

# 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 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 by President Mark Torres. The Invocation was led by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by John L. Dodd.

President Torres announced that the Patriot of the Month was David Rittenhouse (1732-1796). He recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:40.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:15.

Special guests were introduced and self-introductions were made around the room. Attending the meeting were Dan and Nancy Casey, Hammond Salley, John Blake, Kent Gregory, John Ferris, Leonard Chapman, Ted and Linda Carlson, Don and Dianne Carlson, Mike and Carole Maertzweiler, Mark, Brenda, and Spencer Torres, Hugh and Karen Richards, John Reseck, Lou and Karen Carlson, Patrick Cecil, Dawn and Will Done, Marcus and Jane Deemer, Joe and Hazel Torres, Daniel McMillan, Bob, Christi, and Mike Dillon, John Dodd, Larry and Nicole Hansen, Danny and Tedi Cox, Bill and Jackie Gaumer, Dan and Karen McKelvie, Richard Adams, Gus Fischer, Tom Laswell, Ryan Jackson, and Charmella Secrest.

The Chapter winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, Will Done, was presented the medal, patches, and a check for \$100.00 Eagle Scout Will Done is from Troop 604 in Lake Forest. They were presented by President Mark Torres and his son Spencer Torres, who is an Eagle Scout.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

## OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Dan Casey reported that the chapter has \$10,180.82 in the bank account.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported that two supplementals had been approved since the last meeting, and we are waiting to hear on four new members, two supplementals, and two memorial memberships. Memorial memberships for members' Fathers or grandfathers of members can now be obtained for the same fees as a regular membership.

Poster Contest Chairman Patrick Cecil announced that the four best posters from the Poster Contest were at the meeting for the chapter members to vote on which was best. The four were held up and a vote was taken. First place was Chris Thekkinedath. Second place was Evan Kim and Third place was Evan Patel. All entries were from Wittmann Elementary School in Cerritos, thanks to Karen Richards. They will receive their awards at a school assembly at Wittmann School. Other entrants will receive participation ribbons.

JROTC Chairman Gus Fischer reported that a winner had been selected for the Outstanding JROTC Contest: Chief Master Sergeant Hazel Adorado, Air Force JROTC, Buena Park High School. She will receive her medal, certificate and \$100.00 check at the end of year awards ceremony on April 23 at Buena Park High School. She has been forwarded to the state contest.

Middle School Brochure Contest Chairman John Ferris reported that one school participated with 8 entries. His judging will be conducted in the next week. He will be able to announce the winner at the next meeting.

The other officers and chairman had no reports.

President Mark Torres announced that the Executive Board had approved Bob Taylor's request for the Orange County Chapter to host the California Society's Fall Board of Managers Meeting at the Wyndham Hotel in Irvine on October 31 – November 2. A contract with the hotel has been negotiated and signed.

President Mark Torres introduced John Reseck, the guest speaker. Mr. Reseck was a Marine Biologist and Ichthyologist. He shared how he became interested in marine biology, and told several humorous stories from his career. Following his presentation, Hammond Salley and Charmella Secrest presented Mr. Reseck with a quilt from the Quilt Reaction Force for his service in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

John Dodd conducted the Benjamin Franklin Raffle while making announcements about the National SAR Congress to be held in July in Orange County.

President Torres announced that the next meeting would be April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chaplain Richard Adams led the Benediction.

Chapter Secretary Daniel McMillan led the SAR Recessional.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
April 13, 2019

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Recording Secretary Pro Tempore