



Next Meeting Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 6:30 PM
at the Denny's Restaurant on Coach Lane in Cameron Park

Mother Lode Chapter

LIVE Meeting at DENNY'S!

Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM

To: Members and Friends of the Mother Lode Chapter SAR

Tuesday May 25, 2021, the Chapter's next scheduled meeting, will be held at the Denny's Restaurant on Coach Lane in Cameron Park.

Meeting time is **6:30**, however if you want to order something to eat come early. Denny's will be expecting us at **6:00** PM.

Applicants come and introduce yourselves to the members.

Guests are always welcome!! .

It will be good to see you all,

Tom Douglas

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ZOOM Mother Lode Chapter Meeting

April 27, 2021

Chapter Members in Attendance:

- Mike Muetz, President
- Tom Douglas, Secretary (Voice Only)
- Douglas Drake, [Consigliere](#)
- Russ Kaiser, Color Guard Adjutant-North
- Tom Adams, *Dispatch* Editor
- Gene Bell, Faithful Bugler
- Tom Chilton, Worthy Past State Registrar

State Offices Attending:

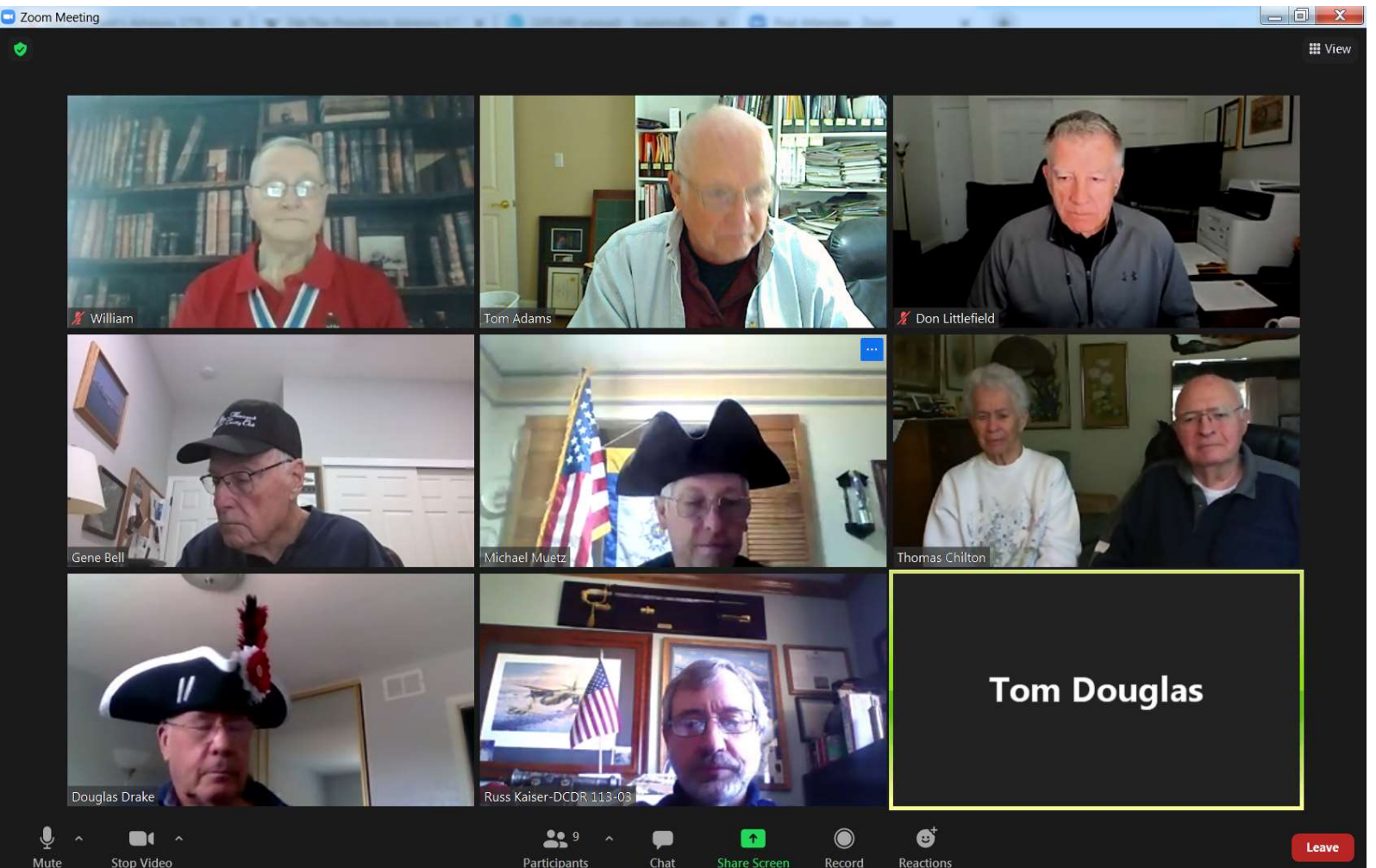
- Don Littlefield, Past State President
- Bill Van der Valkenberg, State VP North

Most Honorable Guest:

- Marilyn Chilton

Chapter Officers Unable to Attend:

- Sam Bradley, Exec VP
- Bob Conover, Treasure
- Kevin Tierney, Youth Activities Coord.



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AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Don Littlefield**, outgoing CASSAR President attended our meeting and introduced **William (Bill) Van Valkenburg** as our new **VP North**. Bill is from the **Redwood Empire Chapter**. ... Our Chapter thanked Bill for accepting the role and welcomed him to the **Mother Lode**.
2. **Doug Drake** chaired the portion of the meeting that deal with the planning for **Annual Community Service Awards Banquet**. His report is included.
3. **Tom Douglas** gave the Secretary's report. The highlight (for me) was hearing that the two **Hart** brothers (grandsons attending Whitney HS in Rocklin) have been admitted to the **SAR**. Tom's report is included.
4. After the Zoom Meeting, **Bob Conover** offered to submit his **Treasurer's Report** directly to the *Dispatch*. Bob's report is included.
5. I (**Tom Adams**) reporting on the **American Revolution Veterans Monument Dedication** Anne and I attended on **Patriots' Day** in New Marlborough, Mass. **Jim Young** and **Dacia** were there. My report is included.
6. **Marilyn Chilton** Reporting on her participation in the **CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Zoom Spring Meeting** offered to provide a monthly report on the LACASSAR in the *Mother Lode Dispatch*. Her report is included.

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AGENDA ITEMS (Continued)

7. During the ***“For the good of the Order”*** closing, faithful Bugler, **Gene Bell** raised the question of whether the **National SAR Society** will step up and defend the Nation’s founding in light of the on-going assault in the media of our founders, our Constitution, and our essential founding. I (**Tom Adams**) offered that as a member of the **National SAR Education Committee**, and the **National Americanism Committee** for 10 years, have come to the conclusion that it will not. I have observed that while the individual membership might consist of more “conservative” minded individuals, the few “progressive” individuals assure that the greater society will not act “conservative.” Whenever I have seen an effort to express a conservative sentiment, we are warned that such action can be interpreted as **“political”** and thereby a threat to our **501(c)3** status – and thus ends the effort. ... The playing out can be far more complicated and drawn out, but for example the very promising ***National SAR American’s Founding Documents*** program which was implemented here in our County two years ago by our **Kevin Tierney** has since been shelved.

8. ***“If National won’t get involved, can’t Chapters?”*** Gene asked. I agree, and I included a reference to one very supportive article on our founding that I’ve become aware of. Perhaps others can offer more. (*Included elsewhere.*)

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Ladies Auxiliary CASSAR

By Marilyn Chilton

The purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution is to maintain a nonprofit association of women interested in and supportive of the objectives and activities of that Society.

The goals of the Auxiliary are to stimulate greater interest in and support of the Society, to assist it in the promotion of the membership and furthering the historic, patriotic, and educational objectives and activities of the SAR. We also provide members of the Ladies Auxiliary a vehicle to support the society and use the time at CASSAR chapter and state meetings for service and friendship building.

Activities during the CASSAR state meetings include raffle sales and other fund raising, hospitality room support, local tours, educational and patriotic speakers, participating in LAUX business meetings and leadership, and enjoying banquets.

The members meet twice each year at the California SAR spring and fall state meetings. Money raised by the Auxiliary from dues, donations, raffles, and silent auctions goes to programs such as the CASSAR student essay and oration contests, Eagle Scout programs, and JROTC programs.

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Ladies Auxiliary CASSAR
By Marilyn Chilton

Membership is open to women related by blood or marriage to CASSAR members in good standing or members deceased while in good standing. Annual dues are \$25.00 payable to Treasurer Karen Dodd, 17621 Irvine Blvd, #200, Tustin, CA 92780-3131

Have a nice summer.

Marilyn Chilton

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Please email me with any questions



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“Documents Worth Reading”

By Tom Adams

In the April 2021 Chapter Meeting, **Gene Bell**, asked if we can expect the **National SAR Society** to step forward and defend the Nation’s founding in light of the on-going assault in the media of our founders, our Constitution, and our essential founding as a nation. I, **Tom Adams**, as a longtime member of the **SAR National Education Committee** and **Americanism Committee** offered that it **will not**. To which Gene then asked: “Couldn’t State Societies and Chapters step up?” ... To that, I agree, and here is my effort to start the dialogue.

I offer ***The 1776 Report***. It is apparently an attempted defense by Conservatives to counter recent criticism of our founding, e.g. ***The 1619 Project*** and recent promotion of ***Critical Race Theory***.

