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President's Message

Dear Compatriots,

By the time you read this edition of the Hiester Herald, Election Day will have passed. I hope that you exercised your right and duty to vote.

On October 23, 2010 our Chapter held what I believe was our first breakfast meeting. The gathering was a bit less formal than our dinner meetings in that very little business was conducted. David J. Batdorf shared his recollections of the Nuremberg Trials with us. There were 17 compatriots and 9 guests in attendance. Those compatriots in attendance gave a thumbs up when asked if we should try to continue with an annual breakfast meeting.

Leon E. Adam and Nevin F. Miller received their rosettes during the breakfast meeting at Country Fare restaurant.

Soon the holiday season will be upon us and our annual dinner meeting will bring a new administration to Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter SAR. I hope many of you will try to attend the dinner meeting at the Berkshire Country Club to cast your vote during the business portion of the meeting.

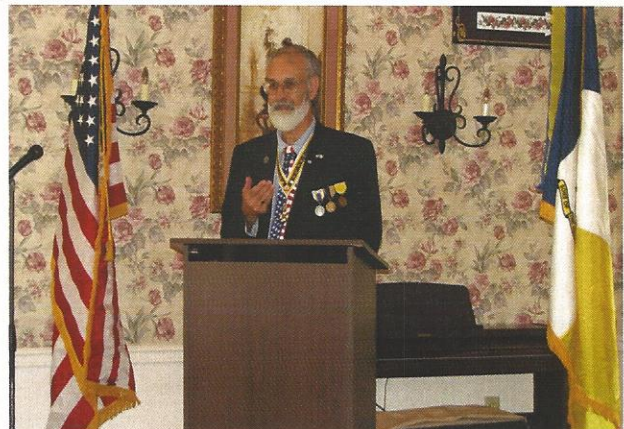
The end of my term as president is fast approaching. I would like to thank all of our compatriots for their loyal support and willingness to try new ideas. It has been an honor to serve as your president.

The officers and members of this chapter work well together and I believe that this tradition will continue.

Thank you again for the chance to serve you this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Eric H. Troutman



Committee Reports

Eagle Scout

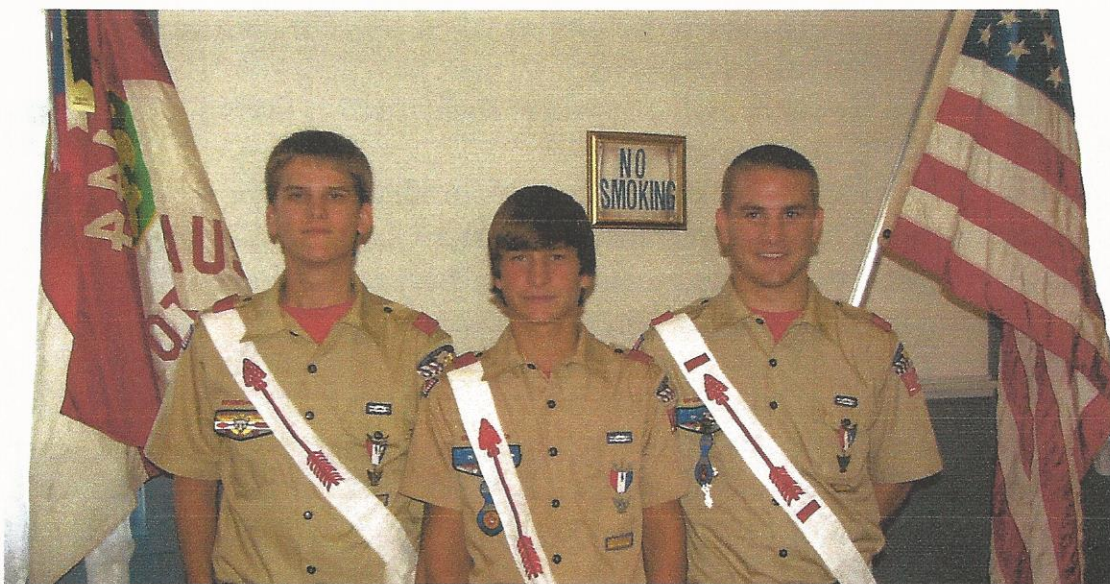
Robert W. Murray, Chairman

On October 17, 2010 I was privileged to attend a special and most unusual Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ezekiel Sheaman, Troop 144 of Strausstown, PA. As part of the ceremony, "The Call of the Eagle" was read by his brother Zachary and the Eagle Scout Charge was given by another brother, Zebadiah both of whom are Eagle Scouts. This is certainly a family of Eagles. Congratulations are certainly in order for all three young men and a special accolade to their parents, Matthew and Christine.

To date our committee has attended a total of sixty-five Courts of Honor where we presented the scouts with letters of congratulations and Certificates of Recognition from the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter as well as information regarding our scholarship program. The same information was mailed to the twenty-three Eagle Scouts whose ceremonies we were unable to attend. The deadline for the submission of these scholarship applications is December 1, 2010.

In closing I want to remind the Chapter of the tremendous void our Committee must fill with the passing of our compatriot Bruce Reppert. Bruce was my "go-to-guy" whenever I came up short in finding someone to attend Courts of Honor. Bruce is sorely missed both as a personal friend and fellow society member.

Obviously we are in need of some compatriots to step forward and offer their services to our committee so we may continue to honor these young men at their Eagle Courts of Honor. Without additional support our physical presence at these very special events is in great jeopardy.



A Family Affair

Zachary Sheman (Eagle Scout 2005), Ezekiel Sheman (Eagle Scout 2010), and Zebadiah Sheman (Eagle Scout 2007)

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has put forth the following slate of officers for 2011:

President – Robert M. Hillegas
 Vice President – Barry L. Kauffman
 Secretary – David G. Loose Jr.
 Treasurer – Robert W. Murray
 Genealogist – Eric H. Troutman
 Registrar – Eric H. Troutman
 Chaplain – Lawrence E. Ramberger
 Surgeon – Dr. David C. Brock
 Chancellor – Scott E. Lash, Esq.

Election and installation of the 2011 officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on December 2, 2010.

Registrar/Genealogist

Three new members have been approved:

John M. Stoudt	Johannes Staudt
Stephen N. Stoudt	Johannes Staudt
Jayquan J. Sudler	Johann Philip Trautmann

Three membership applications and six supplemental applications are awaiting approval at national headquarters. The chapter has 89 members, 2 dual members and 4 men are currently preparing papers for submission to national.

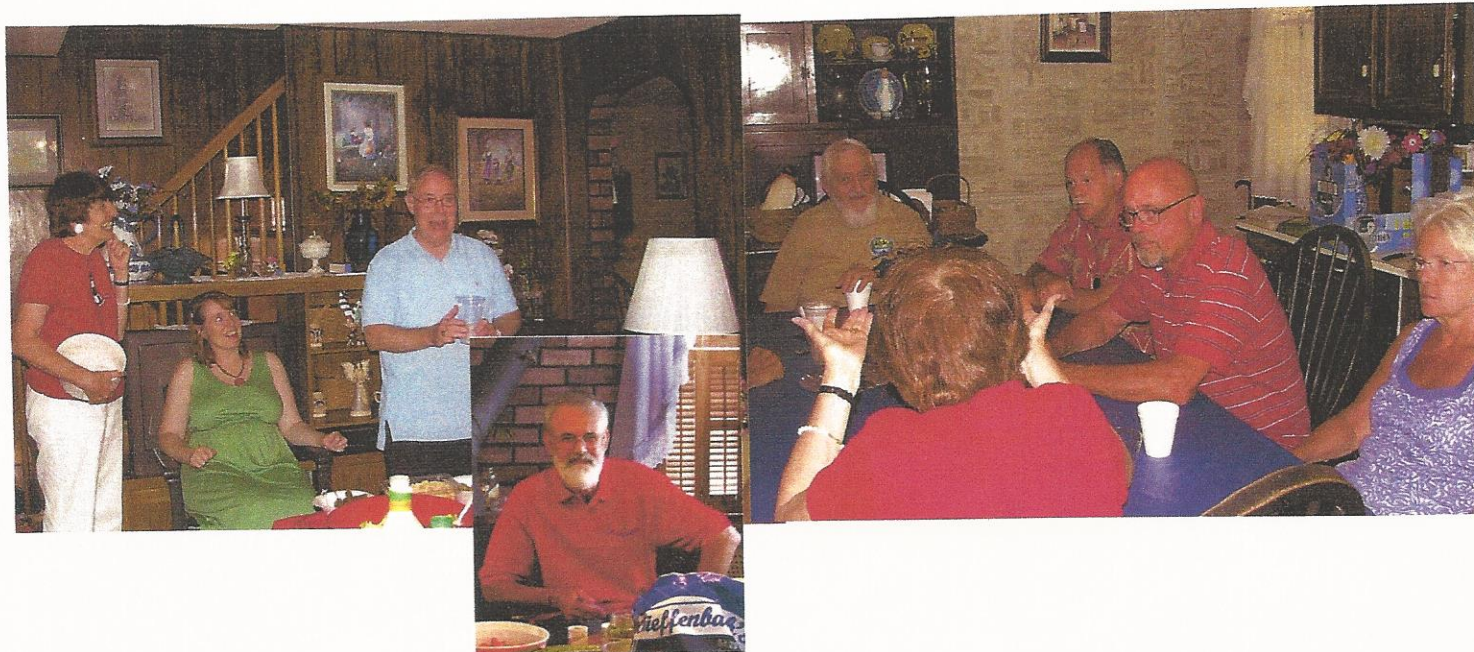
Eric H. Troutman

Dues

Dues notices were mailed in late October. Compatriots should make every effort to pay their dues as soon as possible. **The deadline for payment is December 15, 2010.**

