



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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### Presidents Message

Compatriots,

As we approach the end of our first quarter we can reflect on our accomplishments and identify some immediate goals as we go forward.

First, the Executive Committee has always been charged with the administration of Chapter affairs, but until this year that really has not been happening for the last several years. This has changed. The Executive Committee has been meeting monthly since January. It is helping to shape improvements we are making to organizational structure and develop ideas to increase awareness and participation of the membership about the things the Chapter does and will do. Three noteworthy accomplishments:

- We approved an annual calendar for our lunch meetings. We now meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month except August and December. In lieu of a December regular meeting, members participate in the nationwide Wreaths Across America Program.
- We have overhauled the Bylaws producing a complete and modernized set of governing procedures. These will hopefully have your full support and approval at our next meeting.
- We have begun discussion on the Trust Fund looking at alternative income producing investments, but also looking at new investment policies on future donations to what I refer to as the Chapter's capital fund.

Finally, as a Chapter, we welcomed two new members into our ranks with last months induction of Steve DePaul and Herb Gardner.

Looking forward, we can identify some immediate subjects that the Executive Committee will review over the next few months.

We will finalize a review of the Chapter's capital fund and make recommendations to the membership on how future donations will be classified while reporting on how the current assets are being invested.

As required by the new Bylaws, we will formalize an annual budget approved by the Executive Committee so that the membership can be periodically informed and updated on the status of funds used in carrying out our programs. We will do that in the second quarter and thereafter by February of each succeeding year.

There has been discussion over the years of improving the Chapter's visibility on the Internet. The facts are that the Chapter has all the tools in place but maintenance may be a problem. We will fix this if it is fixable, and report back to the membership.

In closing, our Chapter is positioned to see a new influx of member involvement and participation. I welcome hearing back from any member or prospective member that wishes to get more involved. I have formed and am forming several committees to look at specific matters that warrant a focused review. Please let me know if you would like to participate and let me know what kind of ideas you would like to explore. There can always be a committee of one.

Chuck Adams  
President and Registrar/Genealogist  
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR



### NEXT MEETING - March 19, 2022

**Davie Outback Steak House**  
**2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328**

#### Future Dates:

Saturday, 04/16/2022

Saturday, 05/21/2022

Saturday, 06/18/2022

Saturday, 07/16/2022

August Off

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

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Our January Chapter Officers held an E-Board meeting to plan this year's programming.



Our January 2022 SAR meeting combined with members from Miami Chapter and via Zoom members from the WPB Chapter.



Steven De Paul & Herb Gardner being sworn-in by President Chuck Adams and assisted by Ted Duay and Thomas Shepherd. Left to right Steven De Paul, Herb Gardner, Herb's wife Shelley, Ted Duay and Thomas Shepherd.



President Chuck Adams presenting the certificate to Herb Gardner and his wife Shelley.



President Chuck Adams presenting the SAR certificate to Steven De Paul



Left to right you have Past Presidents Ted Duay and President Thomas Shepherd, Herb Gardner, Steven De Paul and Chuck Adams.



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMATION

Our meeting of **January 15, 2022** was canceled so that the Chapter could host the SE Regional Annual Meeting presided over by FLSSAR Regional Vice President Bernard Wolff of the Miami Chapter. Updates were provided by members of the Miami and Fort Lauderdale chapters and an update was heard via video conferencing from the West Palm Beach Chapter. Our Chapter was well represented. Tom Shepherd participated on the video conference call. Those in attendance: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Allen Manning, Vice President; Peter Stevenson, Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin; John Brown, Martin Hollick; Dave Lohmeyer; John Sauerwald; and Mark Snider. Additionally, prospective new members Brad Emler, Rick Kidder and Jeffrey Watts were all in attendance.

Our meeting of **February 19, 2022** was a very special event. Those in attendance: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Peter Stevenson, Secretary; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin; Steven DePaul; Herb Gardner; Dennis Grubbs; Ted Duay; Martin Hollick; John Lohmeyer; John Jr. Lohmeyer; Tommy Lohmeyer; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Mark Snider. Also in attendance were prospective new members Brad Emler; and Rick Kidder; as well as, guest, Shelley Gardner. This meeting included discussion on upcoming state and national meetings. Aided by the experience of past president Ted Duay we had a meaningful discussion on what typically occurs these these meetings, and how our membership can get more actively involved in SAR by first volunteering to participate on FLSSAR committees. It was noted that the 2023 NSSAR Annual Congress meeting is scheduled to be hosted by Florida and that also may be an event that Chapter members may think about attending. Prior year service certificates of appreciation were awarded to; past president, Thomas Shepherd; past Vice President & Registrar/ Genealogist, Chuck Adams; past secretary, Peter Stevenson; past chaplin and numerous other offices over the years, James Lohmeyer. Prior year treasurer, Joe Motes, will be recognized at the next meeting for his many years of distinguished service. The highlight of the meeting was the induction of new members Steve DePaul and Herb Gardner. It was even more memorable with the induction ceremony conducted by President, Chuck Adams, aided by immediate Past President Thomas Shepherd and Past President, Ted Duay. We were happy that Herb Gardner has his wife Shelley also present for the event.

