

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

November 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Former President Dan McKelvie at 11:30am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Recording Secretary Jim Blauer.

FP McKelvie reported that President Shippey had some personal business he had to attend to and had requested Dan to take over and conduct the meeting for this month. It was also reported that Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck were chapter visiting so they were unable to attend as well.

We recessed for lunch at 11:39am.

We reconvened at 12:20pm.

FP McKelvie introduced our speaker Bert Upson. Then we had our regular introductions of members and guests in attendance. They included; Dan & Karen McKelvie, Lou Carlson, Tedi & Danny Cox, Kent & Lisa Gregory, John & Lacy Dodd, Gary Richards, Richard Adams, Gus Fischer, Bill & Jackie Gaumer, Jim Klingler, John & Liz Ferris, Kevin Hambling, Leonard Chapman, Larry Hensen, Jim Quinnelly, Jim Wallace, Don & Diane Carlson, Ted & Linda Carlson, Arthur Koehler, Heather Henson, Ed & Teresa Behnke, Jim Blauer, and Marcus and Jane Deemer. 19 SAR & 15 guests.

Lou Carlson moved that we accept the minutes as emailed out. Richard Adams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Arthur Koehler reported we had taken in \$140 from the Ben Franklin Raffle and that we had \$3,434.21 in the checking account.

Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler reported that we had 66 paid in dues so far, 26 Annual and 40 life members.

Chancellor John Dodd reported on the State Meeting in Petaluma. Derek Brown is going to be the new Vice-President North in the Spring. The next State Meeting will be held here in Orange County next April and the Fall Board of Managers meeting will be at the Mission Inn in Riverside.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we had 2 new applicants at National and 5 supplementals. In October we had one supplemental approved, for Gus Fischer. Kent has been working on the state meeting for April and he reported that the Luncheon on Friday will be for the Public safety Awards (Police, Fire and EMT awards). Saturday's luncheon will be the Youth Contest Awards. For the banquet Saturday night, we will have a magician as our entertainment.

Compatriot Blauer spoke on the Eagle recognition and Scholarship contest. He reported that with only one entry we had our chapter winner in Russell Cecil. His application was sent on to State Chairman Gary Jensen for judging on that level of the contest.

Jim Fosdyck reported on the Huntington Beach Veterans Car show, where members of the Lee's Legion Color Guard who were not at the State Meeting participated. Then on November 11th there were the Veteran's Day ceremonies in Yorba Linda where the Color Guard presented the Colors. Next on the agenda will be the Wreaths Across America scheduled for Saturday December 13th at 9am at the Brea Memorial Gardens. Following the ceremonies we will head to the sizzler for our December/ Gift Exchange Meeting.

Bert Upson was our speaker today. He spoke on the fact that he was a survivor of the 9-11 tragedy at the Towers in NYC. He noted the human aspect in that 2800 lives were lost. That is more than all the Union soldiers at Gettysburg. 20% of Americans knew someone who died in the attack. There were 500,000 rescued by water. There were some 18,000 who became ill from toxic exposure. There were 128 countries that had citizens die in the attack. There were 110 rescue dogs used to find survivors and bodies.

The Coast Guard called for all boats to assist in the evacuation of the area by sea. There were 140 boats that responded to the call. They transported over one million people from the area. He reported how he was one of the last ones on the last elevator to get out of the towers before the collapse.

FP McKelvie presented Bert Upton with our Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us today.

Awards were handed out. From National our chapter received a streamer for the Partners in Patriotism program. Lou Carlson accepted the streamer. Kent Gregory received 2 Oak leaf Clusters for his Liberty Medal. The Chapter received streamers for the "Let Freedom Ring" Ceremony that our Color Guard and Ladies participated in. This is a National Color Guard event thanks to our own Larry Wood. Our chapter, thanks to an anonymous donor from our chapter received a streamer from fulfilling the President General USO Initiative which was a \$250 donation. The streamers were attached to the flag.

Gus Fischer was presented the certificate for a supplemental he had had approved by National.

Under new business it was noted that December is the Christmas Gift Exchange Party. Members and guests who wished to participate had to bring a wrapped gift under \$10.00 in cost. Also those who wished to help support the CAR need but bring peanut butter or tobacco sauce to donate to be sent to our troops overseas.

With no further business the raffle was conducted by Chancellor Dodd. Winners in this month's drawings were; Lou Carlson, Ted Carlson, John Ferris, Jim Blauer, Don Carlson, Danny Cox, Richard Adams, Kent Gregory, Karen McKelvie, Teresa Behnke, Marcus Deemer, Gus Fischer, John Dodd, Jim Klingler, Jim Quinnelly, Leonard Chapman, and Kevin Hambling.

Elections will be held in December for our 2015 officers. The Nominating Committee is working on a slate and it will be announced in the newsletter. Anyone wishing to hold an office should contact Kent Gregory.

December 13th is Wreaths Across America after which we will come to the Sizzler for our December meeting.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams.

The Recessional was led by Lou Carlson.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
December 13, 2014

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary