



The Florida Society of the
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President's Message

Dear Compatriots,

During last year, I hope you enjoyed our meetings, guest speakers from Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement, Southern Command, Homeland Security, Kingsley Guy, and Dr. Debbie Duay. I also hope you enjoyed our joint Christmas meeting with the Lighthouse Point Chapter DAR and the program that was presented.

We joined with the Swamp Fox CAR in sending 25 boxes of candies, foods, notions, etc. to the Marines in Iraq. We also helped the Swamp Fox CAR in presenting a Christmas program at the Alexander Nininger Veterans Home in Pembroke Pines. You should have seen the faces of these men and women as they paid attention to the young children. The CAR did a wonderful job.

You voted to return our meetings to the Flaming Pit and our next meeting on January 26 will be there; hope you will be too. Call Joe Motes (954-441-8735) to let him know you are coming so the Flaming Pit can properly set up for us.

You elected new officers for 2008 and they are as follows: Ted Duay, President and Registrar/Genealogist; Ed Spencer, Vice President; Joe Motes, Treasurer/Sergeant at Arms; Charles Crowell, Secretary; Rob Joynt, Chaplain; and Ed Sullivan, Chancellor. The following Compatriots were elected as Chapter trustees: George Dennis - 3 year term, Ted Duay - 2 year term, and Jim Fitzgerald - 1 year term. All our new officers will be installed at the January 26 meeting. Come and give them your support.

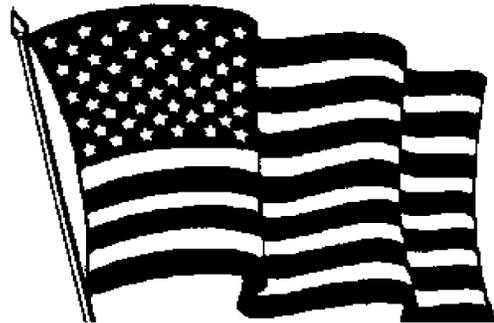
Thank you for letting me serve as your President this past year. It has been an honor.

Best regards,

Jim Lohmeyer



12/1/07 Joint SAR/DAR Meeting at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club



NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 26th

"Flaming Pit"

1150 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach
(11 blocks north of Atlantic Blvd.)

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

Buffet luncheon - \$16.00

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

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TRUST FUND REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2007

Total Value of Trust Fund at January 27, 2007	\$11,469.85
2007 Earnings	\$573.49
2007 Contributions	\$455.00
Total Value of Trust Fund at December 31, 2007	\$12,498.34
CONTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO 1993	2,225.00
1993 CONTRIBUTIONS	230.00
1994 CONTRIBUTIONS	130.00
1995 CONTRIBUTIONS	76.00
1996 CONTRIBUTIONS	247.00
1997 CONTRIBUTIONS	1,883.00
1998 CONTRIBUTIONS	610.00
1999 CONTRIBUTIONS	845.00
2000 CONTRIBUTIONS	511.00
2001 CONTRIBUTIONS	586.00
2002 CONTRIBUTIONS	325.00
2003 CONTRIBUTIONS	745.00
2004 CONTRIBUTIONS	255.00
2005 CONTRIBUTIONS	385.00
2006 CONTRIBUTIONS	460.00
2007 CONTRIBUTIONS	455.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO TRUST FUND (PRINCIPAL)	\$9,968.00

AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR CHAPTER EXPENSES (INCOME) **\$2,530.34**

NOTE: CHAPTER TRUST FUND IS INVESTED IN A CD AT COLONIAL BANK. THE CD YIELDS 4.75% AND MATURES 12/24/2008.

ELECTION OF CHAPTER TRUSTEES

At its November 2007 meeting, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter elected the following individuals to serve as Chapter Trustees:

George R. Dennis

(Term of 1/1/2008 - 12/31/2010)

Theodore M. Duay, III

(Term of 1/1/2008 - 12/31/2009)

James G. Fitzgerald, III

(Term of 1/1/2008 - 12/31/2008)

As reported previously, \$455 was contributed to the chapter trust fund by 23 members along with their dues. Sincere appreciation is extended to:

Daniel Ayers, Stuart Browne, Jeffrey Cameron, Ronald C. Cameron, Ronald R. Cameron, John Copanos, Christopher Donie, Ted Duay, Christopher Eck, Salvatore Fasulo, Jack Hennen, James Fitzgerald, Richard Jones, Andrew Lewis, James Lohmeyer, Joseph Motes, Ed Spencer, Wellington F. Roemer, Thomas Strok, Brien Sullivan, Edward Sullivan, James Weihe, and Brian Wheeler.

