



Next Meeting Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 6:30 PM
at the Denny's Restaurant on Coach Lane in Cameron Park

Mother Lode Chapter

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To: Members and Friends of the Mother Lode Chapter SAR

**THIS IS THE ELECTION OF
OFFICERS MEETING**

**Mother Lode Chapter
Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2021
Denny's Restaurant, Cameron Park, CA**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Muetz at 6:33, Compatriot Sam Bradley gave the invocation, Compatriot Tom Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Mike Muetz led the SAR Pledge.

There were seven regular members, **Gene Bell, Tom Adams, Mike Muetz, Doug Drake, Sam Bradley, Steve Almy, Bob Conover**, one Duel Member, **Don Littlefield**, and two guests, **Craig Anderson**, and potential member **Roderick B. Conklin**, a good friend of Doug Drake.

CASSAR Past President, Don Littlefield gave his greeting as did Craig Anderson passed president of the Sacramento Chapter and current State Executive VP.

Secretary Tom Douglas was not present, so no Secretary's Report was given. President Mike Muetz asked that the minutes from the previous meeting, as they were published in the recent *Dispatch* issue, be approved. Passed.

Happy 75th birthday to Doug Drake who was surprised at the rendition of "Happy Birthday"

Rod Conklin, longtime friend of Doug Drake, attended the meeting. Rod had attended the NSSAR Congress in Costa Mesa with Doug in 2019. He is very interested in joining the SAR. His father was a member of SR (Sons of the Revolution). Even though Rod is from Long Beach he would like to join the SAR through the Mother Lode Chapter. Doug Drake will work with Rod on his application.

Bob Conover gave the Treasurer's Report and reported that 10 members had paid their dues. A discussion of the unpaid members commenced. Tom Adams began by stating he was responsible for not yet paying the dues for his 6 grandsons. He was begrudgingly planning to pay the \$420 this year for the 6 young men, but he hoped in the future to receive some relief. Compatriot Adam's rationale for requesting, perhaps, a discounted rate for active young members who in all reality, is they will not be ready to fully participate until they are in their 40s and 50s. The recommendation to Adams to avoid making large monthly payments, by a National SAR official, is that he should purchase Life Membership.

[Detail added by Tom Adams] The cost of that action for his 6 grandsons would be over \$8,000.

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Don Littlefield doubted Adams' reduced fee proposal would ever happen. He concurred with the SAR official's position, and in fact had purchased a life membership for his son.

Doug Drake commented that while he was Treasure the Mother Lode Chapter paid some members' dues in anticipation of their later paying the dues. The consequences of this resulted in the State Society having to pay some dues for the chapter. **[Detail added by Tom Adams]** (It was not clear in Doug's explanation how this happened – and it is immaterial to the issue.) Nevertheless, the issue of dropping the membership of members who do not pay was on the table.

Don Littlefield emphatically stated that we just need to drop people who dues have not been paid. Doug Drake was in total agreement. And he made a motion that the Chapter Secretary upon dropping a member should notify that member stating that they have been dropped and could be reinstated whenever they desired. The motion was seconded and passed by the members (5 to 2).

Consequently, Tom Adams said he would not make any dues payment for his grandsons and they will be dropped from the roles of SAR - just one year for some since they became members. Tom Adams, with six unpaid grandson dues, then asked that the just approved letter not be sent to the grandsons because he would inform them directly at holiday events coming up when they will all be home.

[Detail added by Tom Adams] The October dues letter sent out by Secretary Tom Douglas contained this paragraph: "Non-payment of member dues will result in dropping the member from membership in the SAR. While it is relatively easy to reinstate one's membership, the reinstatement process is slow, and the dropped member usually misuses several copies of the National SAR Magazine."

Tom Adams gave the Youth Report for Kevin Tierney. It looks like we will have a poster entry this year from John Adams Academy. And it also looks like we will have a brochure entry from Rolling Hills Middle School in EDH. The proposed 'Spirit of America' program was brought up and Adams asked if anyone was considering donating \$1,000 to offer the program to a school, to either contact him or Kevin.

Bob Conover told us that Dave Verry who was a frequent donor to the Mother Lode Chapter has passed away. It was moved that we should send our condolences from the Chapter to Dave's widow. Bob Conover can be the contact.

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Donald Littlefield has brought up Mother Lode Chapter website. In the process he purchased www.motherlodesar.org which he added this to his library. If the Chapter wishes to purchase it from him we just need to tell him. Tom Adams provided Don with issues of the *Dispatch* which are now accessible through the website.

Craig Anderson has offered to bring someone up to speed on a newsletter similar to the format used by the state and the Sacramento chapter. Tom Adams suggested that we are hopeful member candidate Steve Belden will be an excellent new editor. As soon as his is a member we will have him contact Craig.