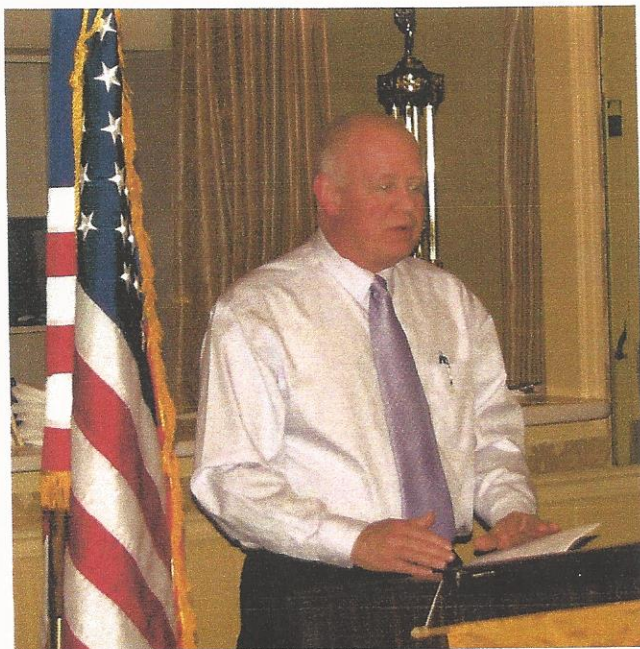
President's Picnic, July 24, 2010

Left to right: Compatriot Bruce Dietrich and his ladies, Group discussion with Nevin Miller, David Loose, George Hetrick, his lady, and Renee Dietrich, Eric Troutman enjoys a bite to eat. Thank goodness for A/C, temperatures in the high 90's forced the picnic indoors.

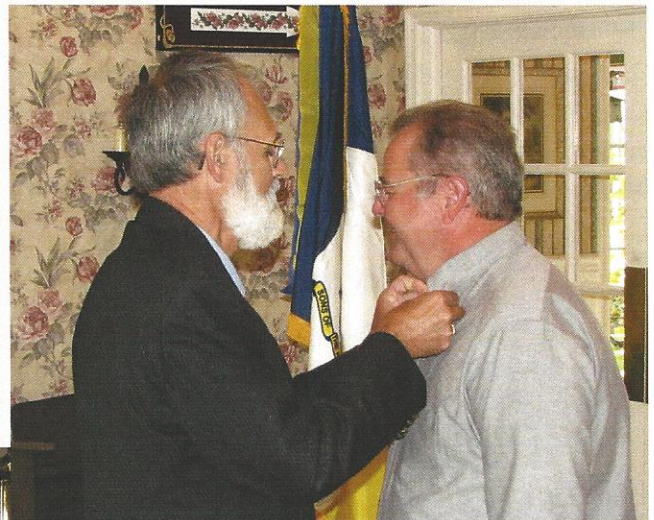


Fall Dinner Meeting

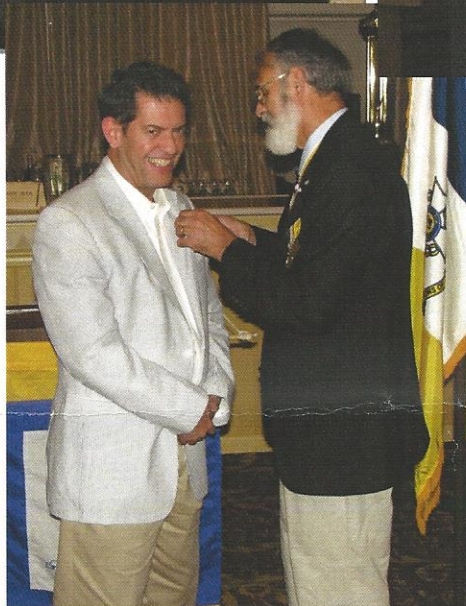
PASSAR President Thomas Showler, below right, brought greetings from PASSAR before Dr. David C. Brock, a GJH Compatriot below left, shared his experiences as a short term missionary with our members during the fall meeting at the Heidelberg Country Club.