All of these photos were taken at the Joint CAR/DAR/SAR Event at the Alexander Nininger State Veterans Home on 12-9-2007:



Ed Spencer and Jim Lohmeyer practice their parts.



Swamp Fox Society CAR Senior President Opal Spencer and CAR members present their skit to the veterans.

Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR

Meeting Minutes of 17 November 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jim Lohmeyer.

After the opening rituals, President Jim Lohmeyer called for the Officer's Reports. He then stated that the minutes of the previous meeting were printed in the newsletter. Afterwards, Compatriot Joe Motes presented the Treasurer's Report. The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted.

President Lohmeyer then proceeded to call for the election of officers for 2008.

The slate of officers was as follows:

Ted Duay, President/Registrar/Genealogist

Ed Spencer, Vice President

Joe Motes, Treasurer/Sergeant at Arms

Charlie Crowell, Secretary

Rob Joynt, Chaplain

Ed Sullivan, Chancellor

The slate of officers was voted on by the members of the Chapter and duly elected.

Vice President Ted Duay also reminded us that Chapter Trustees needed to be elected and that since Compatriot Rich Jones, one of the Trustees, had moved away, we also needed to elect a replacement for him.

The following compatriots were elected as Trustees of the Fort Lauderdale SAR Chapter Trust Fund: George Dennis for three year term (1/1/08 - 12/31/10), Ted Duay for a two year term (1/1/08 - 12/31/09), and Jim Fitzgerald for a one year term (1/1/08 - 12/31/08).

Registrar Ted Duay reported that new prospective members are in progress and that one application has been approved.

Debbie Duay, Lighthouse Point Chapter DAR Regent, reminded everyone that the Joint SAR/DAR meeting will be held at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club on December 1, and the price of the luncheon will be \$23.00 per person.

Before proceeding on with the guest speaker, President Jim Lohmeyer brought up the issue of whether the Chapter would prefer to stay at the present location or move back to the Flaming Pit. The issues involved privacy of the meetings, cost of the meals, and noise. It was put to a vote and it was decided to return to the Flaming Pit for our future meetings.

President Jim Lohmeyer then turned over the floor to our guest speaker, April Pearson, President of the Florida State Society Children of the American Revolution. April briefed the Chapter on the Florida CAR state project, Chart A CAR Course, to study the State of Florida's rich maritime history from Ponce de Leon to the present day. The state's maritime history is due to its location along the trade routes used to transport the riches acquired in the New World back to the Old World. Florida's proximity to these trade routes made it a prime location for privateers, pirates, and other scalawags wishing to make their fortune by hook or crook.

During the Revolutionary War, many sailors were licensed as privateers to harass the British Navy to delay their passage. Of particular interest was the last naval battle of the American Revolutionary War that was fought off the coast of what is now Cape Canaveral.

April then briefed us on the pin sales project that is to benefit Shake-A-Leg, a non-profit organization that offers a comprehensive program for disabled children and adults to engage them in the ongoing daily routine of physical activity.

There being no further business before the Chapter, President Jim Lohmeyer adjourned the meeting.

1 Dec 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Lohmeyer at the joint meeting with the Lighthouse Point DAR. After the opening rituals, we had our meal and enjoyed socializing with each other.

The guest speaker was Helen Landers from the Broward County Historical Commission and Museum. She presented a program on the early history of Broward County, from its formation out of parts of Palm Beach County and Dade County, through the land boom of the late 1920's, to the development of the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Dania, Pompano Beach and Oakland Park.

AN INTRODUCTION TO LINEAGE SOCIETIES

By Ted Duay

Lineage societies have existed for many hundreds of years and serve to celebrate a specific historic event or group of people. For example, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (“NSSAR”) honors those patriots who aided in the independence of the United States; The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (“GSMD”) honors those first Pilgrims who landed on American shores; and The Baronial Order of Magna Charta honors those individuals who compelled King John of England to sign the Magna Charta, which is the cornerstone of many of the freedoms which citizens enjoy today.

