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December Message from the President:

Dear Compatriots and Friends,

2020 has been a disturbing, complicated and sad year in so many ways. As we leave this year, participate in the holidays and look forward to 2021 I think it's time for us to consider renewing some things.

First, I think we should renew the ties that bind us to friends, family and loved ones, as well as renewing our support to our preferred charities that help those who suffer, whom we have never met and probably never will meet.

Second, comes the matter of renewing Faith. I know these are contentious times. The scene at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia was very contentious causing Benjamin Franklin to put forward this proposal on June 28, 1787 as reported in James Madison's Notebook.

"We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded; and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by-word down to future ages ... I therefore beg leave to move - that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service." You guessed it - contentious debate followed. The Assembly adjourned with out voting on the motion. But a seed had been planted.

And then third - renew your determination. The SAR Magazine reports that in the darkest days at Valley Forge George Washington wrote a letter of resignation. He heard conversation outside of his tent. He went outside and asked the men if they'd had enough. One lieutenant said "Having come this far, we can but go the rest of the distance". Washington burned his letter of resignation.

Stay safe. Stay well. I look forward to seeing all of you by Zoom two days after Christmas Sunday, December 27th at 1:30 pm.

Your Chapter President
Tom Shepherd

2020 Recruitment and New Membership:

Over 2020, we assisted 18 applicants in documenting their lineage and submitting their application, with all approved and inducted into the Fort Lauderdale Chapter. We will close the year with the induction of one additional new member for a total of 19 new members. Finally, applications from two additional prospects have recently been submitted to national, and there is another new prospect who is awaiting some final documents in order to submit early next year. During the course of 2020, there were an additional 20 inquires or preliminary submissions that were responded to, reviewed or researched but did not or could not go forward for various reasons.

Chuck Adams
Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale SAR Chapter



Zoom Nov 29, 2020 meeting

NEXT MEETING - Zoom 2021 TBA

Zoom meetings only

Future Dates:

