



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter

### Next Meeting – Tower Club, 28th Floor of the Nations Bank Building

1 Financial Tower, SE Third Avenue & Broward Blvd.

(Parking inside building is \$ 2.00 from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm if ticket is stamped by the Receptionist)

**DATE:** THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1994

**TIME:** BUFFET LUNCH - 11:30 to Noon (No 'Social Time')

**COST:** \$ 11.00 per PERSON (Make checks payable to: Tower Club)

For RESERVATIONS : Call Oscar Kraehenbuehl at **564-2813**

by **Monday, March 7th.** (Note earlier deadline !)

### **PROGRAM :** Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

*Compatriot Sam Freas, Chairman of the Chapter Oration Contest, has succeeded in stimulating lots of interest in this program by the Broward high school teachers and students. As a result, there will be more than the usual number of contestants, which warrants streamlining the regular meeting to keep it from running too long. Please try to arrive about 11:30 am and proceed directly to the buffet. The first group of contestants will perform at noon, followed by a break for dessert and to clear the tables. The rest of the orations and the award presentations will follow.*

*We are expecting a number of parents and teachers to accompany the contestants and urge all SAR members, candidates and their guests to come and show support and appreciation for these fine young students.*

### **NEWS :**

+ At the February meeting, we were treated to an enthusiastic and informative presentation about the success being achieved in the Broward County "Drug Court" by Judge Robert Fogan. He was most appreciative and honored to receive the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his distinctive service. -- He was also presented with an SAR Flag Certificate for the patriotic display of the American flag atop a tall mahogany pole that had been the mast of a wrecked refugee ship.

+ Come join the parade and have fun while representing the SAR in the St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 13th. Our entry focal point will be Ed Sullivan's bright green 1931 Model A, Ford roadster. It is desired that as many members and friends as possible walk (or ride) along with it. Revolutionary or Frontier garb is desired, but come dressed anyway you wish. Just come !!

**Date: Sunday, March 13, 1994**

**Participants must be in place by 12:30 PM**

**Location: Starting at S.E. 3rd Ave. and 2nd Street, Ft. Lauderdale**

**Staging Area is provided in the adjacent bank parking lots.**

+ It is hoped that more members will take the time and initiative to participate in Chapter, Florida Society and SAR community related activities. A list and description of the many opportunities will be included in the next newsletter. Besides the personal satisfaction and pleasure you should gain, these activities also provide the basis for receiving recognition and appreciation from the Chapter and Society. The Chapter's Medals and Awards Committee receives recommendations and designates to whom appropriate awards should be given. This Committee is guided by groundrules established by NSSAR. -- To help this committee function, it is requested that all chapter members review the enclosed list of awards and note those that you have, or may be entitled to receive. Please bring the completed list to a meeting or mail it to Oscar Kraehenbuehl.

*( Turn sheet over for a bit of history and trivia. )*



# DID YOU KNOW ?



## ***SHOULD WE REVERT TO THE BRITISH APPROACH ??***

British discipline, always harsh, became increasingly severe as commanders found it difficult to prevent their men from plundering the civilian countryside. Long-standing regulations made the death penalty a last resort, usually reserved for battlefield deserters and for traitors. But there was a penalty just short of death that could be used at the discretion of any general officer.

General Sir William Howe turned to the use of that penalty as early as January, 1776. Reporting to London, he said that "robberies and housebreaking have got to such a height that some examples have to be made."

That month, a court-martial condemned seven enlisted men to severe floggings; several got the maximum: 1,000 lashes.

A soldier who was punished by flogging was tied to a post formed by crossed halberds. Drummers administered the cat-o'-nine-tails. Each man gave twenty-five lashes, then passed the whip along to a comrade. Experience had indicated that 1,000 lashes in a single session usually led to death, so men who received the maximum sentence of flogging could expect four weekly periods of punishment of 250 lashes. At the end of each period, buckets of salt water were poured over cut and bleeding backs.