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Nov 1753- Not everyone was happy with the way the new Bell sounded, however, most significantly Isaac Norris. He wrote yet again to Robert Charles, "We got our Bell new cast here and it has been used some time but tho some are of opinion it will do I Own I do not like it." Norris suggested returning the metal from the Bell to England to be recast.

March 1754- Agent Robert Charles ordered a new bell from Whitechapel.

May 1754- The Assembly resolved to pay for the new bell while keeping the Pass and Stow bell. When the new bell arrived most folks agreed it sounded no better than Pass and Stow's recast Bell. The Pass and Stow Bell remained in the State House steeple. The new Whitechapel bell was hung in a cupola on the State House roof, attached to the State House clocks. It was this bell which rang the time for Philadelphians. The Pass and Stow bell rang for special events.

Feb 1757- It tolled for the meeting of the Assembly which would send Benjamin Franklin to England to address Colonial grievances.

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Feb 1761- It tolled in honor of King George III ascending the throne.

1761- The Assembly permitted nearby St. Paul's Church to use the bell to announce worship until their church building was completed and their own bell installed.

Sept 1764- It tolled upon the repeal of the Sugar Act. The Bell was rung to call the Assembly in which Benjamin Franklin was to be sent to England to address Colonial grievances.

Oct 1765- The Bell was "muffled" and rung when ships carrying tax stamps sailed up the Delaware River. The Bell was rung to summon citizens to a public meeting to discuss the Stamp Act.

April 1768- After the ringing of the Bell, merchants of Philadelphia held a gripe session condemning regressive Parliamentary measures which included a prohibition on the manufacture of steel in the Province of Pennsylvania as well as a ban on hat making.

Sept 1770- It tolled after a resolution claiming that Parliament's latest taxation schemes were subversive of Pennsylvanian's constitutional rights.

Continued next month

This Month's Guest Speaker

"The Perils, Pitfalls, and, Progress of Revolutionary War Medicine"

Tom Wilcox of the Broward County Library will present a selection of the trials and tribulations experienced by many of our ancestors who fought for freedom. He will cover the key areas of Disease (mostly Smallpox), Physicians, Surgery, Nursing, and Supplies. All of these important areas had the capacity to turn the war's outcome into one that would not have been in our favor. Tom will hope to illustrate the valiant struggle of Soldiers, Officer's and Physicians who fought an enemy as dangerous to them, and their cause, as the British Army.



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Held at the Flaming Pit Restaurant**

Meeting invocation by Rob Joynt, Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Jim Lohmeyer, President.

Introductions: All members and guests briefly introduced themselves. Regional VP Gerry Meeks was present.

Minutes of last meeting approved without objection.

Treasurer Report by Joe Motes. Some discussion, balance not showing much gain in last year but year was viewed as very productive.

Ted Duay gave his Registrar Report - membership gains are slow with one added, and a couple of prospectives.

SAR Trust Fund discussed.

SAR new building in Louisville discussed.

Mention of CAR/DAR Tea to be held on February 16th, 2008.

Joe Motes discussed Eagle Scout award certificates.

Also asked that new secretary e-mail minutes to him on a monthly basis.

George Dennis suggested sympathy card to be sent to a Compatriot who had recently lost his wife.

Joe Motes reminded everyone to call or e-mail intentions to attend meetings as the information is needed to properly plan meetings.

Break for lunch.

Jim Lohmeyer introduced guest speaker.

Compatriot Ron Cameron discussed his ties to the American Revolution, has had ancestors in every war, some buried at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as being Rough Riders. He presented cloth maps captured from Nazi Germany with remarkable pin up artwork on the reverse. Also presented loads of paperwork assembled by his father as he researched his family history. Included many SAR documents, booklets, etc.

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Nov 1753- Not everyone was happy with the way the new Bell sounded, however, most significantly Isaac Norris. He wrote yet again to Robert Charles, "We got our Bell new cast here and it has been used some time but tho some are of opinion it will do I Own I do not like it." Norris suggested returning the metal from the Bell to England to be recast.

March 1754- Agent Robert Charles ordered a new bell from Whitechapel.

May 1754- The Assembly resolved to pay for the new bell while keeping the Pass and Stow bell. When the new bell arrived most folks agreed it sounded no better than Pass and Stow's recast Bell. The Pass and Stow Bell remained in the State House steeple. The new Whitechapel bell was hung in a cupola on the State House roof, attached to the State House clocks. It was this bell which rang the time for Philadelphians. The Pass and Stow bell rang for special events.

Feb 1757- It tolled for the meeting of the Assembly which would send Benjamin Franklin to England to address Colonial grievances.

March 1757- The Pennsylvania Gazette reported that the Bell was rung upon the arrival of Lord Loudon from New York.

Feb 1761- It tolled in honor of King George III ascending the throne.

1761- The Assembly permitted nearby St. Paul's Church to use the bell to announce worship until their church building was completed and their own bell installed.

Sept 1764- It tolled upon the repeal of the Sugar Act. The Bell was rung to call the Assembly in which Benjamin Franklin was to be sent to England to address Colonial grievances.

Oct 1765- The Bell was "muffled" and rung when ships carrying tax stamps sailed up the Delaware River. The Bell was rung to summon citizens to a public meeting to discuss the Stamp Act.

April 1768- After the ringing of the Bell, merchants of Philadelphia held a gripe session condemning regressive Parliamentary measures which included a prohibition on the manufacture of steel in the Province of Pennsylvania as well as a ban on hat making.

Sept 1770- It tolled after a resolution claiming that Parliament's latest taxation schemes were subversive of Pennsylvanian's constitutional rights.

Continued next month

This Month's Guest Speaker

"The Perils, Pitfalls, and, Progress of Revolutionary War Medicine"

Tom Wilcox of the Broward County Library will present a selection of the trials and tribulations experienced by many of our ancestors who fought for freedom. He will cover the key areas of Disease (mostly Smallpox), Physicians, Surgery, Nursing, and Supplies. All of these important areas had the capacity to turn the war's outcome into one that would not have been in our favor. Tom will hope to illustrate the valiant struggle of Soldiers, Officer's and Physicians who fought an enemy as dangerous to them, and their cause, as the British Army.



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**Fort Lauderdale Chapter
SAR Meeting January 2008
Held at the Flaming Pit Restaurant**

Meeting invocation by Rob Joynt, Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Jim Lohmeyer, President.

Introductions: All members and guests briefly introduced themselves. Regional VP Gerry Meeks was present.

Minutes of last meeting approved without objection.

Treasurer Report by Joe Motes. Some discussion, balance not showing much gain in last year but year was viewed as very productive.

Ted Duay gave his Registrar Report - membership gains are slow with one added, and a couple of prospectives.

SAR Trust Fund discussed.

SAR new building in Louisville discussed.

Mention of CAR/DAR Tea to be held on February 16th, 2008.

Joe Motes discussed Eagle Scout award certificates.

Also asked that new secretary e-mail minutes to him on a monthly basis.

George Dennis suggested sympathy card to be sent to a Compatriot who had recently lost his wife.

Joe Motes reminded everyone to call or e-mail intentions to attend meetings as the information is needed to properly plan meetings.

Break for lunch.

Jim Lohmeyer introduced guest speaker.

Compatriot Ron Cameron discussed his ties to the American Revolution, has had ancestors in every war, some buried at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as being Rough Riders. He presented cloth maps captured from Nazi Germany with remarkable pin up artwork on the reverse. Also presented loads of paperwork assembled by his father as he researched his family history. Included many SAR documents, booklets, etc.

Jim Lohmeyer presented Certificates of Appreciation and SAR coffee mugs to the 2007 officers for their contributions and work.

State RVP Gerry Meeks installed new 2008 officers:

President: Ted Duay
Vice President: Ed Spencer
Treasurer/Sgt at Arms: Joe Motes
Secretary: Charlie Crowell
Registrar/Genealogist: Ted Duay
Chaplain: Rob Joynt
Chancellor: Ed Sullivan

Ted presented a Past Chapter President pin to Jim Lohmeyer in appreciation for his serving as President.

Meeting adjourned.