December 19, 2020 @ 9am Wreaths Across America

Future Zoom meetings TBA

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Dale Patrick Read



David Crim Lohmeyer



James Hart Sutherland Arnold



John Edward Lohmeyer, Sr



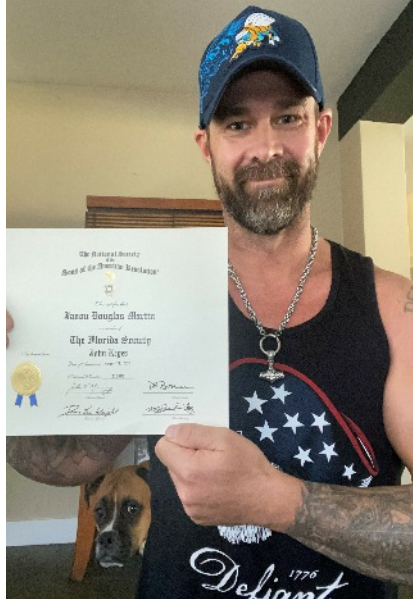
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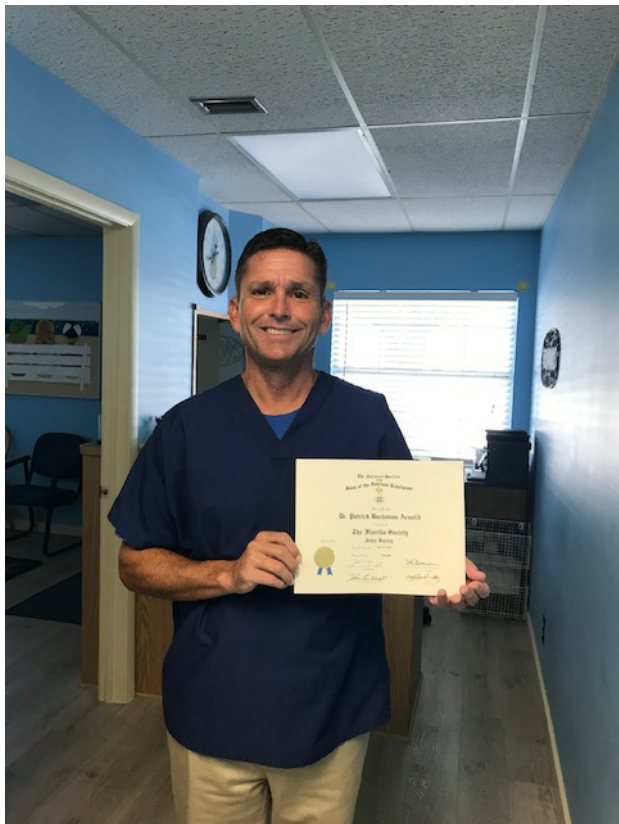
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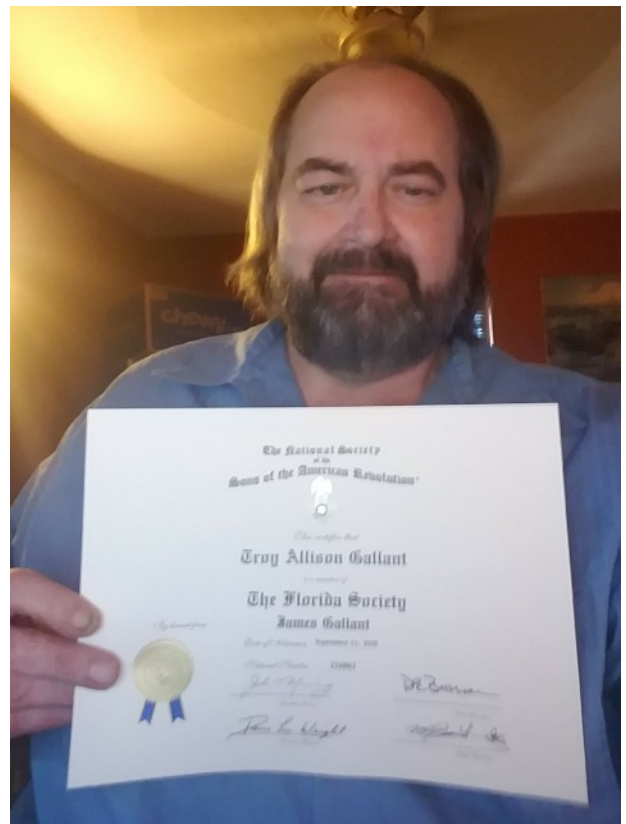
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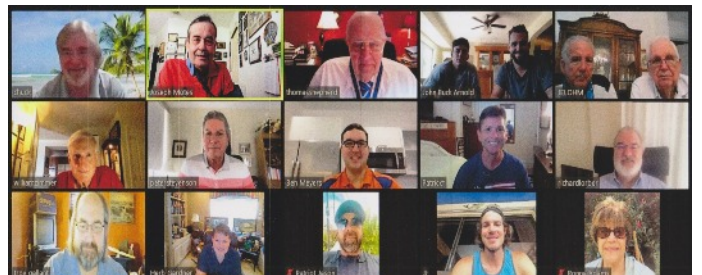
Patrick Arnold



Troy Allison Gallant



Zoom July 19, 2020 meeting



Zoom Sept 19, 2020 meeting

**Special Meeting Minutes Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
July 19, 2020; 1:30 p.m. Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Attendance

Members: Thomas Shepherd, President; Jim Lohmeyer, Secretary/Chaplin; Joe Motes, Treasurer; Chuck Adams, Local Registrar/Genealogist; William Zimmerman; John Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer Jr; Thomas Lohmeyer; David Lohmeyer; Jordon Lohmeyer; Jesse Lohmeyer; Winn G. Allen Jr; Winn G. Allen III; John C. Allen; Dale Read; Charlie Read; and Mark Parker. Prospective Members & Guests: Jason Martin.

Call to Order: Thomas Shepherd gaveled the meeting to order at about 1:40 p.m.

Introductions: The participants introduced themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Jim Lohmeyer gave the Invocation; Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance; and Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the SAR Pledge.

New Member Inductions: Thomas Shepherd stated that this was primarily a special meeting to induct new members. He understood that all new inductees have received their certificate and new member package by mail. He stated that under normal circumstances they would have been presented personally and thanked all attendees for their virtual participation. Thomas Shepherd conducted the SAR Induction Ceremony asking each inductee to state his name when affirming their faith in liberty and the Constitution, and then asking each for their affirmation of support for SAR. He went on to explain the background and significance of the Rosette pin which was included in their package. The New Member Inductees: John Lohmeyer, John Lohmeyer Jr, Thomas Lohmeyer, David Lohmeyer, Jordon Lohmeyer, Jesse Lohmeyer, Winn G. Allen Jr, Winn G. Allen III, John C. Allen, Dale Read, Charlie Read, and Mark Parker. Chuck Adams explained that, in lieu of taking a photo of each inductee and of then of the class, we had asked each new member to send in a selfie-photo holding their certificate. He identified who we still need a photo from. He stated that new member, John T. Brown, is unable to participate in virtual meetings but that he would be sending in his selfie-photo for the Chapter archives.

Officer's Reports: Thomas Shepherd asked for reports from the other Chapter Officers.

Secretary: Jim Lohmeyer had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Joe Motes summarized the status of funds in the Chapter's bank account.

Local Registrar/Genealogist: Chuck Adams provided a report on new and prospective memberships. In 2020, to date, 13 new members have been approved with 12 inducted today. He stated that over the last two months he has submitted 5 additional applications and expects approvals when we resume regular meetings starting in September. He suggested that the September meeting date be announced when he gets confirmation on the new approvals.

Good of the Order: There were no significant announcements. A few of the new members expressed their appreciation for assistance received in completing the application, and stated they were very happy in becoming a SAR member.

Closing Ceremonies: Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the SAR Recessional. Jim Lohmeyer gave the Benediction.

Adjournment: Thomas Shepherd adjourned the meeting about 2:35 p.m.

**Special Meeting Minutes Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
September 27, 2020; 1:30 p.m. Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Attendance

Members: Thomas Shepherd, President; Jim Lohmeyer, Secretary/Chaplin; Joe Motes, Treasurer; Chuck Adams, Local Registrar/Genealogist; John Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer Jr; Patrick Arnold; Buck Arnold; Hart Arnold; Jason Martin; and Troy Gallant. Prospective Members & Guests: Richard Lorber; Peter Stevenson; Herbert Gardner; and Benjamin Meyers.

Call to Order: Thomas Shepherd gaveled the meeting to order at about 1:40 p.m.

Introductions: The participants introduced themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Jim Lohmeyer gave the Invocation; Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance; and Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the SAR Pledge.

New Member Inductions: Thomas Shepherd stated that this was primarily a special meeting to induct new members. He understood that all new inductees have received their certificate and new member package by mail. He stated that under normal circumstances they would have been presented personally and thanked all attendees for their virtual participation. Thomas Shepherd conducted the SAR Induction Ceremony asking each inductee to state his name when affirming their faith in liberty and the Constitution, and then asking each for their affirmation of support for SAR. He went on to explain the background and significance of the Rosette pin which was included in their package. The New Member Inductees: Patrick Arnold, Buck Arnold, Hart Arnold, Jason Martin, and Troy Gallant. Chuck Adams explained that, in lieu of taking a photo of each inductee and of then of the class, we had asked each new member to send in a selfie-photo holding their certificate. He identified who we still need a photo from for the Chapter archives.

Officer's Reports: Thomas Shepherd asked for reports from the other Chapter Officers.

Secretary: Jim Lohmeyer had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Joe Motes summarized the status of funds in the Chapter's bank account.

Local Registrar/Genealogist: Chuck Adams provided a report on new and prospective memberships. In 2020, to date, 18 new members have been approved with 5 inducted today. He stated that he is working with several new prospects of which three are working on their applications. He expects to be able to submit at least one of those in October and the other two by the end of the year.

Good of the Order: There were no significant announcements. Both Patrick Arnold and Jason Martin expressed concern over recent civil unrest.

Closing Ceremonies: Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the SAR Recessional. Jim Lohmeyer gave the Benediction.

Adjournment: Thomas Shepherd adjourned the meeting about 2:37 p.m.



**Meeting Minutes Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
October 25, 2020; 1:30 pm Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Attendance:

Members: Thomas Shepherd, President; Jim Lohmeyer, Secretary/Chaplin; Joe Motes, Treasurer; Chuck Adams, Local Registrar/Genealogist; Kenneth Jarrell; William Harrison, Jordon Lohmeyer; Mark Parker; Jason Martin; Troy Gallant. **Prospective Members & Guests:** Peter Stevenson.

Call to Order: Thomas Shepherd gaveled the meeting to order at about 1:37pm.

Introductions: The participants introduced themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Invocation**; Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**; and Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **SAR Pledge**.

Officer's Reports

- **Secretary:** Jim Lohmeyer had nothing to report.
- **Treasurer:** Joe Motes summarized the status of funds in the Chapter's bank account. Joe Motes reminded the members that 2021 renewal notices had been sent out and that he needed to receive payment of annual dues by December 5, 2020.
- **Local Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams provided a report on new and prospective memberships. In 2020 to date, 18 new members have been inducted, 1 prospect has submitted his application; and 2 prospects are completing their application.

Old Business/New Business

- **Election of Officers:** Thomas Shepherd reported that our Bylaws call for a slate of officers for next year to be presented at this meeting for their election at the November meeting. He stated that the Executive Committee is recommending the following slate of officers: Tom Shepherd, President; Chuck Adams, Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer; and Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain.

Thomas Shepherd stated that currently there is no recommendation for Secretary. He asked for a member or prospective member to volunteer for that position which primarily entails taking and keeping the minutes of the meetings. He asked that anyone interested let us know if they will have their name entered for nomination at the November meeting.

- **Program Committee:** Thomas Shepherd reported that our Bylaws provide for a Program Committee as a standing committee. The chair of that committee is Joe Motes. At this time, we would like volunteers to assist on that committee. Joe Motes explained the various awards programs he typically administers throughout the year pre-Covid. He needs members that can cover some of the award events. Mark Parker volunteered to serve. Chuck Adams stated that the committee can also look at arranging for other programs, such as guest speakers, presented at Chapter meetings or other special activities or events in addition to the award programs.

Good of the Order: Thomas Shepherd asked if any of the participants had any announcements or information to share. None was offered.

SAR Recessional: Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the SAR Recessional.

Adjournment: Thomas Shepherd announced that the next virtual meeting will be conducted on November 29, 2020 at 1:30 pm. He then adjourned the meeting at 2:21 pm.

**Meeting Minutes Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
November 29th, 2020; 1:30 p.m. Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Attendance:

Members: Thomas Shepherd, President; Jim Lohmeyer, Secretary/Chaplin; Joe Motes, Treasurer; Chuck Adams, Local Registrar/Genealogist; Mark Parker; Jason Martin; JJ Lohmeyer; Tommy Lohmeyer, John Lohmeyer Sr.; William Zimmer. **Prospective Members & Guests:** Peter Stevenson; Herbert Gardner; Richard Lorber; and Wm. Lee Popham, FLSSAR Southeast Region Vice President.

Call to Order: Thomas Shepherd gaveled the meeting to order at about 1:35 pm.

Introductions: The participants introduced themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Invocation**; Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**; and Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **SAR Pledge**.

Election of Officers: Thomas Shepherd stated that the Executive Committee was recommending the following slate of officers for 2021: Thomas Shepherd, President; Chuck Adams, Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist; Peter Stevenson, Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain. He asked if any members wished to recommend any additional nominations. No additional nominees were suggested.

Motion: by William Zimmer and seconded by Chuck Adams to approve the 2021 slate of officers as presented by Tom Shepherd. The motion was passed by unanimous consent of the members present.

Officer's Reports: Thomas Shepherd asked for reports from the other Chapter Officers.

Treasurer: Joe Motes reported that the chapter's bank account had \$2,902.31. He stated that SAR medals will be ordered for local school events and he was again receiving Eagle Scout nominations from the Boy Scouts of America. He also reported that the Chapter had received a certificate of Appreciation from the Florida State SAR and the CAR.

Local Registrar/Genealogist: Chuck Adams reported that the application submitted by Richard Lorber should be approved next week and he can be inducted at the December meeting. The applications for Peter Stevenson and his son Michael will be submitted shortly. He also reported that Herbert Gardner is still working on his application.

Secretary: Peter Stevenson expressed his appreciation for being elected to Chapter Secretary.

Old Business/New Business

Tom Shepherd recognized the excellent work by Chuck Adams to attract and induct new members and stated that the chapter roster now stood at 55 members. His comments were echoed by Jim and John Lohmeyer.

Tom Shepherd suggested members read the recent issue of the SAR magazine which had an article on how to build membership. He also discussed the merits of a potential "big brother" program to help new members assimilate and to encourage participation.

Good of the Order: There were no comments or announcements offered by participants.

Closing Ceremonies: Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**. Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Benediction**.

Adjournment: Thomas Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 2:07 pm.

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Thomas Andrew Lohmeyer



The Swamp Fox Chapter Children of The American Revolution held their first Zoom meeting to great success. It was my pleasure on behalf of our chapter to present the Swamp Fox Chapter is check for \$350.



On Dec 13, 2020 we held a Zoom E-Board meeting



Zoom Oct 25, 2020 meeting

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Secretary Report:

The Chapter Executive Committee met on December 6th and agreed to the following regarding the monthly meeting minutes going forward.

The minutes will reflect the order of the agenda used. The typical agenda order will likely be:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Approval of Minutes
- Officer Reports
- Non-recurring special items such as Election of Officers, Inductions, and Guest Presentations
- Old Business, New Business, Announcements
- Closing Ceremonies
- Adjournment.

Peter Stevenson, Secretary