Rosettes Galore



Receiving rosettes at October's breakfast meeting are above left, Nevin F. Miller. and at right, Leon E. Adam. David J. Batdorf, center, receives his rosette at the Fall Dinner Meeting. Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter welcomes you!



First Annual Breakfast Meeting

David J. Batdorf, below, recounts his memories of the Nuremburg Trials at our breakfast meeting at Country Fare Restaurant on October 23, 2010.



Color Guardsman Succumbs

Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter Sons of the American Revolution lost a loyal member in September. Com-patriot Bruce Reppert lost his battle with cancer. Bruce loved being a member of the color guard and rarely missed answering the captain's call to assemble.

Below is his obituary which appeared in the Reading Eagle September 16, 2010.



Bruce E. Reppert

Bruce E. Reppert, 76, Stone Hill Farms, Spring Township, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, after a short and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was the husband of Rosemary (Hummel) Reppert.

He was born in Reading at the home of his grandpar-ents, who raised him, the late Edward J. Reppert Sr. and Mary L. Reppert, on Aug 10, 1934. He was a son of the late Bruce V. Reppert and Catherine (Mease) Reppert Smith.

Bruce had many jobs throughout the years, including ServiceMaster; supervisor at Berks Heim; public works superintendent in Cumru Township; superintendent of building and grounds at the YMCA, Read-ing; and production assistant at Ludens Inc. and Polymer Corp.

After retirement, he was a part-time courier for County of Berks and part-time sexton at Kissinger's Lutheran Church.

Bruce served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1958 and retired from the PA Army National Guard in 1986 as a Staff Sergeant. He was a graduate of Reading High School, Business Institute, McCann's School of Business, University of Maryland, overseas extension school and various military technical schools for administration and legal courses. He was also a graduate of the advanced noncommis-sioned officers academy for the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

He was a member of Wyomissing Church of the Breth-ren and an active member of the choir. He was affiliated with the Berks County Armed Forces Advisory Committee, Oley Valley American Legion Post #878. He was a member of the Re-tired Enlisted Association, and Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and its color guard.

Bruce enjoyed singing in various community choruses, including Horizon Sing-ers of Berks County and the Muhlenberg Community Chorus. He loved to travel with Rosemary around the country and world, including a cruise of the Hawaiian Islands and the Blue Danube River.

In addition to his wife, Bruce is survived by a son, Kyle Bruce Reppert, and his partner, Timothy Ray Bartlett, Longwood, Fla.; a daughter, Kimberly Beth Howe, and her fiance, Steve McBee, Reading; stepdaughter, Beverly Merkel, Reading; and stepdaughter Sharon Merkel, and her partner, Robert Paoletti, Muhlenberg Twp.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Kayla Dorisa Howe, and Nicholas Joseph Merkel, and his wife, April, and great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose Merkel.

Also surviving is a half-sister, Barbara McCane, Sinking Spring; and a half-brother, Michael Reppert, Reading; aunt, Lillian Reppert, West Reading; uncle, Edward, and his wife, Helen Reppert, Laureldale; uncle, Byron Reppert, Mechan-icsburg; and 14 cousins.

He was predeceased by a half-sister, Judy Juranis.

Concord Hymn

Ralph Waldo Emerson

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,

Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,

Here once the embattled farmers stood,

And fired the shot heard round the world,

The foe long since in silence slept,

Alike the conqueror silent sleeps,

And Time the ruined bridge has swept

Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,

We set today a votive stone,

That memory may their deed redeem,

When like our sires our sons are gone.

Spirit! Who made those freemen dare

To die, or leave their children free,

Bid time and nature gently spare

The shaft we raise to them and Thee.

This poem was written in 1837 in honor of the first veterans of the United States of America.

Bits and Pieces

Annual Meeting

The Chapter's Annual Meeting will be held on December 2, 2010 at the Berkshire Country Club. We will gather at 6:00 PM. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. The featured entertainment will be the St. Thomas Bell Choir.

The 2011 Chapter officers will be elected and sworn in at the meeting. Reservation form is included in this newsletter.

President's Day Luncheon

The Annual President's Day Luncheon will be hosted by the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR. It will be held on Feb. 19, 2010 at 12:00 noon at the Inn at Reading. Registration form is included with this newsletter.

Color Guard Uniform Available

Thinking of joining the Governor Joseph Hiester color guard? Not sure about how to obtain a uniform? There's a solution to your dilemma. We have a uniform waiting for you. Contact Floyd Turner or any GJH officer for details.

Thank You

A big thanks to Floyd Turner and Mary Bahr for sharing their photos during the year. Their talents have helped document the events over this past year. How drab the newsletter would have been without their generosity.