



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Governor  
Joseph Hiester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution  
March 12, 2015**

The quarterly meeting of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Gianotti's Country Manor, Fleetwood, PA.

**The following compatriots and guests were in attendance:**

**23 Compatriots:** Leon E. Adam, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., David C. Brock MD, Paul Clouser, Stephen E. Crook, Miles K. Dechant, Bruce L. Dietrich, Ronald D. Fisk, Martin R. Goetz, Barry L. Kauffman, Richard C. Kreitz, Howard R. Longacre, Raymond H. Longacre, David G. Loose Jr., James M. McAteer, Larry Magdy, Nevin C. Miller, Gerald C. Peppel, Charles H. Seibert, David T. Shultz, Eric H. Troutman PASSAR State President, Floyd Turner II PASSAR Third Vice President and William M. Wagner Jr.

**17 Guests:** Lenora Adam, Mary Bahr DAR, Steve Brock, Ruth Clouser, Marci Thomson-Crook, Betty Dechant DAR, Ron Devlin (Guest Speaker), Thomas W. Famiglietti (Prospective Member), Sue Gaudio, Walt Gaudio, Jane Goetz, Mariann Kauffman, Jean Leck, Patricia McAteer, Veronica Seibert, Stephanie M. Troutman DAR and Glenn Weyer.

Charles H. Seibert led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and Pledge to the S.A.R.**, followed by Dr. David Brock giving **an invocation**.

**The meal was served.**

**Guest Speaker:** Ron Devlin "John Adams and Reading's Liberty Pole"

**Minutes Report: Secretary D. Loose Jr.**

A copy of the minutes from the December 2014 Quarterly Meeting were handed out to each member. Floyd N. Turner II made a motion, Nevin C. Miller seconded and the minutes were unanimously adopted as amended.

**Treasurer's Report: David G. Loose Jr.**

Balance, 12 March 2015	\$	7,189.81
Income		7,067.00
Disbursements		5,581.74
Cash on Hand, 12 March 2015	\$	8,675.07
Cash in Savings, 12 March 2015		4,828.90
Total Cash in the Bank	\$	<u><u>13,503.97</u></u>

**Treasurer's Report - *Continued*: David G. Loose Jr.**

The cash on hand total includes reserves for the Color Guard Fund (\$886.06), Youth Activities Fund (\$972.95) PASSAR BOM Meeting Bus Rental (\$265.00) and the Washington's Birthday Luncheon (\$288.30).

The Treasurer's Report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

**Registrar/Genealogist's Report: Eric Troutman**

**New Members:**

Roger A. Broome

**Ancestor:**

Johannes Follmer

**Transfer In:**

Kenneth C. Brenneman

John Brenneman

**Supplementals Approved: Ancestor:**

Willard N. Brensinger Jr.

Joseph Eberhard

John E. Lauman

Jacob Markley & George Schwank

Raymond H. Longacre

Johannes Detwiler/Detweiler

Gerlad C. Peppel

Johannes Detwiler/Detweiler

Charles H. Seibert

Christopher Gerhart

**Applications at National Headquarters:**

New Member Application

Knox L. Bucher, Thomas W.  
Famiglietti, Evan C. Loose,  
Kenneth W. Roberts, R. Glenn  
Weyer & Erik G. Weyer

Supplemental Application

Charles H. Seibert

Our Chapter currently has 131 members and 15 prospective members.

Eric Troutman mentioned the George Washington Endowment Fund is set up to fund good causes. Anyone can contribute towards the fund. A member making a pledge of \$1,000 or more (including pledges of \$200 a year for 5 years) becomes a George Washington Fellow. Eric has applications if anyone is interested.

The Minute Man Button was introduced to help fund the Museum. PASSAR just donated \$17,760.00 making Pennsylvania the first State Society to donate a significant amount, which will fund 30 square feet. Individuals who contribute as little as \$148.00 to fund a ¼ square foot of the Library will receive a Minuteman Lapel Pin.

Anyone who donates towards \$25.00 or more towards the Friends of the Library will receive a Friends of the Library Pin.

**Eagle Scout Report: Barry L. Kauffman**

Our Chapter receives about 50 to 60 Eagle Scout requests each year with about half of the Eagle Scouts requesting our presence. As such, the Chapter is looking for volunteers to participate in the Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.

**Color Guard Report: Charles H. Seibert**

We had a great turnout for the Washington Birthday Event with nearly all the Color Guard Members attending.

Upcoming Events are as follows:

- March 23rd – Mission BBQ Restaurant Grand Opening Event.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – PASSAR BOM Meeting.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Oley Elementary School – Patriot Day.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Samuel Etter's Grave Dedication.

We are looking into adopting a summer outfit, which will be more of a militia type uniform. Lori Beasley of American Heritage Clothing in Hamburg, PA provides both the militia and as well as the full uniform.

**Veteran's Report: Charles H. Seibert**

We have been working with Doug and Liz Graybill doing stand-downs to provide meals, personal items, clothing, housing and food for veteran's in need. Stand-downs are held on the second Saturday of every month up at City Park, Reading, PA. At the old Police Station / substation.

The Veteran's Service Corps until recently had only 3 service corps; (1) World War II (840 veteran members), (2) Korean War (119 veteran members) and the (3) Vietnam War (369 veteran members). The Persian Gulf War was added and now has 24 veteran members. Now President General Brock has now added the Military Service Veterans Corps to include all veterans receiving an Honorable Discharge and a National Defense Service Medal can receive a numbered Certificate of Patriotism signed by the NSSAR President. So far only 3 people have received the new Certificate.

**George Washington's Birthday Luncheon Report: Miles K. Dechant**

This was our Chapter's first attempt to celebrate Washington's Birthday Luncheon which was held February 21<sup>st</sup>. This event is held at many active Chapter across the nation. Since it was discontinued by the DAR and the Berks County Historical Society we wanted to bring back this event to Berks County. We had 82 people sign up and despite the inclement weather still had 70 in attendance. We had an excellent speaker, Dr. Tim H. Blessing who spoke eloquently about George Washington. There were 9 people in attendance from Schuylkill County.

**Old Business:**

- The Spring PASSAR BOM Meeting will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Inn at Reading, Wyomissing, PA with a Saturday lunch and Memorial Services to be held at Salem Belleman's Church in Bernville, PA. Bus transportation will be available between the Inn at Reading and Belleman's Church. There will be information in the Spring Minuteman Magazine.

**Old Business: *Continued***

- Allegiance Sunday will be held on June 21, 2015 at St. Michael's Church in Tilden Township. The service will begin at 9:00AM.

**New Business:**

- Patriot Biography – if 20% of our Chapter's Members submits a Biography to National on any of their approved ancestors, the Chapter can win a streamer for the Chapter's Flag. Credit is given for each supplemental. The deadline for submission is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Leon E. Adam presented Marshall E. Lignian Certificates to the following individuals: David C. Brock MD, Raymond H. Longacre, James M. McAteer, Nevin C. Miller and Gerald C. Peppel. Eric H. Troutman noted that the Marshall E. Lignian Certificate is awarded for the first time a member sponsors someone into the SAR. Four Certificates will be mailed to the following individuals not in attendance: Robert W. Hillegas, Patrick A. Magdy, Trevor B. Vaughan and Tristram E. Vaughan
- The next Executive Board Meeting will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society, Room 418 at the Googleworks, Reading, PA.
- The June Dinner Meeting will be held at Ganly's Irish Pub in Sinking Spring, PA. The Guest Speaker will be Dr. David Valuska who will speak about "PA German's in the Revolution."

The meeting ended at 9:00pm with the members reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Respectfully submitted by; David G. Loose Jr. Secretary