

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

October 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am. by Vice-President Gus Fischer as President Beall was unable to attend. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Klingler. The Pledge to the SAR was led by John Dodd. The Founder of the month was Anthony Wayne.

A motion was made by John Dodd to deviate from our normal agenda. This was seconded by Jim Klingler. The motion passed.

A memorial service was conducted by Chaplain Adams for our departed Compatriot Archie McKelvie, father of Compatriot Dan McKelvie. Compatriot Archie McKelvie passed away on September 16, 2017. Compatriot McKelvie's obituary was read by Vice-President Gus Fischer. It gave a bio on his life and military career. Due to the passing of our Compatriot, the charter was draped in black and a black ribbon was placed on the American Flag.

Lunch recess from 11:57 am-12:24 pm

Self-introductions were given. Those in attendance included; Richard Adams, Larry Hansen and daughter Nicole Hansen, Patrick Cecil, Bill & Candi Cecil, their daughter Natalie and husband Josh Geldert, Hugh & Karen Richards, John & Liz Ferris, John Dodd, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Mark, Brenda & Spencer Torres, John & Hazel Torres, Phil Mitchell, Ted & Linda Carlson, Dan McMillan, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Karl Jacobs, Jim Klingler, Karen Carlson, Don & Dianne Carlson, Leonard Chapman, James Townsend, Cole Zehnder, Jay Pettibone, and Gus Fischer. 23 SAR, 14 Guests.

The Jim Klingler moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes as amended. It was seconded by Jim Fosdyck. The motion passed

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Cole Zehnder reported an income of \$185.00 in the Ben Franklin Raffle and we have as of September 30, \$7,394.97 in the bank.

John Dodd spoke on the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville in September. He reported that Larry Guzy decided not to run for a second term, so Warren Alter will be the next President General.

John spoke about the Congress the State is hosting in 2019 here in Costa Mesa. Next year it will be in Houston.

In 2019 it will be at the Costa Mesa/Orange County Hilton and will begin after July 4th. There will be tours on Saturday. Sunday we will have a Memorial Service. Several churches are being considered as the venue for this event. The Host Reception on Saturday night is the big expense for the state as we will foot the bill for the cruise of Newport Harbor on the Hornblower.

Volunteers will be needed to staff the various areas including bus guides for all the buses. We have a Congress medal that is \$35.00 and its sales will help defray the costs of the state expenses. Raffle tickets are being sold as well to raise funds. One is a quilt by Darien Taylor. Tickets are \$5.00 each. There is also a raffle to win a week's stay at the hotel for the 2019 Congress. These tickets are \$25.00 each.

Recording Secretary Jim Blauer thanked Elizabeth Beall for having taken the notes in September when he was on vacation in Plymouth, Massachusetts at the Mayflower Congress.

It was announced that Ron Guyer would be the speaker in November.

Commander Jim Fosdyck reported on the Color Guard activities. He reported on four events, the first is for October 21st at the Mission Viejo City Hall. He asked that all Color Guard be there by 8:15am. The second is on November 11th Veterans Day. Following our meeting he asks that those Color Guards participating be at Handy Park by 4pm. This will be a National Color Guard event. The third is on

November 18th for the Mojave Chapter DAR in Fullerton at the Elks Lodge at 10:30am. The fourth item is the Wreaths Across America event on December 16th, the third Saturday. This will be at the Memory Gardens Memorial Park in Brea. The event starts at 9am sharp so all participants and attendees should be there by 8:30am. There will be a walk through with the Color Guard.

It was also announced that the Fall Board of Managers Meeting would be on November 3 and 4 at the Wyndham Irvine Hotel. There are plans for a Friday night dinner, but specifics will not be available until we get our packets. National officers planning to attend are Jack Manning-Treasurer General., Warren Alter—Secretary General, Former PG Joe Dooley and Former PG Larry Magerkurth. They have reservations so far from 16 of the 26 chapters. There are 64-68 currently registered for this meeting.

The Harbor Chapter which is hosting this event will have the Registration desk open at 3pm on Thursday afternoon. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a tour of Sherman's Gardens on Friday at 2:45pm. Saturday they will have their general meeting and there will be an Ice Cream Social Hour. There is a new quilt to be raffled off and a toy drive for the military families at Camp Pendelton.

Dan McKelvie reported that the Essay Contest entries are due by the end of December.

Patrick Cecil reported that he has polled some teachers concerning the Poster Contest and has gotten some interest from them.

John Ferris reported that the Nominating Committee (He, Jim Klingler and Dan Shippey) are looking for candidates and chairmen to fill the slate for next year.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

New members were inducted. Joshua Geldert was sworn in and received a chapter 50 year pin. Spencer Torres was also sworn in and he too received a chapter 50 year pin.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Torres spoke on the fund raising efforts. First were the goodies that were brought for donations. This included Peach and Marmalade Jams. Second was the Amazon Smiles program, where when you buy through Amazon we get a kickback. Third is the City of Tustin Community Foundation where there is a paper football challenge. He and the family played last year at this event. Finally there is the Orange County Register deal. For \$1.00 you can get the Sunday paper for one year. You can get up to a max of 5 subscriptions. The Long Beach Press has a deal for \$5.00 for 2 years. For each subscription the chapter will receive \$15.00. Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Klingler and Dan McMillan all subscribed. The chapter received 2 checks. \$600 from the Orange County Register and \$138 from the Long Beach Press. The checks were presented to Vice-President Gus Fischer who turned them over to our Treasurer Cole Zehnder.

With no further business we went into raffle mode. Winners today included; Jim Klingler, James Townsend, Leonard Chapman, Jay Pettibone, Phil Mitchell, Dan McKelvie, Jim Blauer, Joshua Geldert, Members of the Cecil family, Richard Adams, John Dodd, Spencer Torres, Don Carlson, John Ferris, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Karen Carlson and Karl Jacobs.

While John Dodd conducted the raffle he spoke on the George III's private papers and how the society is spending \$30,000 per year to send an academic researcher over to work on these papers.

Our next meeting will be November 11th.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams.

The Recessional was led by Spencer Torres.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted
November 11, 2017

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary