



**Cradle of Texas Crier**  
Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33  
Sons of the American Revolution



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**February**

**Next Meeting**

**FEBRUARY 06, 2016**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Wharton County Junior College  
Cafeteria  
Hwy 1301 and Pioneer Street  
Wharton, Texas**



Note, this is not our regular meeting date.

**Program**

**W. Michael Hurley  
King's Mountain Boys**



W. Michael Hurley

Michael Hurley is a Regional Sales Coordinator for Aflac Inc., responsible for hiring, training, and managing the company's sales force in Northwest Arkansas.

He is a graduate of Southern Christian University (94) and the Brown Trail School of Preaching (92).

Michael currently serves as the Commander of the Major Fontaine R. Earl Camp #1453, a chapter of Sons of

Confederate Veterans in Fayetteville, AR. A member of the S.C.V. for 20 years, he recently moved back to his native Arkansas after having served as a Commander/Lt. Commander at the Camp, Brigade and Division levels in Texas.

A member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Order of the Southern Cross, and is a 2015 candidate for membership into the Society of the Cincinnati.

He and his wife Tami have four children and two grandchildren.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Sons of the American Revolution  
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33  
January 9, 2016**

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at Fat Grass Restaurant, 1717 Seventh Street, Bay City, Texas. After posting the colors, Rodney Weems led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, the Texas and SAR Pledges.

Secretary Ted Bates gave the blessing for our meal.

Registrar Bill Sanders introduced Ray Beall and his family who were attending Ray's induction into SAR. Others introduced were Douglas Rhodenbaugh and his mother, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Bud and Mary Northington, Robert Rodrigo and our speaker Ben Pfeiffer.

President Michael Bailey called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Arthur Evans moved to accept them as written and Winston Avera seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer Arthur Evans reported that there were no changes since the previous month. Russell Dart moved to approve it and Tillman Daniel seconded the motion which carried.

#### **General Fund**

##### **Beginning Balance**

12/1/2015	\$4,421.05
Deposits	0.00
Expenditures	0.00

##### **Ending Balance**

12/31/2015	\$4,421.05
McAlexander Fund <sup>1</sup>	\$883.00
Total Bank Balance	\$5,304.05

#### **Committee Reports:**

Doc Rice reported on the Knights Essay contest. He is impressed with the essay of an exceptional young man Mason Tyler Durham from Brazoria. Doc will award him \$100.00 from his personal funds for Mason's essay and requested that our Chapter award and additional \$150.00. Winston Avera moved that we award Mason \$150.00. The motion was seconded by Russell Dart and the motion carried. Ray and Glenda Beall will, also, contribute \$100.00 from the Lucy Moreno Lopez Memorial Scholarship fund.

Registrar Sanders has invited the Eagle Scouts in his area to participate in the Scout Essay contest and on the 16<sup>th</sup> will be recognizing eleven (11) Wharton County Eagle Scouts at Schobels in Columbus. They are Andrew Prochazka, Benjamin Prochazka, Kalin Reed Christenberry, Christian Mclain, Colton Priesmeyer Styer, Brandon Rivera, John Michael Ottinger, Preston Daryl Brandes, Clay Russel Firkins,

Tyler Alan Mills, and Dylan Ray Varley. Sanders has four (4) more Eagle Scouts to recognize soon.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - Pilgrims Camp and swap meeting in Columbus.

February 6<sup>th</sup> - Comfort Woods DAR Chapter Good Citizenship awards at 2:00 p.m. at the Wharton County Historical Museum. Our Color Guards will post the colors.

March 4<sup>th</sup> - Brazoria Heritage Day in Brazoria. Michael Bailey asked compatriots to join him at his SAR booth.

February 21<sup>st</sup> - Asa Underwood DAR Chapter's George Washington Tea. Presentation of Good Citizenship awards and speaker Jerri Yenne, District Attorney in Brazoria County. This will be held at the Bethel Presbyterian Church in East Columbia.