Trump created the Commission that published the report in his last days. New President **Joe Biden** abolished the Commission as one of his first actions, and also had the report deleted from the White House website. So, I am sure we could find critics of the report. I found the report on **Wikipedia**. - **Tom Adams**

Here it is: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1776 Commission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1776_Commission)

Please send me any documents, or links to documents, you which to share as “worth reading”, or even videos “worth viewing” – including a criticism of ***The 1776 Report***.

Dedication of the American Revolutionary War Veterans Monument in New Marlborough, Massachusetts

By Tom Adams

I was the opening speaker at the dedication of an 11 foot tall monument honoring the **American Revolutionary War Veterans** from the small Western Massachusetts town of **New Marlborough**. The reason being is that in **2016** I provided the initial research to identify the **221 veterans** being honored. My opening line went something like this:

“Ten years ago I was enjoying my SAR Chapter Meeting in the Northern California Sierra Mountain Foothills, when my good friend **Jim Young** (*who is here with me today*) came up to me and said:

*Tom, You're not going to believe this, but my Patriot, **Obadiah Brown**, and your Patriot, **Moses Adams**, were in the same Minute Man Company in New Marlborough, Massachusetts.”*

So began my fascination with the town of New Marlborough and my role in helping them build their monument.



Jim and his wife **Dacia** (up from Tennessee) and my wife **Anne** and I had a great reunion. Jim and I were only half of the **Mother Lode Chapter** contingent. Our son **Matt**, (Citrus Heights) is a member, as is grandson **Nick**, (attending Drexel University in Philadelphia); Both were here. Also, our granddaughter **Julia** (up from NYC) was here. Old timers might remember **9 year old, C.A.R. Representative, Julia** singing the **National Anthem** at the **2008 National SAR Congress** in Sacramento.

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Status of Annual Banquet Planning

By Douglas Drake

At the April meeting, we decided to invite only first responders, no supervisors, from the El Dorado Sheriff's department, the Placerville Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Sheriff's 911 dispatch, and a registered nurse who was on the ER front lines of the COVID pandemic.

The following compatriots volunteered to assist in the preparations for the Awards Banquet:

Tommy Douglas will contact the sheriff, Placerville police, the CHP, and the 911 dispatch supervisors. **Russ Kaiser** will contact the nurse's supervisor. (**Tom Adams** offered to do the same.)

Douglas Drake will contact the Spaghetti Factory for catering and the table decorations.

Mike Muetz will be in charge of the venue, and contact the Sheriff's Explorers and the Civil Air Patrol.

Russ Kaiser, the maitre'd and Master of Ceremonies, will coordinate with

Tom Adams has taken the reins of designing and ordering the printing of the tickets, gathering the photos and bios of awardees, and preparing the brochure.

Bob Conover and **Sam Bradley** didn't attend the meeting, so were volunteered to solicit donations from the usual sources

Diane Ellis also didn't attend so was volunteered along with **Marilyn Chilton** to collect tickets at the door.

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Status of Annual Banquet Planning (continued)

By Douglas Drake

Douglas Drake gave a report on the ramifications of COVID on the banquet. Over 1700 lawsuits have been filed against purveyors who provided services to groups some of whose participants acquired COVID. There is currently a bill in the state legislature awarding immunity from suits for providers of social events which include 501(c)3 such as the Mother Lode Chapter. This bill is working its way through the legislature but if it becomes law, the usual effective date is January 1 of the following year, too late for the banquet. If the legislature deems the bill to be an emergency issue, it could become law earlier.

Douglas also provided a rundown of the current CDC and California restrictions on indoor groups. These change all the time, but as of April, we would need to have a person at the door to restrict entry only to those who have been vaccinated. Gene Bell noted that he had COVID, but had not been vaccinated, in other words, barring him from participating in the event.

This issue was tabled pending further instructions from the State and the CDC.

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Status of Annual Banquet Planning (continued)

By Douglas Drake

Douglas also reported that there were table setting restrictions requiring a six foot distance between families and that family-style serving, where plates of food are placed on the table and the diners help themselves is also barred by COVID restrictions. The six foot distance can be accommodated by using ten tables.

Douglas will check with the Spaghetti Factory about separate servings being delivered rather than the family style servings we did last time. This will place an additional burden on the servers, the Explorers, many of whom have not been vaccinated as of press time the FDA has only just authorized adolescent vaccinations.

