



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Governor
Joseph Hiester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
December 04, 2014**

The quarterly meeting of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Berkshire Country Club, Reading, PA.

The following compatriots and guests were in attendance:

30 Compatriots: Leon E. Adam, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., David C. Brock MD, Stephen E. Crook, Miles K. Dechant, Bruce L. Dietrich, Philip L. Garrett, Martin R. Goetz, Robert M. Hillegas, Barry L. Kauffman, William Koch, William Koch Jr., Richard C. Kreitz, James D. Lawrence, Jason Lawrence, Howard R. Longacre, Raymond H. Longacre, David G. Loose Jr., Patrick Magdy, Larry Magdy, Nevin C. Miller, Robert W. Murray, Gerald Peppel, Charles H. Seibert, George Seigel, Thomas A. Stewart, Wayne Strasbaugh District Deputy, Eric H. Troutman PA State President, Floyd Turner II and William M. Wagner Jr.

19 Guests: Lenora Adam, Mary Bahr DAR, Marci Crook, Betty Dechant DAR, Renee Dietrich, Joseph Dougherty, Peggy Garrett, Jane Goetz, Pamela Hillegas, Mariann Kauffman, Robert Kreitz, Margaret Murray DAR, Ray Peppel, Marion Peppel, Cathleen Sauber, Veronica Seibert, Joanne Seigel, Carol Strasbaugh 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 meal was served.

Guest Entertainment: Musisc by Celtic Harpist Cathleen Sauber & Friends

Minutes Report: Forwarded by Secretary D. Loose Jr.

A copy of the minutes from the September 2014 Quarterly Meeting were handed out to each member. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Forwarded by R. W. Murray

Balance, 11 September 2014	\$	6,016.17
Income		2,477.50
Disbursements		1,303.86
Cash on Hand, 04 December 2014	\$	7,189.81
Cash in Savings, 04 December 2014		4,716.70
Total Cash in the Bank	\$	11,906.51

Treasurer's Report: *Continued*

The reserves for the Color Guard Fund (\$886.06) and Youth Activities Fund (\$972.95) are included in the cash on hand total.

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

Registrar/Genealogist's Report: Eric Troutman

New Members:	Ancestor:		
Seth C. Anthony	Michael Remaly		
David E. Dechant	Michael Emerick		
Zachary C. Heath	Georg Muller		
Richard C. Kreitz	John Adam Gruber		
George E. Miller	Georg Muller		
George E. Miller Jr.	Georg Muller		
Zachary M. York	Conrad Roeder		
Supplementals Approved:	Ancestor:		
Willard N. Brensinger Jr.	Andreas Hotz/Hoats		
Miles K. Dechant	Jacob Boyer		
Clark D. Frederic	Maertin Kercher/Kaercher		
Charles H. Seibert	Peter Klopp, Sr.		
Applications at National Headquarters:			
New Member Application			
Supplemental Application	Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Raymond Longacre Gerald Peppel & Charles H. Seibert		

Our Chapter currently has 141 members and 18 prospective members.

Eagle Scout Report: R. W. Murray

As we approach the end of 2014, we have attended only thirty-four Courts of Honor and sent appropriate materials to ten Eagle Scouts whose Court of Honor we were not able to attend. This is the lowest number of Eagle ceremonies we have ever attended since I became Chairman of the Eagle Scout Program. Perhaps it is fitting that another compatriot will be assuming the scholarship program and the deadline is December 01, 2014.

I would also like to thank all of the compatriots who so willingly gave their time to honor these deserving young men and who ably assisted me during my time as chairman.

Color Guard Report: Charles Seibert

Here are the following upcoming events.

- December 13th - Wreaths Across America at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Event starts at 12pm.

Veteran's Report: Charles Seibert

The SW Asia Persian Gulf War Veterans Corps. has been established to recognize veterans who served in support of Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm and were awarded the Southwest Asia Service, Liberation Kuwait (Saudi Arabia) or Liberation Kuwait Medal. Veteran's receiving these medals for their War Service may apply for the Certificate of Patriotism. The Certificate of Patriotism is currently awarded by NSSAR to the following War era veteran's: World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Charles Siebert sent each of our 3 active duty military members a Christmas Card signed by the Chapter along with a \$25 Gift Card.

Nominating Committee Report: Robert Hillegas

Robert Hillegas (Chairman), Eric Troutman and Raymond Longacre, put forth the following slate of officers for the 2015 administration:

President - Leon Adam

Vice President - Charles Seibert

Secretary – David G. Loose Jr.

Treasurer - David G. Loose Jr.

Chaplain - Dr. David Brock

Genealogist - Eric Troutman

Registrar - Eric Troutman

Chancellor - Scott Lash, Esq.

Surgeon - Dr. Thomas Stewart

The selection being unanimously approved, the candidates were sworn in by Eric Troutman.

George Washington's Birthday Report: Miles Dechant

- Washington's Birthday Celebration will be held at the Berkshire Country Club on February 21st at 12pm. The speaker will be Dr. Tim Blessing.

Old Business:

- Planning continues for the May PASSAR BOM Meeting that will be hosted by our Chapter. Tonight's proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle will go towards offsetting the bus fees.

New Business:

- Allegiance Sunday will be held at St. Michael's Church.
- Chapter Awards:
 - Chapter Certificate for Partners in Patriotism.
 - 2013/2014 Flag Streamer Award for the Chapter's \$500 Donation towards the Building.
- Individual Awards:
 - Barry Kauffman was presented the Past Chapter President Award.
 - Willard N. Brensinger Jr. was given the Bronze Color Guard Medal for his devoted service to the Color Guard.
 - Bruce Dietrich was presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his years of dedicated service as Chairman of the JROTC Program.
 - Wayne Murray was awarded the Chapter Meritorious Medal for his long and faithful service as the Chapter Secretary and as Chairman of the Eagle Scout Program.

New Business - Individual Awards - *Continued*

- Floyd Turner II was given the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for his work as Newsletter Editor and with the C.A.R.
- Bill Koch Sr. was recognized with a Lapel Pin and Certificate as a George Washington Fellow for his support of the George Washington Endowment Fund.
- New member installation: Richard Kreitz and George Siegel were sworn in by President Kauffman and presented with their rosettes.
- The March Dinner Meeting will be held at Giannotti's Country Manor in Fleetwood, PA. The Guest Speaker will be Ron Devlin who will speak about "John Adams and Reading's Liberty Pole."

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

Respectfully submitted by; David G. Loose Jr. Secretary