



December

Next Meeting

December 10, 2016

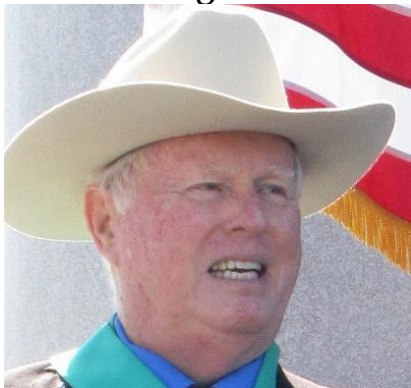
11:30 a.m.

Baytown Seafood

816 S 17th Street

West Columbia, TX 77486

Program



Thomas B. Green III

**Presents Stories of
George Washington**

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

The Sons of the American Revolution met on November 12, 2016, at the River Point Restaurant Lake Jackson, Texas. President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Secretary Ray Beall gave the invocation.

President Avera led the Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Pledge to the SAR.

President Avera introduced special guest John Hamlin, Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution Vice-President of Americanism Contests, Medals, and Awards.



Registrar Bill Sanders introduced William Glaze and his family. Two year old Will Glaze was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution. Bill Sanders presented Will his certificate and a hat similar to those worn in 1775. His patriot was Samuel Newton.

Avera called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Corrections were made to the October 8, 2016 SAR minutes to note that the following ladies are DAR member: Pat Blair, Sara Hudgins, and Sue Dart. Also, Glenda Beall was added to the guest list. Bill Sanders moved to accept them with corrections and Arthur Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Win reviewed the Treasury Report as presented by Arthur Evans.

General Fund

Beginning Balance
9/30/2016 \$4,428.67

Deposits: \$0.00

Expenditures \$0.00

Ending Balance
10/31/2016 \$4428.67

McAlexander Fund¹

Ending Balance
10/31/2016 \$900.00

Total Bank Balance \$5328.67

Bill Sanders reported that the Eastlands (Charles Sidney, Brian Lewis and Charles Michael) applications should be approved by NSSAR this month, Carl Wiggin's application was still in Texas due to the backlog, Rodney Weems application is in Louisville, and he is currently working on 18 more applications.

Webmaster Carl Wiggins gave a brief report on the progress made on the chapter website www.cradletxsar.org. Content continues to be added, although not complete. He requested that members visit the website, review content and wording and offer comments including suggestions for improvement, deletions, additions and corrections.

Dr. Michael J. Rees told us about his patriot, ancestors and himself for "Get to Know Your Compatriot".

John Rees was born about 1750 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, to

Welsh immigrant parents whose names are yet unknown. He was married to Margaret Jones on 19 Apr 1773, at St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Their children were Elizabeth (1782-1845), Jonathan (-1845), Jane and David (1774-1835).

Captain John Rees commanded a company in the 2nd Pennsylvania Battalion, 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment, under Col. Arthur St. Clair, which took part in the ill-fated expedition against General Burgoyne's English troops at Québec in the spring of 1776. He spent the following winter at Fort Ticonderoga, which was then under the command of General "Mad Anthony" Wayne. John Linn and William Egle of Pennsylvania provided the roll of John Rees's company as it stood at Fort Ticonderoga. Rees was a witness to Col. Jonathan Jones' will, signed at Fort Ticonderoga on October 17, 1776.

On March 24, 1778, John Rees rented the Blue Ball Tavern in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania which became noted as a recruiting station during the Revolutionary War.

John died in August 1787 and was buried in the Bangor Episcopal Church Cemetery in Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Margaret remarried

¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

about 1788 to David Morgan (1748-). She died on December 30, 1830 in Morgantown, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

John Rees was at one time a vestryman in the Bangor Church, but he, his wife Margaret and daughter Elizabeth were all buried in the St. Thomas Episcopal churchyard at Morgantown, Pennsylvania. Tombstones mark the graves of Margaret and Elizabeth.

Dr. Michael J. Reese received a doctorate in Anthropology. Later he followed in his father's footsteps and became a lawyer. He was also, at one time the Director of the Brazoria County Historical Museum.