If you have ever wondered how many lineage societies there are, they number in the hundreds. An excellent web site that lists and describes most of these societies is sponsored by The Hereditary Society Community and can be accessed at the following address:

When reviewing lineage society websites, be aware of any that state “Invitation Only.” For any societies requiring an invitation, you cannot contact the society directly about becoming a member. You will need a member of that society to invite you to join.

Some of the more well-known lineage societies focus on the American Revolutionary War and the founding of America. The NSSAR is open to any man who can prove direct descent from a patriot who aided the cause of American independence from Great Britain. The organization defines patriot to include anyone who fought in the military or provided patriotic service. Patriotic service includes signing documents (Associations) supporting American independence, being a civil servant during the Revolutionary War, or providing goods or services supporting the cause. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (“NSDAR”) is open to women and has very similar membership criteria to the NSSAR.

The GSMD is open to any man or woman who can prove direct descent from one of the passengers on the Mayflower who arrived in the New World. As the number of Mayflower passengers who survived and had descendants was relatively small (25 families), this society can be more difficult to join than either NSSAR or NSDAR where the number of patriots is in the tens of thousands. Fortunately for researchers, The Mayflower Society has published the results of its extended genealogy project titled “Mayflower Families Through Five Generations” which has been in process for approximately fifty years. The research consists of fifteen volumes which detail the lineage of Mayflower passengers for five generations from the arrival of the Mayflower in America to the time of the Revolutionary War. As many people have already traced their family tree to the Revolutionary War (e.g. members of NSSAR and NSDAR), these individuals can link their existing research into the Mayflower Society’s research, and find a Mayflower ancestor if one exists. These books are available for purchase on the Mayflower Society’s website or can be viewed at the Genealogy section of the main Broward County Library in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Two well-known “Old World” lineage societies are The Baronial Order of Magna Charta (“BOMC”) and the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in The United States of America (“OCC”). Membership in the BOMC is open to any man or woman who can prove direct descent from one of the twenty-five surety barons or other surety supporters who compelled King John to sign the Magna Charta in 1215. Membership in the OCC is open to any man or woman who can prove direct descent from Charlemagne, Carolingian King of the Franks who ruled much of Europe and assumed the title of Holy Roman Emperor in 800.

Now, you may ask “How on Earth do I prove back that far?” For these Old World societies, the key is to locate a “portal ancestor.” Normally, this ancestor would have settled in America in the early to mid 1600’s. If you can link your research into an established portal ancestor for one of these societies, there is published research which will link your portal ancestor to a Magna Charta Baron or Charlemagne. Some good published resources include:

“Plantagenet Ancestry of Seventeenth Century Colonists” by David Faris

“Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne’s Descendants, Volume III” compiled by J. Orton Buck and Timothy Field Beard

“Royalty for Commoners” by Roderick W. Stuart

“The Magna Charta Sureties, 1215” by F.L. Weis

Many of the above books are located in the Genealogy section of the main Broward County Library.

In conclusion, one of the fruits of genealogical research is the ability to join lineage societies in the cases where your family tree coincides with the event being honored by these societies. These societies exist to commemorate historic events and the people who made them possible.

WEBSITE REFERENCES

(Sons of the American Revolution)

(Daughters of the American Revolution)

(Mayflower Society)

(Order of the Crown of Charlemagne)

(Baronial Order of Magna Charta)

Ted Duay is a member of The National Society Sons of the American Revolution, The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, The Baronial Order of Magna Charta, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in The United States of America, The Somerset Chapter Magna Charta Barons, The National Huguenot Society, Descendants of Founders of New Jersey, The Sons of the Revolution in the State of Florida, The Order of Colonial Lords of Manors in America, Jamestowne Society, General Society of Colonial Wars, The Society of the War of 1812 in Florida, The Plantagenet Society, and Flagon and Trencher.

The Liberty Bell

Bell Stats

circumference around the lip: 12 ft.
 circumference around the crown: 7 ft. 6 in.
 lip to crown: 3 ft.
 height over the crown: 2 ft. 3 in.
 thickness at lip: 3 in.
 thickness at crown: 1-1/4 in.
 weight (originally): 2080 lbs.
 length of clapper: 3 ft. 2 in.
 weight of clapper: 44-1/2 lbs.
 weight of yoke: 200 lbs.

