



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



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

April

Next Meeting
08 April, 2017
11:30 am
Red Snapper Inn
402 Bluewater Hwy
Surfside, Texas

Program:
Dortha Pekar
as
Dr. Sofie Herzog



Dr. Sofie Herzog.

MEETING MINUTES
Sons of the American
Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
March 11, 2017

The Sons of the American Revolution met March 11, 2017 at the River Pointe Restaurant in Lake Jackson, Texas. SAR Vice

President Raymond Beall called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. Junior SAR Compatriot Caleb Smith led the U.S. and Texas pledges, with Junior SAR Compatriot Cody Wright leading the SAR pledge. Bill Sanders gave the invocation and blessing for the meal.

Introduction of Guests:

SAR Vice President Ray Beall introduced Mary Northington, guest performer for this meeting and her husband Bud. Ray then asked that we "go around" the room with self-introductions.

Vice President Beall called for approval of February 2017 minutes. Russell Dart moved to approve the minutes as presented and Bill Sanders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Get to Know Your Patriot:



Compatriot Thomas "Tommy" Palmer presented his Patriot Ancestor, Martin Palmer. Martin Palmer was born in 1726, Hanover County, Virginia, and died in 1790, Halifax County, Virginia.

Palmer served as "a sergeant in the Revolutionary War and fought in the 1st Virginia Regiment Continental Line under

his friend and neighbor Patrick Henry (Patrick Henry, Sr.); The First Virginia Regiment, under the command of Patrick Henry, was authorized by the Virginia Convention of July 17, 1775, as a provincial defense unit comprised of six musket companies and two rifle companies. Over the course of the War the first Virginia Regiment saw action in Hampton, Jamestown, Norfolk, Great Bridge, Harlem Heights, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Valley Forge (winter of 1777 – 1778), Stony Point, Charleston and Yorktown. At some point in time, Martin Palmer was transferred and served in the 14th Virginia Regiment. Records indicate that on May 15, 1783, Martin received 30 pounds as balance due to him for his services during the War. Today, he is on a list of soldiers at the Chesterfield Court House. One of his greatest achievements was in siring his son, Martin Palmer, the Ring-tailed Panther who fought for the freedom of Texas and was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Compatriot Tommy Palmer was born in Freeport, Texas in 1950 and grew up in Jones Creek, Texas. He attended and graduated from Brazosport High School in 1969. He served in the United States Army from 1970-72 and was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from San Houston State University in 1977. Palmer, also, earned 14 hours in graduate courses from Texas A & M University. Tommy worked for over forty years in Project Engineering. In the disciplines of Lead, Checker, Principal Mechanical Project Engineer, and Designer in the following fields: Petrochemical, Refinery, and Plant Facilities. He has been married to his wife, Sonja, for forty-one years. They have one son, two daughters and six grandchildren.

His hobbies include playing with the grandkids, golf, fishing and more golf. He raised his children in the church that he has

attended all his life, Gulf Prairie Presbyterian Church.

Palmer is a member of the following Historical Organizations:

- Texas Sons of the American Revolutions
- The Sons of the Republic of Texas
- Descendants of the Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence
- Sons of Confederate Veterans"

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Beginning Balance

1/31/2017 \$3,812.77

Deposits \$9.50

Expenditures

Knight Essay Scholarship \$100.00

Guest meals \$24.68

Ending Balance

2/28/2017 \$3,697.59

McAlexander Fund¹

Ending Balance

2/28/2017 \$900.00

Total Bank Balance \$4,597.59

Vice President Ray Beall called for approval of the February 2017 Treasurer's Report. Rodney Weems moved to approve and Tillman Daniel seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Awards Presentation:

- Lawrence Stevens 15yr. Membership Certificate (not present to receive).
- Dr. Walker Griffith 10yr. Membership Certificate (not present to receive).



¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Bill Sanders - Registrar reported that induction of Nelson Leopold had been rescheduled to next month due to a personal matter, and that there was a possibility that Kenneth Paul Blount's application could be finalized and ready for induction as well. Other applications pending at National are: Brian Wubbena, Carl Wiggins and Jack Randolph Newman. Applications actively pending additional documentation are: Jimmy Sanders, Max Royalty, David Mowery, Daniel Mowery, Donny Congen, Jimmy Barnhill, Jason Hugh Jensen, Jacob Gary Jensen, Thomas Anthony Taroni, and Bud Northington. Also, there are an additional 25 applications without recent activity.

