



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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### President's Message

My Fellow Compatriots,

As your Chapter President and Member of this organization, it's our goal to try to bring in quality people who are an inspiration and have outstanding credentials. It's incumbent upon us to make the effort to attend these meetings out of respect for our visiting speakers; However, I do want to recognize those of you that have attended. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

This month's guest speaker will be Daryl L. Jones, Esq He is also a Retired Air Force Colonel / Fighter Pilot, Former State Senator, and Former Bank Director.

If you haven't done so, please reach out to your Treasurer Joe Motes if you have been a member for five years or more so he can order the years of service pin w/certificate.

Respectfully,

Allen Manning

### March Minutes by James Lohmeyer

March 2017 Minutes

Meeting opened by President Allen Manning. Ted Duay gave an invocation. Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge to S A R was said by all.

Special Program by C.A.R.

This year Swamp Fox society learned how Freedom's Thunder won Liberty and shaped our nation in Yorktown. During the course of our nation's history there have been many landmark events with long term positive effects. There was the Battle of Yorktown; strength of forces, Killed in Battle; and victory for the Colonies. The young people not only told us about these events but a Shot tower is (Look it up). They were also dressed in Colonial garb. [Each making their own outfits.]

We want to thank Mrs. Amy Kassis for bringing this group of young people. A check was issued to help their program. We thank them.

### Officer Reports

President Manning stated he is working on an April Speaker. Treasurer Joe Motes stated bank balance \$2049.72 and we are due money from state for our medals.

Registrar report by Allen Manning states 12 applications are being worked.

### Guest Speaker

Mr. Miguel A. Hernandez, an Eagle Scout not only talked about some of his Merit Badges he has earned and his school education with a 4.2 GPA. Work experience intern with US Coast guard, lifeguard, stable hand, helping inner city kids develop basic skills for further education. Command Master Chief of the CGJROTC, Boy Scout Patrol, leader and Captain of Mast Academy swim and water polo teams. He is also active in youth ministry activities. What a pleasure to meet this young man.

Certification of Appreciation presented to Mr. Miguel A. Hernandez.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Zimmer 2nd by David Lott. Motion approved.

Ted Duay gave a Benediction by SAR Recession.

We had 14 in attendance.



**NEXT MEETING - APRIL 15, 2017**

**Colony West Golf Club  
6800 NW 88th Ave, Tamarac, FL 33321**

**Future Dates:**

Saturday, 05/20/17

Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon

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## King George III

Continued from March Issue

In Britain, the Reign of Terror proved to King George III and William Pitt that democracy led to anarchy. This was a death sentence to radical reformers who sought to curtail the monarchy, and establish a republic in its wake. In their attempt to reform Parliament, John Frost and Thomas Hardy established the London Corresponding Society which spread republican ideas throughout Britain. It was widely believed that they were in contact with Robespierre's revolutionary government, and for this reason, the Home Office placed a number of double agents in the London Corresponding Society. In 1794, King George and William Pitt believed they had enough evidence to bring the leaders of the republican society to trial for High Treason. John Thelwall, John Horne Tooke and Thomas Hardy all stood trial in the infamous Treason Trials of 1794. By the end of the long ordeal, all were acquitted. While the Treason Trials did not accomplish William Pitt's goals of punishing dissenters, it seriously delayed the reformation of Parliament. The corruption and mismanagement of Parliament would not be reformed until 1834.

But King George and William Pitt faced a new threat. In 1799, Napoleon Bonaparte overthrew the Directory and established himself as dictator of revolutionary France. Napoleon was a brilliant general, and his success on the battlefield made him a threat to the balance of power in Europe. By 1803, Napoleon was poised to invade Britain, and showed every intention of doing so. Since Britain relied solely on her navy to defend against invasion, there was widespread fear in England that if Napoleon made the crossing, he would easily overrun British forces. To defend the homeland, volunteers came forth in record numbers. In October of 1803, King George reviewed over 27,000 volunteers at Hyde Park, and even volunteered to lead them against Napoleon should he cross the Channel.

During this time of national crisis, in 1804 the King again was overcome by insanity. But luckily, he recovered in time to learn of the defeat of Napoleon's fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar. But by then, Napoleon had already turned the most feared army in all of Europe on the Austrians, defeating General Mack at the Battle of Ulm, and then defeating a combined force of Austrians and Russians, led by Tsar Alexander at the Battle of Austerlitz in 1805. These victories, and the subsequent defeats of Prussia and Russia, left Great Britain alone in her struggle against Napoleonic France. But Napoleon's over-inflated ego would become his undoing. Invading Spain in 1808, his armies were whittled down by the guerrilla tactics employed by the Spanish peasantry. His invasion of Russia in 1812 also proved to be a disaster, leading to his subsequent defeat at the Battle of Leipzig (Battle of the Nations), and later, the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

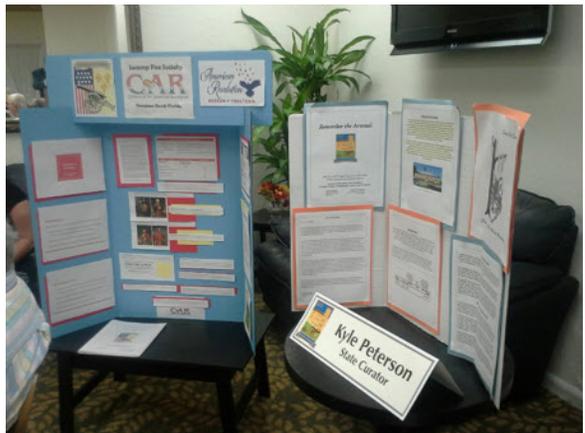
### End of Life

Britain played a decisive role in all of these contests. But by 1810, King George was a shell of the monarch he once was. He was no longer actively involved in politics, and when his daughter, Princess Amelia passed away in 1810, he sunk into a depression he would never recover from. Suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, virtual blindness caused by cataracts, and recurrent fits of insanity caused by porphyria; King George III

willingly handed the throne to his son. In 1811, the Regency Act was passed handing over power to the Prince of Wales, who would act as Regent for the remainder of George's life.

King George retreated to Windsor Castle where he spent his final days. In his later years, he suffered greatly from dementia, blindness and an increasing loss of hearing. On January 26, 1820, King George III drew his last breath, leaving the Prince of Wales as the heir to the throne. But as the nineteenth century dawned, the British Empire was poised for success due to the stability and leadership enjoyed under the reign of King George III.

- See more at: <https://www.bostontepartyship.com/king-george-iii#sthash.QMXh0iZF.dpuf>



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Our guest speaker was Eagle Scout & JROTC Cadet Miguel Hernandez who gave us a great program.

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**Please, if anyone has any articles or photos you would like to submit, please do.**



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## If Tomorrow Never Comes

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you  
fall asleep,

I would tuck you in more tightly, and pray the Lord  
your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you  
walk out the door,

I would give you a hug and kiss, and call you back  
for just one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice  
lifted up in praise,

I would tape each word and action, and play them  
back throughout my days if I knew it would be the  
last time, I would spare an extra minute or two, to  
stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming you  
know I do.

So just in case tomorrow never comes, and today is  
all I get,

I'd like to say how much I love you, and I hope we  
never will forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old  
alike,

And today may be the last chance you get to hold  
your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it  
today?

For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret  
the day

That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a  
hug, or a kiss,

And you were too busy to grant someone, what  
turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in  
their ear,

That you love them very much, and you'll always  
hold them dear.

Take time to say "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me,"  
"thank you" or "it's okay". And if tomorrow never  
comes, you'll have no regrets about today.