



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Governor
Joseph Hiester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
March 14, 2013**

The quarterly meeting of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Stouch Tavern, Womelsdorf, PA.

The following compatriots and guests were in attendance:

19 Compatriots: Leon E. Adam, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., David C. Brock MD, Miles K. Dechant, Ronald D. Fisk, Philip L. Garrett, Martin R. Goetz, John L. Houser, Barry L. Kauffman, Howard R. Longacre, Raymond H. Longacre, David G. Loose Jr., Larry A. Magdy, Nevin C. Miller, Robert W. Murray, Gerald C. Peppel, Charles H. Seibert, Thomas A. Stewart and Eric H. Troutman.

14 Guests: Joshua K. Blay, Lenora Adam, Susan Brensinger, Steve Crook, Betty Dechant DAR, Peggy Garrett, Christina Gerry, Jane Goetz, Mariann Kauffman, Raymond Peppel, Veronica Seibert, Lee Terrey, Steve Terrey and Stephanie M. Troutman DAR.

Leon Adam 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 following guest was introduced: Joshua K. Blay, Associate Director / Museum Curator, Historical Society of Berks County.

The meal was served.

Minutes Report: Secretary D. Loose Jr.

A copy of the minutes for the December 2012 Quarterly Meeting were handed out to each member. A motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: R. W. Murray:

Balance, 6 December 2012	\$	10,252.17
Income		3,090.00
Disbursements		<u>7,057.57</u>
Cash on Hand, 14 March 2013	\$	6,284.60
Cash in Savings, 14 March 2013		<u>4,696.42</u>
Total Cash in the Bank	\$	<u>10,981.02</u>

The reserves for the Color Guard Fund (\$641.75) and Youth Activities Fund (\$938.45) are included in the cash on hand total.

Treasurer's Report - continued

Wayne noted that the Chapter's financial records were audited with no discrepancies reported.

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

Registrar/Genealogist's Report: Eric Troutman

New Members Approved:

Capt. David Benjamin Goss

Ancestors:

Henry Whetstone

Supplemental Applications

Willard N. Brensinger, Jr.

Larry A. Magdy

Charles H. Seibert

Jacob Fry & Martin Miller

Mathia King

Daniel Weiser, Johannes Potts & Bernhardt
Zimmerman

New Member Applications at National Headquarters:

Robert W. Bloch

Supplemental Applications at National Headquarters:

Willard N. Brensinger, Jr. (2)

Eric Troutman

Eric is currently working with 17 prospective members and there are four applications in process. We have a chance of reaching 125 members this year. Our Chapter is currently the fourth largest Chapter in the State.

District Deputy Report: Eric Troutman:

National is still trying to raise money for the new building. Refrigerator magnets are awarded for donations of \$25 or more. The new building is supposed to be dedicated in a year and a half and they are starting to work on the second phase of the project, which will include a store and a museum. The building will be complete in time for the 2015 Congress.

District Deputy Report - Continued

Our Chapter had a good turnout at the quarterly PASSAR meeting in Camp Hill. The following eight compatriots represented our Chapter:

Eric H. Troutman
Floyd N. Turner II
Barry L. Kauffman

William N. Brensinger, Jr.
Leon E. Adam
Charles H. Seibert

Nevin C. Miller
Miles K. Dechant

Color Guard Report: W. Brensinger

The next Color Guard event will be the Memorial Day Parade in Wyomissing on May 25th.

Eagle Scout Report: R.W. Murray

For the 2012 calendar year, the committee was invited to attend sixty-one Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. We were unable to commit to another nineteen ceremonies but the appropriate information was sent to each scout. We try to contact all Eagle Scouts when we are aware that they have passed their Board of Review but unfortunately many of them neglect to contact the SAR when their Courts of Honor are firmly established.

Thus far in 2013 we have attended thirteen Courts of Honor and have fourteen additional ceremonies still on the schedule.

We had six scouts submit applications for the 2012 Scout Recognition Award. After reviewing the applications, the Committee has chosen Brant Portner from Troop 430, St. Ignatius Loyola, West Lawn as the winner. He will be recognized at our June Quarterly Meeting.

Several members of our committee recently met with Hawk Mountain Council executives to discuss our concerns regarding flag etiquette during Courts of Honor. As a result we have been invited to attend their scout roundtables to discuss the matter with the troop leaders. To date we have attended two roundtables at which time Compatriot Nevin Miller eloquently presented our concerns to the leaders present. Two more meetings have been scheduled.

Old Business:

- No Old Business

New Business:

- The next quarterly meeting will be held on June 13, 2013 at the Yellow House Hotel in Douglasville. Charlie Adams will be the speaker on the topic of "Colonial Ghosts."

A Motion was made by R. Longacre to adjourn the meeting, C. Seibert seconded and was unanimously approved.

Guest Speaker: Joshua K. Blay "The Life of a Museum Curator."

The meeting ended at 8:20PM with the members reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Respectfully submitted by; David G. Loose Jr. Secretary