Length of visible hairline fracture: approx. 2' 4"
 (this and next measurement made by Park curator
 Bob Giannini in 1993)

Length of drilled crack: approx. 2' 1/2"

yoke wood: American Elm (a.k.a. slippery elm)

Detailed Analysis of the Bell's Composition

The Franklin Institute took drillings from the Liberty Bell in 1960. The International Nickel Company analyzed the content and in 1975, scientists from Winterthur Museum and the DuPont Company used an X-Ray Florescence Analyzer to describe the metallic content at ten points around the rim of the Bell. These readings vary greatly. The table here shows the ranges. This table is from "The Story of the Liberty Bell" by David Kimball.

Copper	64.95–73.10
Tin	24.00–30.16
Lead	1.30–5.47
Zinc	0.25–1.65
Iron	0.00–0.87
Silver	0.14–0.26
Antimony	0.08–0.18
Arsenic	0.19–0.42
Gold	0.02–0.06
Nickel	0.00–0.28

Liberty Bell Trivia

The Bell was sent from England on the ship *Hibernia*, captained by William Child.

Note: It is in error, though commonly believed that it came on the *Myrtilla*. Dennis R. Reidenbach, Acting Superintendent Independence National Historical Park, wrote, "According to newspaper accounts of port activity, the *Myrtilla* docked in Philadelphia at the end of September 1752.

However, Pennsylvania's Speaker of the Assembly, Isaac Norris (the man who ordered and oversaw the installation of the bell in the State House), wrote on Sept. 1 that the bell had recently arrived. The only ship from England that docked in Philadelphia during the month of August that year was the *Hibernia*, captained by William Child. The *Hibernia* was of modest size, transporting dry goods and passengers regularly between England, the colonies and Ireland. No known records identify the *Hibernia's* owner either before or at the time it transported the bell." (Philadelphia Inquirer 9/22/02)

The bell cracked the first time it was rung.

The bell weighed 2080 pounds when it was cast.

The strike note of the Bell is E-flat

On June 6, 1944, when Allied forces landed in France, the sound of the bell was broadcast to all parts of the country

There are three known recordings of the Bell. Two were made in the 1940s for radio stations to play; the third is currently owned by Columbia Records. About 1,500,000 people annually make a pilgrimage to the Bell.

On the bell, "Pennsylvania" is spelled "Pensylvania"

When the Liberty Bell first cracked, it was given to Pass & Stow to recast. A replacement bell was ordered from Whitechapel Foundry in England. The Pass & Stow bell is the Liberty Bell. Read about this "Sister Bell" here: .

As an April Fools (1996) joke, Taco Bell ran a in various newspapers, including The New York Times, claiming to have bought the Liberty Bell.

Liberty Bell Quotes

And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

Leviticus 25:10

Not far from here where we gather today is a symbol of freedom familiar to all Americans — the Liberty Bell. When the Declaration of Independence was first read in public, the Liberty Bell was sounded in celebration, and a witness said: "It rang as if it meant something."

George W. Bush, December 12, 2005. The reference is to , a work of fiction.

Yes there's a lady that stands in a harbor for what we believe. And there's a bell that still echoes the price that it cost to be free.

– Aaron Tippen, *“Where The Stars And Stripes And Eagles Fly”*

I ask you...to adopt the principles proclaimed by yourselves, by your revolutionary fathers, and by the old bell in Independence Hall....

– Frederick Douglass, *at the Southern Loyalists' Convention. Philadelphia, 1866*

The original Liberty Bell announced the creation of democracy; the Women's Liberty Bell will announce the completion of democracy.

– Katherine Ruschenberger, *suffragist, New York Times, March 31, 1915.*

The Liberty Bell is “a very significant symbol for the entire democratic world.”

– Nelson Mandela, *Philadelphia Inquirer, July 4, 1993.*

If I had a bell

I'd ring it in the morning

I'd ring it in the evening ... all over this land,

I'd ring out danger

I'd ring out a warning

I'd ring out love between all of my brothers and my sisters

All over this land.

It's a bell of freedom

– Lee Hays and Pete Seeger, *“If I Had a Hammer”*

Let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring. And when this happens, when we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old negro spiritual, “Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”

– Martin Luther King Jr., *excerpt from his “I Have A Dream” speech*

While the Bell, with joyous note

Clanging from its brazen throat,

Rings the tidings, all-exultant — peals the news to shore and sea;

”Man is man — a slave no longer,

Truth and Right than Might are stronger.

Praise to God! We're free; we're free!”

– Elbridge S. Brooks, *from “Liberty Bell,” section I. Philadelphia, 1776, written in 1885 for St. Nicholas Magazine*

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