



The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter

Meeting Place – 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, OCTOBER 13, 1994

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

COST : \$ 14.00 per PERSON (*Make checks payable to: Tower Club*)

For RESERVATIONS : Call Oscar Kraehenbuehl at **564-2813**
before **Noon, TUESDAY, October 11th**

REMINDER: You could be billed for the cost of lunch if you make a reservation and fail to attend. The Tower Club has initiated a policy to charge groups for the number of reservations reported. If you don't call, but can attend, come anyway. Some extras can be accommodated.

PROGRAM : "Trial by Jury - An American Right", by Hon. Leonard Stafford.

Our speaker is Judge of the Circuit Court for the 13th Judicial District (Broward County). It is fitting and proper that he speak on this most timely subject since he is currently sitting in the Civil Trial Division hearing nothing but jury trials.

+++ Attend !! Support your Chapter !! Bring your friends !! +++

NEWS :

- + **The August program was skillfully presented and well illustrated !!** Judy Sulser, Naturalist, gave us a whirlwind tour of Florida's ecological evolution, natural resources and its environmental challenges. Her presentation and slides were entertaining, informative and well received.
- + **Bronze Good Citizenship Medal awarded to Joe Shover.** At the August meeting, Mr. P. S. "Joe" Shover was presented the Good Citizenship Medal for his noteworthy contributions in making his neighborhood a patriotic and caring community. He personally constructed and erected flag poles in each yard and obtained flags that had been flown over the nation's capital. He provided sculptures around the neighborhood to establish a small town atmosphere, organized social gatherings and community support at times of need and has been a leader in motivating and encouraging others. His wife, Ada, also was our guest at this event.
- + **NSSAR Flag Commendation Certificate presented to Stephen Horne.** Mr. Horne painted his 6' fence with six historical versions of the American flag. These can be viewed along the 800 block of SW Davie Blvd.
- + **DAR Constitution Week Luncheon participation.** This annual event was well attended. We thanked the DAR for inviting us and urged them to continue providing candidates for SAR membership. Your President had invited the 1st place winner of the National SAR essay contest, Marcee Freshman from Sunrise, (and her father) to attend this meeting and presented her with the \$500 prize and a certificate of appreciation.
- + **Reserve Friday, Dec. 9th, for Annual Initiation Banquet.** Details of this event will be mailed with the November newsletter, but mark your calendar for this special event to be held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club.
- + **Remember that the November Chapter meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday (11/17).**
- + **DON'T OVERLOOK THE ENCLOSED 1995 DUES NOTICE.**

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



Did you know ?



Israel Bissel, Rider

Longfellow's 1860 poem about "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" is one of the most stirring in the English language. Partly because of it, myths cluster around the universally well-known rider like barnacles on an old shrimp boat.

Dr. Joseph Warren, who sent Revere galloping, dispatched three other messengers: William Dawes, Ebenezer Dorr, and Joseph Hall. Apparently on his own initiative Solomon Brown rode all the way to Lexington.

But the really impressive ride linked with events of April 19, 1775, was a five-day feat by a man whose name dropped out of history. Iz Bissel was a veteran postrider on the Boston to New York run. He was an ordinary working man set apart from the company that included Paul Revere by the rigid social distinctions of colonial America.

Bissel got his orders from Colonel Joseph Palmer of Braintree, Massachusetts. Palmer received sketchy word about the Battle of Lexington and wrote out a message to which he put his signature in case it should be challenged.

"The bearer Israel Bissel is charged to alarm the Country quite to Connecticut," Palmer wrote. "All persons are desired to furnish him with fresh horses, as they may be needed."

Riding hell-for-leather, Iz Bissel covered the roller coaster road to Worcester, Massachusetts, in just two hours. Tradition says his horse died under him at the site of present-day Worcester city hall. He got a new one and kept going. By April 21 he was in New Haven—and on Manhattan Island two days later. He shouted word of Lexington to crowds of church goers, then climbed back on his horse and raced through New Jersey. He didn't stop until he reached Philadelphia on April 25, 118 hours from his starting point at Watertown, Massachusetts, setting a record as a long-distance courier.