Hulse, Joe Hunter, Ben Nulton, Preston Padgett, Greg Paris, Ed Puszczek and Joshua Wolff.
- IN COMMITTEE: (5) James Hoskins, Jim McFerrin, Derek Myers, Cary Warner and Justin Watkins.
- b. Supplementals: (1) Kurtis Kasper.

Color Guard Report:

Wentzville South Middle School – November 21st and 22nd – Chaplain Jim Keithly reported on this event which he attended with Steve Baldwin and Dave Desmarais. They addressed several groups of students, educating them on the American Revolution and the SAR.

Ed and Barbara Morris Memorial Fund – Dan Evans reminded attendees that \$200 in Color Guard uniform expenses will be eligible for reimbursement from the fund.

Committee Reports:

Website Committee -- Dave Desmarais discussed the new Missouri Society website's host, and the ability to host Chapter websites under the same umbrella at no cost. He also announced a project started by Ozark Mountain Chapter, posting interviews with Compatriots discussing their Patriot's role in the Revolution. Secretary Evans displayed a short clip of one of these. Dave announced that he would be able to prepare such programs.

Committees – Charles Lilly first announced a challenge to each of our Compatriots to participate in the Chapter's Committee.

Nominating Committee – Marvin Koechig announced the slate of officers from the Committee, as follows:

President – Jim Jackson
 Vice President – Ben Crouch
 Secretary and Treasurer – Dan Evans
 Genealogist – Mike Hubbard
 Historian – Justin Watkins
 Registrar – Dennis Hahn
 Chaplain – Jim Keithly
 Sergeant at Arms – Bill Hemenway

There were no nominations from the floor. The officers were elected by acclamation and will take office at the January 13th 2025 meeting.

Old Business:

SAR 2025 Dues – Sec/Treas Evans announced that we have received renewal dues from 74% of our membership to date.

2025 Missouri Society Convention – Dan Evans reported that Julien Icher, President of the Lafayette Trail organization has been put under contract to be the Friday, April 25th Opening Banquet Keynote speaker. He will also provide over a Wayside marker dedicated to Lafayette on Saturday the 26th at Bellefontaine Park in the Carondelet area of St. Louis. This beautiful small park overlooks the Mississippi river. Marvin Koechig has handled his flight scheduling. Donations have been received by the Missouri Society in the amount of \$1,050 to defray Icher's cost and to keep registration cost controlled.

Missouri Society Convention Auxiliary silent auction – Milly Neff announced that the Auxiliary is accepting donations for this event. In the past gift cards, liquor baskets, wine baskets, and beer baskets have been very successful.

New Business:

Joint Trivia Night with the DAR October 11th 2025 – Planning is underway and we are hopeful that this event will be as much of a success as it was two years ago.

Wreaths Across America 2024 – Compatriot Keith Morris reminded the Chapter the event at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery will be held on Saturday, December 14th. He recited the list of our Compatriots which are interred there. We will mark 30 graves, Revolutionary War veterans as well as the Band of Brothers and Congressional Medal of Honor memorials.

Naval Sea Cadets Banquet 2024 – Keith Morris reported the annual event will be held on Sunday, December 15th. Both he and Dan Evans attended last year and spoke of the impressive Cadet Corp and the entertainment quality of this event. More information will be emailed to the membership.

Recurring Calendar of Payment – Was emailed to the membership and Dan Evans announced the annual rental for the Knights of Columbus was increased from \$250 to \$400. A motion was made and passed to approve the increase.

Audit Committee – Will be consisting of Charles Lilly, Jim Borgman and Doug Neff.

Benediction by Chaplain Jim Keithly

SAR Recessional was led by President Jim Jackson.

**In Remembrance
Compatriots lost to us in December**

**William R. Beswick
Milan A. G. Paddock
Hardy Barry Pottinger
Roy Lee Snyder**

**Next Meeting: Monday January 13th 2025 at 6:30 PM ST CHARLES KNIGHTS OF
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**NSSAR Mission: "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot
ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring
future generations about the founding principles of our Country."**

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
Organizing President (deceased)



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Marvin R. Koechig, Jr.
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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.