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## GENEALOGIST CORNER

By Chuck Adams

Since early 2019, I have worked with over 25 of our newest members in documenting their Patriot lineage in sufficient detail to qualify and be admitted to SAR. Many of you have invited me to your on-line family tree so I could find documentation or download records that you already found. Some of you are more skilled than others. A few of you only had a paper trail. Almost all of you made some basic, fundamental mistakes in naming

your ancestors and identifying places associated with the key events of birth, marriage and death. Here are some tips when using a database, whether on-line, on your computer, or a paper family group record sheet:

1. Avoid referring to an individual with a title such as Dr. or Rev. or Mrs. or a military rank. Think of how the name would be stated on a birth certificate or in a town register. Record the given name and surname. Record a middle name only if stated; or, for earlier generations, if there is an after the fact documented middle name or initial you can insert that. Do not assign suffixes to names such as II or III or Jr and Sr. unless you find them referred to as such in historical documents or on marriage and death records, or possibly census records. Whether a prefix or suffix, these are not the fields to track lineage such great grandparents, etc., by inserting references such as “ggf” or “ggm”. In the case of a nick name, it is best to distinguish it with parenthesis, i.e., Sarah “Sally”.
2. In your database, you can use “notes” or add a “fact” such as occupation, military or miscellaneous to record titles. You want to keep the name as true as you can to the birthname so the search engine and algorithm used by a database like Ancestry.com has an unimpeded name to try and locate records of your ancestor.
3. For women, always list their maiden name as their surname and no other. As we go back to earlier times, often the maiden name is unknown. In genealogical writing that would be written historically as a blank line i.e., \_\_\_\_\_. In databases, your best option is to record the maiden name as unknown with, and only in this instance, the married surname i.e. (Unknown) Married Surname. Sometimes you have a male ancestor who married a widow where the surname of the widow’s deceased husband is known but her maiden name is not. Then you would record her as (Unknown) Widowed Surname; but, be sure to name the first husband in the database with, at minimum, his known or estimated date of death.
4. Places. Always enter places in the name that it was known as at the time of the event. Use notes to qualify any detail as to what it is currently called. Always name the place, to the extent known, in hierarchical order. Start with the locality (incorporated city, town, village or unincorporated laid-out township), then county and end with state (or territory). In the case of a township, enter the name followed by Twp. In the case of a county, just name the county i.e., Broward and not Broward County or Co. Only spell out county or abbreviate it when the locality is not known i.e., married at Broward County, FL.



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In the case of a state, pick a method and be consistent. Either spell it out, use historical abbreviations, or use the postal two letter abbreviation. Resist any prompt to add USA to a place name in the United States. It is unnecessary wording and depending on what you are entering, it may not have been a USA state or recognized territory at the time of the event. For instance, California wasn't recognized as a US territory until 1847 and Florida wasn't recognized until 1821. So, you must always think of the place as it was at the historical time of the event. I only refer to a country when the place is outside of the borders of the United States. Most of the research questions you may have can be quickly answered when you Google the place.

If this has been of interest to you but raises some questions – call or e-mail me. In my next article I will discuss on-line databases and also software you can load on your computer some of which connects or generates hints from the on-line databases and one which does not.



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## **SAR MEMBER PROFILE –**

### **PETER STEVENSON**

By Chuck Adams

**Q.** Ok, Pete, you currently serve as Chapter Secretary/ Chancellor and are a member of the Executive Committee. Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

**A.** I was born in Berkeley, California but was raised in New Jersey. I graduated from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and then went to grad school at Columbia University in New York City. I majored in economics and worked at Celanese, Sanofi and Pfizer in manufacturing roles and later had profit & loss responsibility for several different business units. During my career I was based in Texas, Kentucky, New Jersey, Paris France, Michigan and retired while living in New York. Soon after retirement, I moved to Fort Lauderdale full time.

**Q.** How about your family?

**A.** My wife's name is Margarita and she is from Colombia, South America. We met when I was based in Louisville, Kentucky after I signed up for a Spanish class at night school. She was the Spanish professor. We have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. My son, Michael, lives outside Boston with his wife and 2 children. He is also a member of our Chapter and a SAR compatriot. Our other son, Juan, lives in Seattle, Washington with his wife and 1 child.

**Q.** Since you are retired, can you tell us about some of your interests and any volunteer work that you would like to let us know about?

**A.** I retired in June 2019 from Pfizer. I serve as Vice Board Chair and chair of the Governance Committee for a charity called United to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases which is funded by the Gates Foundation among other philanthropies. My hobbies are golf and playing classical guitar.

**Q.** Who is your Patriot ancestor?

**A.** My Patriot Ancestor is Ezra Eames who served as captain of Eighth Company of the Fifth Regiment of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, commanded by Colonel Abner Perry. He was born in Ashland, Massachusetts in 1746 and died there in 1833.

**Q.** Are you interested in Chapter development, interacting with other Chapter and SAR members and, if so, what ideas do you wish to share?

**A.** Yes, I'm interested in Chapter development and am working on the Program Review and Expansion Committee.

Thanks, Pete, for sharing.