Mike Muetz stated the major issue to be taken up next month is the election of officers. Mike stated he would not want to serve again as president. And we have a previous note from Tom Douglas that he would not be able to serve as secretary next term.

Tom Adams, as editor, promised the next *Dispatch* issue would contain a description of the Officers.

Compatriot Sam Bradley gave the Benediction, Compatriot Don Littlefield led the SAR Recessional and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 with the singing of God Bless America.

Minutes compiled from notes provided by President Mike Muetz and Compatriot Tom Adams.

Respectfully edited and submitted,

Tom Douglas, Secretary

Mother Lode Chapter Election of Officers

Extracted from
Article IV - Officers
Chapter By-Laws:

The officers of the Chapter shall be:

- **President,**
- **Executive Vice President,**
- **2nd Vice-President-Meetings,**
- **Secretary,**
- **Recording Secretary,**
- **Treasurer,**
- **Registrar,**
- **Chancellor,**

and such other officers as the Chapter may wish to determine.

The officers shall be elected from the Chapter membership and shall serve for a minimum of one year, from Jan. 1, to Dec.31, and may be reelected for additional years as determined by the Chapter. If there are insufficient members to fill all of the officers' positions, the duties of several officers may be combined to ensure the responsibilities are fulfilled.

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Election of Officers

Extracted from Chapter By-Laws:
Article IV - Officers

The **President** shall preside over all meetings of the membership. He shall recommend any activities, which will be undertaken by the Chapter during his term of office.

The **Executive Vice-President** shall function in the absence of the President, or upon the President's inability to act, and shall perform such duties as may be specifically assigned to him. A prerequisite for holding this office is a clear understanding and commitment that the Executive Vice President will serve the Chapter as its President when the current President leaves office. The Executive Vice-President shall be responsible for arranging the meeting place, meeting programs, and obtaining guest speakers.

The **2nd Vice-President-Meetings** shall oversee all of the various chapter programs. They include but are not limited to the: ROTC/JROTC Program, Eagle Scout Program, Knight Essay Contest, Law Enforcement Program, Flag Certificate Program, and Valley Forge Program.

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The **Secretary** shall keep and maintain a complete record of the proceedings of the Executive Committee. He shall prepare such papers, records, instruments and reports as may be required for the Chapter, State or National Societies, and such other duties that may be prescribed by the Chapter or Executive Committee.

The **Recording Secretary** shall keep and maintain a complete record of the proceedings of the chapter meetings.

The **Treasurer** shall receive all dues, and safely keep all funds of the Chapter, and shall deposit all funds in such bank or banks, which may be selected by the Executive Committee. He shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions by the Chapter, and may be bonded at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The **Registrar** shall review and approve the preparation and submittal to the California Society, SAR all applications by candidates for membership in SAR.

The **Assistant Registrar** will aid the Registrar in research and preparation of applications.

The **Chancellor** shall be an attorney at law and it shall be his duty to give opinions on legal matters affecting the Chapter when such questions are referred to him by the Executive Committee. He shall act as the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

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Mother Lode Chapter **Appointed Officers**

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Article IV - Officers

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The **Chaplain** may be asked by the President to offer an Invocation or Benediction in connection with any regular or special meeting of the membership. He may be an ordained clergyman or may be a layman if he is a Chapter member. A visiting clergyman may be asked to function as Chaplain. The Chapter Chaplain may be assigned such other duties by the President as will improve the spiritual well-being of the Chapter members, such as visiting the sick, shut-ins, etc.

The **Historian** shall keep such historic records of material as will promote the overall purposes of the Chapter and the SAR.

The **Editor of The Mother Lode Dispatch** shall be responsible for notifying the membership of meetings, items of major interest, including payment of dues, and news items, through the publication of The Mother Lode Dispatch.

The **Sergeant at Arms** shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the Chapter's flags and other meeting paraphernalia, and have them available for use at Chapter meetings.

The **Web Master** shall be responsible for maintaining the Chapter's web site. This includes, but is not limited to, resolving technical problems, updating the chapter information, and posting the current issue of The Mother Lode Dispatch to the web site.

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 next *State & National Society Meetings*

DATE / TIME	EVENT
December 18, 2021	Wreaths Across America
April 22-24, 2022	147th Annual CASSAR Meeting The 147 Annual Spring Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown-Arena on April 21st through 23rd 2022. Room rates are \$129 per night and parking is \$10/day. The Holiday Inn Downtown-Arena is located adjacent to Golden One Center and is within easy walking distance of shopping and historic “Old Town Sacramento”



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