



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)

DATE : THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1993

TIME : SOCIAL - 11: 30 am LUNCH - 12:00 Noon

COST : \$ 12.00 per PERSON (Checks payable to: Ft. Lauderdale Chap.- SAR)

For RESERVATIONS : Call Wally Floyd's secretary (California Federal)

by **11:00am TUESDAY**, November 9th, at **566-9705**.

(Late reservations can be made until 11am, Wednesday, by calling 564-2813)

PROGRAM : Guest Speaker will be Mayor Jim Naugle

Our speaker is a native of Ft. Lauderdale and a history enthusiast, so we can anticipate that he will speak on more than city activities and programs. Come and enjoy his company and message.

+++ !! *Bring your friends !!* +++

NEWS :

+ **Nomination and Election of Officers for 1994**

The following slate has been submitted by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations will be accepted at the Nov. 11th meeting and the election held. -- Please give serious consideration to running for an office and being an active participant in your chapter.

— President :	Oscar Kraehenbuehl	— Chaplin :	Fred Topper
First Vice-President :	(need a candidate)	Chancellor :	Robert Dooley
Second Vice-Pres. :	Barry Bridges	—Sgt.-at-Arms :	James Organ
Secy/Treasurer :	Allen Moore	—Historian :	Gilbert Buckbee

+ **Installation Banquet**

This annual special affair will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9th, at the Anacapri Inn, 1901 N. Fed. Hwy., Ft. Lauderdale. In addition to the usual social and induction events, your President has arranged for some professional musical entertainment to follow. Please mark your calendar now, and a more detailed invitation will be sent in a few weeks requesting your reservations.

+ Those not attending the October meeting missed the following:

- Rep. Tracy Stafford provided an informative, yet distressing account of judicial problems and plans in our state and its legislature.
- Sandra Thomas, representing the "National Society of the Children of the American Revolution", reminded us of the programs and membership available for our children. (C.A.S. brochures are available from your Chapter Secretary.)
- Roland Price was inducted into the SAR. We congratulate and welcome him !! (Sorry it took so long for approvals.)
- Do you want to be nominated for a Florida SAR office ?? Chapter Secy. has necessary forms.
- Do you want to contribute to the George Washington Endowment Fund, which is used to support unfunded and underfunded committees and projects of the NSSAR ? Chap. Secy. has forms.

+ Many thanks to those members who are including some 'extra \$' with their dues for the trust fund.

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



DID YOU KNOW ?



Tropical Storms Helped Change the World

Francois Joseph Paul de Grasse, Marquis de Grasse-Tilly, was as French as his name suggests. As commander of a fleet in New World waters he often acted boldly, sometimes almost in whimsical fashion. He didn't care to risk the loss of fine warships temporarily based in Haiti and knew from veterans of those waters that tropical storms can be expected practically every year.

Partly to escape danger from hurricanes, de Grasse ordered his vessels to move northward. Lacking this incentive, there is no reason to believe he would have been in a position to encounter the British fleet commanded by Admiral Thomas Graves.

The French had the numerical advantage—twenty-four ships of the line against nineteen. So the admiral who had sailed away from hurricane-troubled waters decided to close with the British. Both sides suffered heavy losses, with the issue still undecided. Fleets disentangled themselves after the fierce battle of September 5, 1781, and for four days sailed along parallel courses without renewing the battle.

This sequence of events played a vital but often unrecognized part in Washington's spectacular victory at Yorktown. Cornwallis had expected to put his men aboard British vessels and move them swiftly and safely to New York. Only the presence of the French fleet—battered from the September battle but still too formidable to enable Cornwallis to escape by sea—kept British forces bottled up where Washington could push their backs to the wall.

Practically all the glory that stems from British capitulation at Yorktown belongs to Washington, of course. But without de Grasse and the French fleet he couldn't have acted as he did. And had the West Indies not been noted for hurricanes, de Grasse and his warships would have been far away in warm southern waters.