



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Governor
Joseph Hiester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
December 6th, 2012**

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:

25 Compatriots: Stephen A. Leishman, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Miles K. Dechant, Bruce L. Dietrich, Timothy G. Ghebeles, Martin R. Goetz, Robert M. Hillegas, Barry L. Kauffman, David G. Loose Jr., William G. Koch, William G. Koch Jr., Howard R. Longacre, Raymond H. Longacre, Larry A. Magdy, James M. McAteer, Nevin C. Miller, Robert W. Murray, Charles H. Seibert, Gerald C. Peppel, James H. Yocum, Eugene W. Ennis, Thomas A. Stewart, Eric H. Troutman, Floyd N. Turner II and William M. Wagner.

15 Guests: Janet Leishman DAR, Renee Dietrich, Betty Dechant DAR, Christina Gerry, Anita Ghebeles, Jane Goetz, Pamela Hillegas, Mariann Kauffman, Patricia McAteer, Margaret Murray DAR, Andrew Peppel, Raymond Peppel, Veronica Seibert, Nancy Snyder DAR and Stephanie M. Troutman DAR.

Barry Kauffman led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance** and President Robert Hillegas led us in the **Pledge to the S.A.R.**

The following guests were introduced:

NSSAR President General Stephen A. Leishman, First Lady Janet Leishman DAR, Betty Dechant – Regent of the Berks County Chapter of the DAR, Eric H. Troutman - 2nd Vice President, PA Society SAR and Floyd N. Turner II - Senior State President.

The meal was served.

Minutes Report by Secretary D. Loose Jr.: A copy of the minutes for the September 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 by R. W. Murray:

Balance, 13 September, 2012	\$	4,063.75
Income		6,899.00
Disbursements		710.58
Cash on Hand, 6 Dec 2012	\$	10,252.17
Cash in Savings, 6 Dec 2012		4,677.30
Total Cash in the Bank	\$	<u>14,929.47</u>

As of December 6th, approximately seventy percent of our Chapter's members have submitted their dues.

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

Registrar/Genealogist's Report by Eric Troutman:

8 New Members Approved:

Clark D. Frederick
James C. Frederick
Randolph C. Frederick
Timothy G. Ghebels
Parker A. Magdy
Daniel B. McAteer
Robert W. McAteer
Thomas E. McAteer

Ancestors:

Jacon Levin
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Joseph Walker
Peter Heilman
John Adam Bolender
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New Member Applications at National Headquarters:

David B. Goss

Supplemental Applications at National Headquarters:

Willard N. Brensinger, Jr. (2)
Larry A. Magdy
Charles H. Seibert (3)

As of December 6th, our Chapter's membership reached 117 members plus 3 dual members. In 2012, we added 23 new members and had 13 supplemental applications approved.

Eagle Scout Report by R.W. Murray:

For calendar year 2012 we attended sixty-one Eagle Courts of Honor and sent certificates to nineteen Eagle Scouts whose ceremonies we were unable to attend.

Other Business:

- President Hillegas recognized the following two long standing members: Don Maxwell – 50 Years and James H. Yocum – 68 Years.
- New Member Installation: Timothy G. Ghebeles was sworn in by President General S. Leishman.
- President R. Hillegas presented Eugene W. Ennis with a Rosette for transferring in from NJ.
- The Military Service Medal with Certificate was presented to Charles H. Seibert to honor his military service.
- The Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Support of the S.A.R. were awarded to the following two individuals: Willard N. Bresinger Jr. - Color Guard Captain and David G. Loose Jr. – Secretary.
- President R. Hillegas presented a gift to Treasurer Wayne Murray for hosting Chapter Board Meetings at his house.

Former Library General Miles K. Dechant introduced the guest speaker and presented him with a gift.

Guest Speaker: NSSAR President General Stephen A. Leishman.

Nominating Committee Report given by Chairman Eric H. Troutman:

The Committee selected the following candidates for 2013:

President: Barry L. Kauffman	Genealogist: Eric H. Troutman
Vice Pres.: Leon E. Adam	Chaplain: Dr. David C. Brock
Secretary: David G. Loose Jr.	Surgeon: Dr. Thomas A. Stewart
Treasurer: Robert W. Murray	Chancellor: Scott E. Lash, Esq.
Register: Eric H. Troutman	

The selection being unanimously approved, the candidates were sworn in by President General S. Leishman.

President Barry Kauffman presented outgoing-President R. Hillegas with a Past President pin and certificate for distinguished service as President of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter of the SAR.

Old Business:

The Executive Committee will be presenting the Historical Society of Berks County (“HSBC”) with a donation towards the CAR Project by year end. It is not too late to contribute towards this effort. The goal is to present the HSBC with a check for \$500.

The meeting ended at 8:44PM with the members reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary, David G. Loose Jr.