PROGRAM:

John Hamblin spoke on youth award programs which included essay and oration contests for students based on historical and patriotic themes. Complete information on these awards can be found at www.cradletxsar.org >Programs >Contests. These include the following:



- **Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest** for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

- **Middle School Brochure Contest** for all 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students.
- **Knight Essay Contest** for all high school students (9th through 12th grades).
- **C.A.R. Activity Award** (Children of the American Revolution) is for SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. members who give their time and effort toward supporting the C.A.R
- **Eagle Scout Award** is for Eagle Scouts (under 19 years of age) who complete an application form, a four-generation ancestor chart, and a 500-word patriotic themed essay
- **Outstanding JROTC/ROTC Award** fosters the principle of the "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer (CO) of the ROTC or JROTC unit.
- **American History Teacher Award** is all American history teachers, whose approved curriculum teaches students about the Revolutionary War era from 1750 to 1800

President Avera recognized compatriots for their years of membership.

- **15-Year Membership Awards -**
Dr. Michael J. Rees
Thomas E. Palmer





Coy C. Ramsey, Jr.'s 15-Year Award will be mailed as will the following:

- **10-Year Membership Awards** - Kirk B. Daniel, Phillip R. Vance
- **5-Year Membership Awards** - Charles W. Bernard, PhD, James R. Day, Christopher W. Skinner, Cole H. Skinner

NEW BUSINESS:

Avera reviewed the Cradle of Texas Constitution and Bylaws. Bill Sanders noted a NSSAR change in the age for who is eligible for membership. Russell Dart moved to delete the Executive Committee. Russell changed his motion to include changing the age requirement to be consistent with NSSAR and Bill Sanders seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Also, Win gave an update on compatriot Chuck Bernard was given. He is home from the hospital and in good spirits. He will be receiving physical therapy to strengthen his legs. Judy says he still has a quick smile.

The nominating committee for 2017 officers will include Michael Bailey as Chairman, Arthur Evan and Russell Dart.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Bill Sanders and second by Ray Beall. Ray Beall gave the benediction and Bill Sanders led the SAR recessional and retirement of colors.

The next SAR meeting will be on December 10th.

SAR MEMBERS PRESENT:

Will Glaze, Winston Avera, Ray Beall, Arthur Evans, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Tillman Daniel, Arnold Seidule, Mike Rees, Tommy Palmer and John Hamlin

GUESTS PRESENT:

Connie Avera, Kenneth P. Blount, John H. Minkert, Rodney Weems, Carl and Caroline Wiggins, Sue Dart, Sonja Palmer, Max and Alice Royalty, Jeanenne Cranek, Matt Glaze, Heather Glaze and Sidney Glaze

This Month During The American Revolution

December 16, 1773
The Boston Tea Party

I dressed myself in the costume of an Indian, equipped with a small hatchet, which I and my associates denominated the tomahawk, with which, and a club, after having painted my face and hands with coal dust in the shop of a blacksmith, I repaired to Griffin's wharf, where the ships lay that contained the tea When I first appeared in the street, after being thus disguised, I fell in with many who were dressed, equipped and painted as I was, and who fell in with me, and marched in order to the place of our destination. When we arrived at the wharf, there were three of our number who assumed an authority to direct our operations, to which we readily submitted.
...

We then were ordered by our commander to open the hatches and take out all the chests of tea and throw them overboard, and we immediately proceeded to execute his orders, first cutting and splitting the chests with our tomahawks, so as thoroughly to expose them to the effects

of the water. In about three hours from the time we went on board, we had thus broken and thrown overboard every tea chest to be found in the ship, while those in the other ships were disposing of the tea in the same way, at the same time. We were surrounded by British armed ships, but no attempt was made to resist us.

A RETROSPECT OF THE BOSTON TEA-PARTY: WITH A MEMOIR OF GEORGE R. T. HEWES...

By James Hawkes

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Pearl Harbor Day
December 7
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Event Name	Date	Location
Christmas in Brazoria	December 9, 2016	Brazoria, Texas
Stephen F. Austin Funeral Reenactment	January 7, 2017	West Columbia 9:00AM then to Jones Creek 12:00PM
Texas Independence Day	March 2, 2017	Stephen F. Austin Statue, Hwy 288, Angleton
Brazoria Heritage Day	March 4, 2017	Brazoria, Texas
Masonic Oak Picnic	May 21, 2017	Brazoria Masonic Oak Park
San Jacinto Day	April 21, 2017	Stephen F. Austin Statue, Hwy 288, Angleton
Santa Anna Ball	July 15, 2017	Brazoria, Texas