February 20<sup>th</sup> - Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo. Tom Green welcomes all compatriots to participate either riding on the SAR float, walking in the parade or viewing the parade. For more information, contact Tom at 713-340-1965 or [tbgreen3@gmail.com](mailto:tbgreen3@gmail.com).

#### **Program:**

Winston Avera introduced Ben Pfeiffer, Education Specialist at the Levi Jordan Plantation Texas Historical site. Mr. Pfeiffer presented a history of the site with pictures and artifacts. Levi Jordan was born in Georgia about 1793 and moved from his Union County, Arkansas plantation with twelve slaves and settled in Brazoria County in 1848 on 2,222 acres bought from Samuel M. Williams for \$4.00 an acre. The principle crops were cotton and sugar cane. His sugar mill may have been the first built in Texas.

<sup>1</sup> Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

By 1860 he was a prosperous planter/slave trader with 134 slaves.

Currently, the Texas Historical Commission has restored the Jordan house and is in the process of restoring the slave quarters. Most of the artifacts that have been recovered were from the slave quarter houses. Some are recognizable and others are possibly African ceremonial objects.



After three (3) years of research, Registrar Sanders eagerly gave the SAR Oath to Ray Beall, presented the SAR Rosette to him which Ray's wife, Glenda, proudly pinned on his jacket, and welcomed him as our newest Compatriot.

District #7 Vice President Lawrence Casey assisted Chapter 33 Charter Compatriot Arnold Seidule install the 2016 offices:

President - Winston Avera  
 Vice President - Michael Bailey  
 Secretary - Ray Beall  
 Treasurer - Arthur Evans  
 Registrar - Bill Sanders  
 Chaplain - Ted Bates  
 Color Guard Captain - Frank Seidule



Winston Avera was installed as President by his cousin and Compatriot Extraordinaire Arnold Seidule as Outgoing President Michael Bailey presented the Dr. McAlexander Presidents Medal. This was followed by Winston thanking Michael Bailey for his three (3) years of service to our chapter as President and presenting him with the Past Presidents Pin and Certificate.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Michael Bailey, second by Tillman Danial.

Michael Bailey led the SAR recessional and retirement of the colors.

Ted Bates gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be in Wharton in the Wharton Junior College Board Conference Room on February 6<sup>th</sup>, the FIRST Saturday in February.

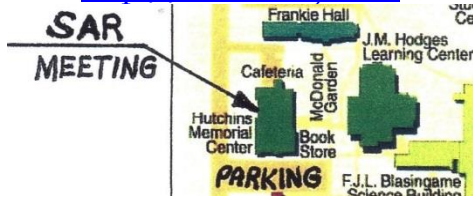
**Members Present** - Ted Bates, Frank Seidule, Lawrence Casey, Albert Herreth, Donald Mudd, Ray Beall, Bill Sanders, Michael Bailey, Arnold Seidule, Doc Rice, Russell Dart, Tillman Daniel, Arthur Evans and Winston Avera.

**Guests Present** - Bud Northington, Mary Northington, Rodney Weems, Mike Adams, Glenda Beall, Julie Bailey, Robert Rodrigo, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Heeth Britt, Jamie Rae Beall Smith, Cody Beall Wright, Caleb Beall Smith, Quin Adams, Mike Adams, Kay Mudd, Joan Bates, Connie Avera, Sue Dart, Pat Sanders, Freda Daniel, Caroline Wiggins, and Carl Wiggins.

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### Note



After the meeting the Cradle of Texas Chapter has been invited to attend the Comfort Wood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution program.

The event begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Wharton County Historical Museum.

**The Cradle of Texas Chapter's Color Guard has been asked to present the Colors.**

Events held by the Comfort Wood Chapter are always a good time and the Wharton County Historical Museum is well worth your time for a visit. The building also houses the 20th Century Technology Museum.

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