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Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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President's Message

Greeting Compatriots,

So here we are at the end of another year. In fact, it's the end of a decade. A tumultuous one at that.

It has been a pleasure serving as chapter president this year. I truly wish I had more time to devote to the job. There is much work to be done recruiting new members, obtaining good speakers for our meetings, arranging for the presentation of awards to those so deserving throughout the community, and so much more.

Being a South Florida chapter we are somewhat handicapped in that there are no Revolutionary War sites anywhere nearby. Chapters up north get involved in preservation efforts and make substantial donations of time and money to restore colonial buildings, preserve gravesites and assist in educational activities.

I've been in communications with the Regent of a DAR Chapter in New England. This chapter cares for a local cemetery where about a dozen Revolutionary War soldiers are buried. The chapter spends just about everything they can raise on repairing the headstones, straightening them and general upkeep of those hallowed grounds. I am going to propose at the upcoming meeting that we assist in a small monetary way.

As for our chapter, there are some issues yet to be resolved, or at least discussed. Not everyone is happy with the Colony West as our meeting place yet no other suitable location has been found. Another consideration could be holding our meetings at night during the week. Some chapters have had some luck doing that as members are often tied up on week-ends.

Yet another issue is the distribution of the newsletter. The cost of mailing is considerable but the cost of members not receiving it electronically is a concern as well.

I mentioned earlier in the year that we should order SAR pins for long time members that reflect the number of years they have been with us. The motion passed unanimously but we've yet to finish the job and figure out who get what pin, and then order them. Ah yes, the work continues.

Wishing you a Wonderful Christmas Season and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Charlie Crowell
President
Ft. Lauderdale Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

Fort Lauderdale Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Minutes of Meeting on November 20, 2010 Held at Colony West Country Club in Tamarac, Florida

Before opening the meeting the President provided a collection box for the Toys for Tots campaign, to be utilized by Colony West as well as the Chapter.

The meeting was opened at 12:00 PM by President Charles Crowell. There were 8 members and guests in attendance. An Invocation was offered by Chaplain Rob Joynt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the SAR Pledge, lead by the Chapter President.

Prior to the luncheon the President lead a discussion about the difficulties in obtaining and scheduling speakers, primarily due to the low participation of the Chapter members at meetings. He also pointed out the lack of a lectern, which makes it more difficult for individuals making presentations. He noted that he had gone on line and found relatively inexpensive lecterns that could be purchased if the Chapter desired. Members continued the discussion, suggesting that perhaps some more portable type of equipment might be preferable. No decision was made on the matter with the President indicating that he would bring up the subject again at the December meeting.

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NEXT MEETING - DECEMBER 18, 2010

Colony West Country Club
6800 NW 88th Ave in Tamarac

Future Dates:
January 15, 2011
February 19, 2011

Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon
Buffet Luncheon - \$15.00
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 954-441-8735
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This Month's Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker for the December meeting will be Hayley Crowell. Her topic will be pioneer days in South Florida, particularly the mysterious death of the Barefoot Mailman in 1887. Hayley has been researching the story for over two years and has uncovered a wealth of new information related to the Barefoot Mailmen. She is presently writing a book on the topic. Articles about her research have appeared in the Palm Beach Post, the Sun Sentinel and the Boca Raton News. She was interviewed about her investigation on WPBF TV News in Palm Beach and the story was picked up by countless news organizations around the country and around the world including the Chicago Tribune, MSNBC and USA Today. Hayley has also campaigned for the issuance of a commemorative Barefoot Mailman postage stamp.

Toys For Tots

This month is Toys for Tots month, please bring one or two toys to this month's luncheon. Toys collected here in Broward stay in Broward with families in need. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Installation of Officers

SAR's State President, Mr. Jerry Meeks will do the honors. It's not every meeting we can enjoy the company of the State President.
Mr. Meeks has long been a friend of the Lauderdale Chapter. It's always nice for him to come to our meeting. Come, join us for a good turn out.

Who Knows

How well do you know your fellow Compatriots?
Who drives the oldest vehicle in the chapter?
Come to the Dec. 18th meeting to see or find out WHY?

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After the luncheon the President received the following officers' reports:

- Secretary: the Secretary indicated that the minutes had been distributed electronically with the newsletter and other members noted that the newsletter was also distributed through the USPS. Jim Lohmyer moved, and Rob Joynt seconded, that the minutes be accepted and they were.

- The Treasurer was absent but had provided a written report that showed a checking account balance of \$ 5,779.22 and the Trust Fund with a balance of \$ 14,573.12. Rob Joynt moved, and Jack Dye seconded that the report be received and this was approved. The President questioned the costs of providing the newsletter through the USPS as shown on the Treasurer's Report and indicated that he would bring up the matter again at the December meeting when the Treasurer and Editor of the Newsletter was present.

The President indicated one change to the slate of officers nominated at the October meeting. Paul Blankinton had indicated that he would be unable to serve as Vice President for the coming year. Absent any nominations from the floor, the following Officers were approved for 2012:

President:	Ken Loomis
Vice President:	Charles Crowell
Secretary:	John Dye
Treasurer:	Joe Motes
Genealogist/Registrar:	Ted Duay
Chaplain	Rob Joynt
Historian	George Dennis
Edward Sullivan	Chancellor
Trustee for Trust Fund	Charles Crowell (term ending Dec. 2013)

These officers will be formally installed at the December meeting.

The President and Jim Lohmyer lead a short discussion of how to get more members to attend the monthly meetings.

Following the discussion Jack Dye provided a presentation concerning the First Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War, which occurred on June 12, 1775 near Machias, Maine (then Massachusetts).

The meeting was concluded at 1330 hours with a benediction delivered by Rob Joynt and the SAR Recessional lead by the President.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dye, Secretary