

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

March 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President David Beall at 11:35am. The Invocation was given by State Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by Jim Blauer

The Founder of the month was Benjamin Talmadge. Word of the day is Optimism. Quote of the day was from Benjamin Talmadge. "...a little less than a miracle that we were sustained through such a bloody war, and finally came out of it victorious."

We recesses at 11:40am.

We reconvened at 12:15pm.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included; David & Liz Beall, Dean Babcock, Hammond Salley, John Miesko (Speaker), Gus Fischer, Larry Hansen & daughter Nicole(DAR), Bill & Jackie Gaumer(DAR), Phil Mitchell, John Ferris, Hugh & Karen Richards, Lou & Karen Carlson, John & Lacy Dodd, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Mark & Brenda Torres, Thomas Laswell (Prosp.), John Paul Beall, Kathleen Beall , Lawrence Beall, Dan Henry, Dan Shippey, Kent Gregory, Ted & Linda Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, Doug Milliken, Don & Dianne Carlson, Danny & Tedi Cox, and Leonard Chapman. 26 SAR, 15 Guests.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the February meeting be approved. The motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Cole Zehnder reported we took in \$183 in the raffle today. Our checking stands at \$12,717.00. Half of this is registration fees for the state meeting.

Corresponding Secretary noted we had one new member approved recently.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we had one new member and 2 supplementals approved. We have 11 new applications at National and 7 supplementals.

Veterans Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley reported we are still at 35 veterans in our chapter.

JROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that the award would be presented next month at Sonora High School. Hannah Suh our chapter winner placed 2nd at the state level.

Knight Essay Chairman Dan McKelvie reported that the chapter winner's essay had been forwarded to state, but no word as yet on the winner at that level.

It was reported that there are 2 Oration entries in the state.

Brochure Contest Chairman David Beall reported he is waiting for the entries for this year.

In the poster contest Karen Richards spoke to the kids at Wittmann Elementary and she will be picking up the entries this week

The posters and brochures need to be at the meeting on the first of April so we can vote on the chapter winner. We will then take them to the State meeting the next week to be judged at that level while there.

Commander Fosdyck reported that a Color Guard is wanted for March 25 for a Postal Service event. We can set up a booth there as well.

Compatriot Fosdyck reported the State Meeting is on April 7-8 at the Wyndham in Irvine. So far there are 78 registered for the meeting. There are 39 for the Friday dinner. We have a room at Andre's restaurant that seats 70. There is a 2 night minimum to stay at the hotel.

Jim Fosdyck reported that Richard Adams had surgery to repair the broken bones in his face from a fall he took. He is resting at home, but has more surgery ahead of him.

Our Speaker today is John Miesko a docent at the Richard Nixon Library. He spoke on the revamping of the museum/library. He told of some of the furnishings for different areas including the Oval Office.

He showed slides of the rooms and some of the people associated with President Nixon. Following a short question and answer period President Beall presented John Miesko with our Certificate of Appreciation.

AWARDS

Dan Henry was presented the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal.

Dean Babcock, Jar was presented the Military Service Medal. He served in the Army from 1970-72 in Vietnam he was also presented the lapel Vietnam War Pin.

John Miesko also received the Vietnam War Lapel Pin.

John Ferris received his supplemental certificate for Josiah Strong.

NEW BUSINESS

Compatriot Fosdyck announced we will celebrate our 50th anniversary on August 19 at Fountain Valley's Mile Square Park. We have reserved Shelter #1. Jim Blauer is working on a flyer for the event to be handed out at the state meeting. There will also be a sign up sheet for those to bring something other than the main course items supplied by the chapter. Members are to bring Side dishes and desserts. The chapter will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, condiments, soft drinks, water and charcoal. The shelter has a capacity for 80 people. We will need some people there early to help set up. There is plenty of parking. There will be banner, flags and balloons to set up. Those who wish to help set up may want to come as early as 7am. We can stay as late as 9pm, but will probably call it a day much earlier.

Jim Blauer is going to try and contact Lewis Hewitt who is the last surviving charter member from 1966/67. It is suggested that you bring folding chairs.

The raffle was held and the following were some of the winners. They were; Doug Milliken, Ted Carlson, Jim Blauer Mark Torres, Dan Henry, Jim Klingler, Linda Carlson, Karen Carlson, Hui Yi Fosdyck, Dan Shippey, Phil Mitchell, Dan McKelvie, John Miesko, Lou Carlson, Karen McKelvie, Hammond Salley, Don Carlson, Bill Gaumer, Tom Laswell, John Ferris, Dianne Carlson, Jim Fosdyck and Elizabeth, Kathleen, Lawrence and John Paul Beall.

Our next meeting will be April 1st.

The Benediction was given by Lou Carlson.

The recessional was led by Lawrence Beall.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm. Board Meeting to follow.

Respectfully Submitted

April 1, 2017

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary