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Highlights of December 11th Chapter Meeting

Punch and hot hors d'oeuvres were served prior to the meeting in order to salute the holiday season. President George Dennis called the December 11th meeting to order at noon. Members and guests introduced themselves and were welcomed. An unexpected presentation was made to introduce visiting Regional VP Saul Montes-Bradley to those unfamiliar. This included his current affiliations and an overview of his ancestry.

It was reported that dues were received from 37 members, including the reinstatement of Compatriots Dean Abbott and Ron Cameron. Unfortunately, dues were not received from 11 members. Reinstatement applications will be sent to each in the hope that this was an oversight. Treasurer Rich Jones noted that a goodly number of members included contributions to the chapter's trust fund and that these were sincerely appreciated regardless of the amount. The trust currently contains \$9765 and only the interest can be used for chapter expenses. Thanks are due to:

Daniel Ayers	Stuart Browne
Jim Cox	Ted Duay
Henry Fancher	Richard Jones
Oscar Kraehenbuehl	Andrew Lewis
Wellington Roemer	Gerald Smith
Douglas Smith	William Spencer
Tom Strok	Edward Sullivan

Chapter officers for 2004 were duly inducted by Regional VP Saul Montes-Bradley. This was followed by President Dennis presenting certificates of appreciation for past service to the chapter to: Treasurer Rich Jones, Secy. Oscar Kraehenbuehl and VP & Editor Joe Motes (who was out of town). A certificate was then presented to George Dennis for his accomplishments and willingness to continue as Chapter President.

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JANUARY 10th MEETING NOTICE

There will be no January chapter meeting at the Tower Club. Instead, we will meet with the Fontenada Chapter of the DAR on Saturday, January 10, 2004, at the Deer Creek Country Club, 2801 Country Club Blvd, Deerfield Beach. (This street is located north of Hillsboro Blvd, between I-95 and Powerline Road.) A sign at the club entrance driveway states: "Championship Public Golf – Scampi's Restaurant"

Make reservations by Monday, January 5th by calling Pat Courant, 954-571-6611.

At that time, specify your choice of following lunch entrée:

+ Cobb Salad or Chicken Piccata

Soup, dessert and beverage are included.

Cost: \$20 -- pay at the door.

NOTE: Those who reserve but don't attend will be billed for the meal.

The guest speaker, Douglas Hass, is an authority on terrorism. He has a degree in Criminal Justice from Broward Community College and had a career in law enforcement with the Ft. Lauderdale Police Dept. and subsequently with the Broward Co. Sheriff's Office in numerous capacities. ---All SAR members and their guests are encouraged to attend.

*NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 12th
TOWER CLUB !!!*

\$20.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP

11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH

28TH FLOOR BANK OF AMERICA

1 FINANCIAL TOWER

SE 3RD AVE & BROWARD BLVD

FORT LAUDERDALE

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

954-942-3081

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Registrar Ted Duay reported that the membership application for John Tomlinson had been completed and was being forwarded to the FLSSAR Registrar. The application by Gary West also is nearing completion and progress is being made on that of Jim Lohmeyer.

With deep sorrow it was noted that Compatriot Edward Frisinger died on November 16th. He was a long time supporter of the society and our Chapter President in 1987. Poor health necessitated that he and his wife move to California a few years ago to be near family. He was 89 and shortly proceeded in death by his wife of 71 years, Mary Agnes.

Edward Sullivan, Compatriot and Counselor General of the Society of Mayflower Descendants was guest speaker. He explained that membership in that society requires proof of descent from one of the passengers who arrived on the Mayflower. Many of the 102 who arrived subsequently died due to their hardships and the survivors include only 25 family names. Books are available that document the first five generations of those survivors and is the place to look if you think you might be eligible. Ed provided interesting stories of events before, during and after arrival of the Mayflower at Plymouth, including clarification about some of the related misinformation that is often taught in "history" books. The presentation was entertaining, educational and created some rousing discussion.



Chapter President George Dennis presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Regional VP Saul Montes-Bradley for his presentation during our December chapter meeting.



President George Dennis presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Secretary Oscar Krahenbuehl.



President George Dennis presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Treasurer Richard Jones.



President George Dennis presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Ed Sullivan for his presentation during our December chapter meeting.



Chapter Members and Guests during our December Chapter Meeting and Inductions of the 2004 Chapter Officers.



INTERESTING READING...

WHEN MINISTER JOE WRIGHT WAS ASKED TO OPEN THE NEW SESSION OF THE KANSAS SENATE, EVERYONE WAS EXPECTING THE USUAL GENERALITIES, BUT THIS IS WHAT THEY HEARD:

"HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS AND TO SEEK YOUR DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE. WE KNOW YOUR WORD SAYS, "WOE TO THOSE WHO CALL EVIL GOOD," BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE DONE. WE HAVE LOST OUR SPIRITUAL EQUILIBRIUM AND REVERSED OUR VALUES.

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE RIDICULED THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD AND CALLED IT PLURALISM.

WE HAVE EXPLOITED THE POOR AND CALLED IT THE LOTTERY.

WE HAVE REWARDED LAZINESS AND CALLED IT WELFARE.

WE HAVE KILLED OUR UNBORN AND CALLED IT CHOICE.

WE HAVE SHOT ABORTIONISTS AND CALLED IT JUSTIFIABLE.

WE HAVE NEGLECTED TO DISCIPLINE OUR CHILDREN AND CALLED IT BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM.

WE HAVE ABUSED POWER AND CALLED IT POLITICS.

WE HAVE COVETED OUR NEIGHBOR'S POSSESSIONS AND CALLED IT AMBITION.

WE HAVE POLLUTED THE AIR WITH PROFANITY AND PORNOGRAPHY AND CALLED IT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

WE HAVE RIDICULED THE TIME-HONORED VALUES OF OUR FOREFATHERS AND CALLED IT ENLIGHTENMENT.

AMEN

THE RESPONSE WAS IMMEDIATE. A NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS WALKED OUT DURING THE PRAYER IN PROTEST.

IN 6 SHORT WEEKS, CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WHERE REV. WRIGHT IS PASTOR, LOGGED MORE THAN 5,000 PHONE CALLS WITH ONLY 47 OF THOSE CALLS RESPONDING NEGATIVELY.

THE CHURCH IS NOW RECEIVING INTERNATIONAL REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF THIS PRAYER FROM INDIA, AFRICA AND KOREA.

COMMENTATOR PAUL HARVEY AIRED THIS PRAYER ON HIS RADIO PROGRAM, "THE REST OF THE STORY," AND RECEIVED A LARGER RESPONSE TO THIS PROGRAM THAN ANY OTHER HE HAS EVER AIRED.

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In light of the recent appeals court ruling in California, with respect to the Pledge of Allegiance, the following recollection from Senator John McCain is very appropriate:

"The Pledge of Allegiance - Senator John McCain

As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room.

This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing.

Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it.

That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours.

Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could.

The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room.

As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian.

He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag.

He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better.

He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to Pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world.

You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."