

# ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER \* CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

## GENERAL MEETING

April 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 by President Mark Torres. The Invocation was led by Chaplain Richard Adams. Chaplain Adams spoke on the passing of Compatriot Jim Quinnely. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by John Ferris. Kent Gregory spoke on Jim Quinnely and his wife.

President Torres announced that the Patriot of the Month was Abraham Whipple (1733-1819). He recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:40.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:20.

Special guests were introduced. They included; Patrick Cecil and his father, Bill, John Burke, Gary & Debbie Schwaner and Ken and Pat Winetke. Patrick Cecil is our speaker this day. Self-introductions were made around the room. Attending the meeting were; Mark Brenda & Spencer Torres, Hammond Salley, Dan Casey, Marcus & Jane Deemer, Larry Hansen, Ryan & Jody, Phil Mitchell, Paul Garcia, Jim Klingler, Hugh & Karen Richards, John & Liz Ferris, Danny Cox, Dan Shippey, John Burke(Prosp.), Tom Laswell, Dan McMillan, Dick James, Ken & Pat Winetke(Prosp.), Ted & Linda Carlson, Kent Gregory, John & Lacy Dodd, Jim Blauer, Joe Boyer, Don & Dianne Carlson, Joe & Hazel Torres, Joshua Geldert, Will Chambers, Richard Adams and Leonard Chapman. 28 SARs, 16 Guests

Minutes from the March meeting were approved. Thank you to Kent Gregory for taking these notes.

## OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Dan Casey reported that the chapter has \$8,917.69 in the bank account.

Corresponding Secretary Dan McMillan reported we started this year with 154 and is currently at 155 members.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we have had four applications approved. They are one new regular member, 2 junior members and a memorial membership for Jim Fosdyck's father.

Chaplain Adams spoke on the Vietnam Wall booklet created by Compatriot Jim Blauer, so one could find the Orange County Heroes when they went to visit the Wall. He particularly liked the section where they were placed by city.

Veteran's Chairman Hammond Salley reported it would be up until 2pm on Sunday when it would be taken down.

John Ferris had no report for the Spirit of America Award. He had eight entries in the Brochure Contest this year and the Chapter winner has been sent to the state for judging on that level of the competition. He noted he is always looking for members to judge these and asked that those interested to please contact him.

Patrick Cecil our speaker was introduced. He spoke about the colonists before the Revolution. He spoke of the colonists in the 1700s and the population growth from 250,000 in 1700 to 2.1 million in 1770. He spoke on the rise of cities, the exploration and move west(frontier) and he spoke on the thought of the day—enlightenment.

President Torres presented Compatriot Cecil with a Certificate of Appreciation.

John Dodd and Kent Gregory spoke on the upcoming National Congress to be held in Costa Mesa in July. They went over all the plans and details of what to expect and the need for volunteers to help out.

The Ben Franklin Raffle was conducted and winners this day included; Dan Casey, Jane Deemer, Jim Blauer, Phil Mitchell, Danny Cox, Paul Garcia, Joshua Geldert, Ted Carlson, Leonard Chapman, Hammond Salley, Jim Klingler, and Karen Richards, Don Carlson, Mark Torres, Larry Hansen, Debbie Schwaner, John Dodd and Richard Adams.

President Torres announced that the next meeting would be May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Chaplain Richard Adams led the Benediction.

Hammond Salley led the SAR Recessional.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted

May 11, 2019

*James F. Blauer*  
*Recording Secretary*