Carl Wiggins - Webmaster reported the following:

Present Status: Besides routine monthly maintenance activities, efforts this month focused on making editorial corrections and other issues across the website in response to the very complete review provided by Dr. Judy Bernard last month. To correct one of the issues of repetitive text, I provided a short history describing, in some detail, the meaning of our namesake, The Cradle of Texas. This history was inserted on the **Our Chapter History** page. Failure of certain website pages to scale properly when viewed on small displays such as smartphones was another issue identified by Dr. Bernard. The cause of this issue is understood, but its resolution remains to be completed pending further investigation of the appropriate solution. Significant progress was made constructing the content for the **GENEALOGY** page. This is being done offline. During the month, Dr. Judy Bernard answered the call for a volunteer and wrote up a great

summary of the history of the American Revolution; she submitted it this week. Linkage to this history will be via a button on the **HOMEPAGE** which will be installed shortly. Other website features remain to be completed: background color and imagery still need to be added to all pages as appropriate; extensions to social media like Facebook remain to be installed; and pages for the private part of the site remain to be developed. Details of the website status and the work completed this month follow:

- **Home Page:** The continuously scrolling slideshow images of current events were updated. New photos were added for: last month's meeting, the George Washington Birthday parade in Laredo and the Brazoria Heritage Day Celebration. The Monthly meeting with Map and the Current Events sidebar widgets were updated. These two widgets and the slideshow must be updated monthly.
- **About Us Page:** The **Our Chapter History** subpage was improved with a map and an 8-page insert, [Austin's Colony is The Cradle of Texas](#), as described previously. The **Speakers** subpage page was updated to include last month's speaker. No changes were made to any of the other subpages.
- **Events Page:** This page is complete; no further work was performed this month.
- **Program Page** There are two subpages, **Community** and **Contests**. These pages are all complete. Widgets were added

- to acknowledge the new Knight Essay Contest winner, Ashlynn Turbett, and post her essay.
- **Gallery Page** The 2017 gallery was updated with photos from the February meeting, our color guard joining others at the George Washington Birthday parade in Laredo, and members of our color guard supporting the Comfort Wood DAR chapter's George Washington's Tea. This page works very well and just needs to be updated each month.
 - **Newsletters Page** This page was updated to include the February and March newsletters. This page needs to be updated each month. I contacted folks at TXSSAR to see if there was an archive of our chapter records, especially older newsletters, but have not received any response.
 - **Genealogy Page** Considerable effort was expended on this page, which is fairly challenging and complex to write, but it is not complete and has not been activated. It should be finished by next meeting.
 - **Contacts Page** Complete and functional, but not necessarily exactly how we want it to operate, so it needs some work.
 - **Social Media** Connections to social media forums have not yet been added.
 - **Early American History Pages** The history of the American Revolution was written by Dr. Judy Bernard this month. It will be added shortly.

- **Members Only Login Page** These pages still need to be added (Bulletin Board, Members Bios, Applications Status, Pay Dues, Shop, etc.).

Review: All members are encouraged to visit the website, review content and wording, and offer comments including suggestions for improvements, deletions, additions and corrections. Send comments to: Carl Wiggins, cmwiggins1@comcast.net or call 281-996-7976.

Rodney Weems -- Education Committee Chair advised that the Chapter's winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, Ashlynn Turbett had placed 3rd at State, and would be receiving a \$500.00 scholarship from the Texas Society.

New Business: None

Program:



Mary Northington provided a musical presentation. Using the violin, AKA "a fiddle" Mary presented songs which would have been readily recognizable circa 1830s. The only thing missing was the campfire around which citizens would gather to be entertained. Selections included: Will the Circle be Unbroken and Amazing Grace. Sing along and toe tapping was enjoyed by all.

Members Present:

Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Rodney Weems, Charles Bernard, Ray Beall, Cody Wright, Caleb Smith, Win Avera, Tillman Daniel, Tommy Palmer, and Bill Greenwood

Guests Present:

Carl Wiggins, Glenda Beall, Judy Bernard, Freda Daniel, Brian & Candace Wubbena, Tom Taroni, Connie Avera, Bud & Mary Northington and Marliese Greenwood

Next SAR Meeting:

The next SAR will be on April 8, 2017, Red Snapper Inn, Surfside, Texas.

SAR Recessional: Was led by Ray Beall.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Tillman Daniel and second by Bill Sanders. Motion approved.

Benediction: Was given by Bill Sanders.

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<http://www.redsnapperinn.com/index.html>



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April 4-7- Texas Association of Museums Annual Conference and Meeting Abilene, TX. Registration opens 1 Jan 2017

April 21- Celebration of San Jacinto- Friday, 10:00 a.m.
at San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte, TX

April 22- Saturday -San Jacinto Day Reenactment and Festival
San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, 3523 S Hwy. 225, La Porte
http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/About_Us/News_and_Events/Upcoming_Events/2017_Festival_Reenactment

May 7-9- American Alliance of Museums Annual Conference and Meeting
St. Louis, MO

May 29 Memorial Day Details TBD.

July 4- 4th of July Celebration at Holly Farms, Wilg Point, Texas

July 15- **Santa Ana Ball** - Saturday, (Third Saturday of July) -
Brazoria Heritage Foundation at 202 West Smith Street, Brazoria, TX 77422
<http://brazoriahf.org/site/bhfevents/2017-04>

September 16- **Texas Navy Day** - Saturday, (Third Saturday of September)
TBA

September 17- **Constitution Day**- Sunday, TBA