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Chapter Treasurer's Report

By Bob Conover

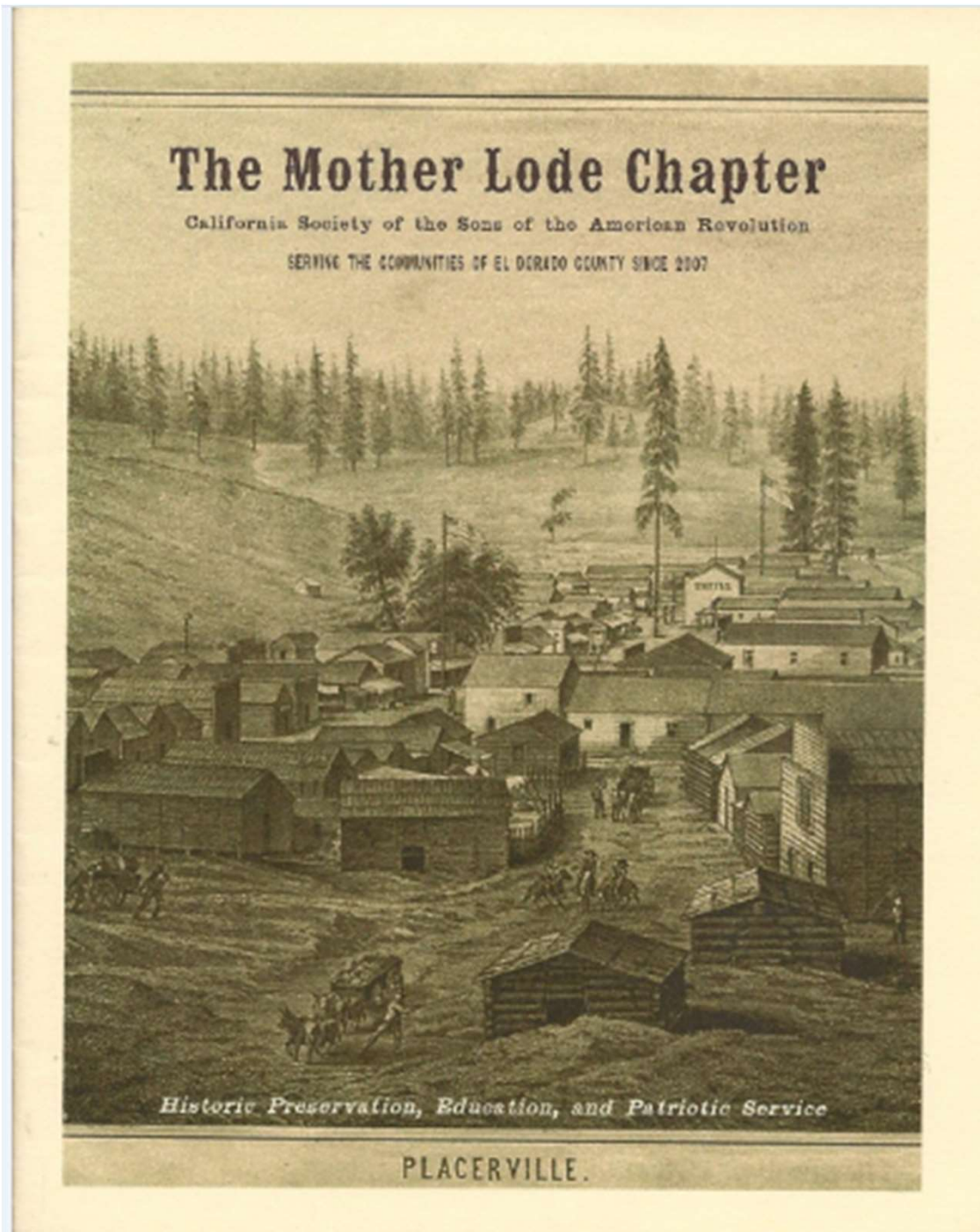
Bob hopes to have this as a handout at the Chapter Meeting so he can more easily explain it.

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	1/1/2020						\$5,007.56
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INSURANCE	5/4/2020	1005			\$365.00	LIABILITY INS	\$3,597.56
CHECK	6/10/2020	1006			\$100.00	AWARD	\$3,497.56
CHECK	6/10/2020	1007			\$25.00	AWARD	\$3,472.56
CHECK	11/12/2020	1008			\$159.86	SEC ITEMS, PAPER	\$3,312.70
DEPOSIT	11/13/2020		\$1,350.00	DUES ECT			\$4,662.70
DEPOSIT	11/30/2020		\$195.00	DUES ECT			\$4,857.70
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INSURANCE	2/22/2021	1010			\$356.00	LIABILITY INS	\$3,596.70

Mother Lode Chapter Meeting Chapter Directory

By Tom Douglas

Coming soon!



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Date/Time	Event
Jul 10, 2021 - Jul 15, 2021	SAR 131st National Congress <i>Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, Renton WA</i>
Nov 04, 2021 - Nov 07, 2021	146th Fall Board of Managers Meeting <i>Mission Inn, Riverside CA</i>



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