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January

Next Meeting
11:30 a.m.
January 12, 2019
Los Cucos Mexican Cafe
Los Cucos
211 W Elm Street
Wharton, TX

Program
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Compatriot Ron Brown
District 7 Vice President

MEETING MINUTES
Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
December 8, 2018

The Sons of the American Revolution met December 8, 2018 at River Point Restaurant, Lake Jackson, Texas. SAR Vice President Rodney Weems called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. Registrar Bill Sanders gave the invocation and blessing for the meal, and Vice President Rodney Weems led the Chapter in the U.S., Texas and SAR pledges.

Introduction of Guests:

Vice President Weems recognized guest speaker David Sysma, Judge Ed Denman and Betty Denman, Brazoria County Commissioner Dude Payne and Debbie Payne, and new Compatriot Mark Hansen.

Awards Presentation:

Vice President Weems presented retiring 412th District Judge Ed Denman with an SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate



for Judge Denman's outstanding judiciary performance; his quick, easy access to law enforcement; and his exemplary character. Judge Denman was appointed to the newly created 412th District Court by Governor Rick Perry when it was created in October 2005. He won the following first election for the 412th District and all subsequent elections. As a senior judge, he may be assigned as a visiting judge when necessary.

Carl Wiggins received his Congress Certificate of Appreciation from NSSAR for his service at the 128th



National Congress in Houston.

Program:

David Sysma of Brazosport College provided a lively, highly engaging overview of failed European forms of governing during the 1400s-1700s that were instructive to our forefathers who crafted the United States Constitution. These fathers of modern democracy, also, took methods from the successful governing style of the Iroquois Nation.



Mr. Sysma's informative presentation not only enlightened all in attendance, but rekindled attendees' desires to explore our history further.

Minutes:

Webmaster Carl Wiggins pointed out an error in the Webmaster's report. Dr. Daniel moved to accept the corrected minutes as published in the Newsletter and Registrar Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Beginning Balance

11/01/2018 \$3,131.48

Expenses - Security \$120.00

Income - Interest Earned \$1.17

General Fund

11/30/2018 \$3,012.65

McAlexander Fund¹ \$900.00

Ending Balance

11/30/2018 \$3,912.65

Motion to accept the report was made by Carl Wiggins and seconded by Jack Newman. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

REGISTRAR - Bill Sanders reported the following:

- Applications approved - Richard Mark Hansen, John Andrew Wiggins
- Applications needing signatures prior to sending to TXSSAR - 4
- Applications actively working - 32

Sanders noted that children may apply for either 1) National Society Children of the American Revolution or 2) SAR Junior membership. Junior members are automatically moved to normal SAR rolls when turning 18 years old. National Society Children must apply for SAR or DAR membership when turning 18.

Webmaster - In addition to the normal updates to the website, Carl Wiggins added a chart of all the SAR

¹ Funds available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guards

contests that shows the awards for winners at the Chapter, State, and National levels.

Education & Community Outreach – Chairman Rodney Weems had no updates.

Old Business:

Nominations Committee member Winston Avera presented the officer nominations for 2019. They are as follows:

- President Rodney Weems
- Vice President Carl Wiggins
- Secretary Mark Hansen
- Treasurer Nelson Leopold
- Registrar Bill Sanders
- Chaplain Michael Bailey

New Business:

Avera moved that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Dr. Daniel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Secretary Avera informed the members that at the November meeting where the Chapter voted to have a security officer present that the vote were taken without the members being aware that this costs \$120.00 each time. Avera moved to eliminate security at meetings. Carl Wiggins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next SAR Meeting:

January 12, 2019, Los Cucos, Wharton, Texas. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m.

SAR Recessional:

Vice President Rodney Weems

Motion for Adjournment:

2:30 p.m. By: Carl Wiggins,
Second: Dr. Daniel; Motion passed.

Benediction: Registrar Bill Sanders

Members Present:

Carl Wiggins, Bill Sanders, Dr. Tillman Daniel, Russell Dart, Jack Newman, Rodney Weems, Mark Hansen, Winston Avera

Guests Present:

Caroline Wiggins, Robert Bosco, Betty Denman, Judge Ed Denman, David Sysma, Dude Payne, Deborah Payne, Connie Aver

**This Month During
The American Revolution
January 3, 1777**

The Battle of Princeton



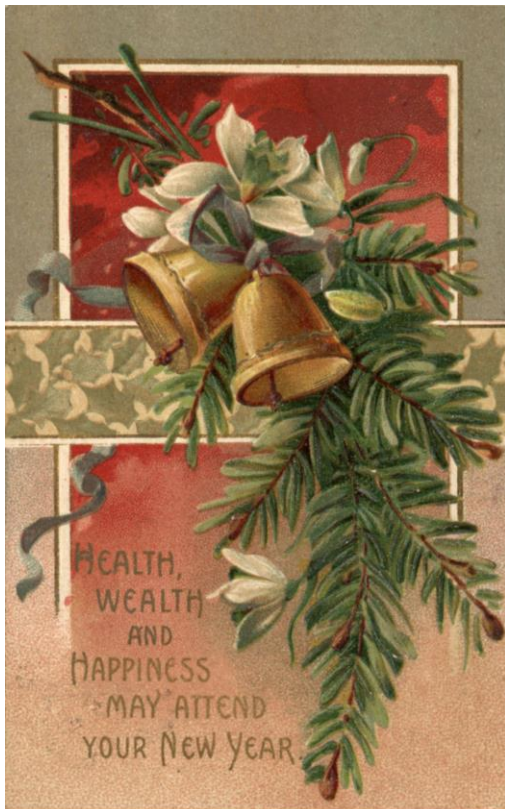
During the early morning hours of this day, Washington and his troops attacked the British rear guard at Princeton. Forty patriots and 275 British soldiers were killed during the battle. The Battle of Princeton was vital to boosting Washington's prestige and American morale.

www.nps.gov/revwar/revolution_day_by_day/1777_main.html



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<http://www.loscucos.com/dinners.html>



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