



Mother Lode Dispatch



Calling All Compatriots

Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 6:30 PM
Denny's Restaurant– 3446 Coach Lane – Cameron Park. CA.
Come at 6:00 PM if Ordering a Meal

REMINDER Our NEXT Meeting is (the 4th Tuesday of the Month)
February 26, 2019

THIS ISSUE FEATURE **January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the Mother Lode Chapter meeting January 22, 2019

President Mike Muetz opened the meeting at 6:30 Tuesday evening. The invocation was given by Vice President Sam Bradley, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Krahn and the Pledge to the SAR was led by Tom Chilton.

There were eight members, Tom **Adams**, Steve **Almy**, Sam **Bradley**, Bob **Conover**, Tom **Douglas**, John **Krahn**, Mike **Muetz** and Kevin **Tierney**, two duel members (Sacramento Chapter) Tom **Chilton** and Russ **Kaiser** and two guests, Joy **Krahn** and Marilyn **Chilton** present at the meeting.

Secretary Douglas gave Russ Kaiser his Mother Lode Chapter name tag. John Krahn asked if he could get a new chapter name tag. It was mentioned that Compatriot Jim Young had been the one to order name tags. Compatriot Young has moved out of the area so Compatriot Tom Adams said he could order a new name tag for Compatriot Krahn.

Compatriot Tom Adams brought up an article in the ML Dispatch regarding a request from State Essay Contest Chairman Patrick Cecil requesting members to help in judging the essay entrants. Any member willing to help in the judging should contact Compatriot Cecil.

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Treasurer Doug Drake gave his report via telephone from a beach in Hawaii. Compatriot Drake emailed a balance sheet showing the Chapter's assets and liabilities for his report. With a balance of **\$5,522.85** Compatriot Drake concluded the Chapter was in fair shape financially. With Compatriot Bob Conover election as the new Mother Lode Chapter Treasurer, Compatriot Drake is going to send the Chapter's check book to Compatriot Adams as Compatriot Adams is the other signer on the account. When Compatriot Drake returns from his time in Hawaii all necessary parties will meet at a local Wells Fargo Bank to update the signers on the Chapter accounts.

Compatriot Adams presented his budget for the youth programs for 2019. Compatriot Adams asked that **\$632.00** be approved for the youth budget for cash awards, medallions, and supplies. Compatriot Drake said this was a fair amount to be set aside for the youth programs. After a brief discussion there was a motion to approve Compatriot Adams' request, it was seconded and passed. Compatriot Adams gave a short pitch on donations for the youth programs. Compatriot Sam Bradley said he will help with the solicitation of funds for education donations.

Compatriot Adams opened a discussion on this year's Eagle Scout Scholarship participant, Cade Guidera and asked if the Chapter wanted to award him with the Eagle Scout Medal. Secretary Douglas mentioned the Chapter had an Eagle Scout Medal and a Certificate of Recognition in the Chapter's inventory. Secretary Douglas mentioned the Chapter had invited the last Eagle Scout Medal recipient and his family to a Chapter meeting for the awarding of the medal and the Chapter paid for the family's meal. Compatriot Adams figured it would cost the chapter approximately **\$75.00** to pay for the family's dinner. After a brief discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to invite Eagle Scout Cade Guidera and his family to a Chapter meeting and dinner and award him with the Eagle Scout Medal. Compatriots Bradley and Kaiser will wear uniforms to the dinner. Secretary Douglas will get the medal engraved and provide the certificate.

Compatriot Russ Kaiser is going to attend the black powder information and instruction classes given by the CASSAR. Compatriot Kaiser's being certified as an instructor in black powder firing could help the Chapter in recruiting members.

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Secretary Douglas report on the membership of the chapter; The Chapter began **2018** with **36** members, added one junior member, had two members transfer to other California chapters and dropped eleven members for non-payment of dues, giving the Chapter a membership of **24** members to start **2019**.

Compatriot Tom Chilton reiterated the need to actively recruit new members. He also said he would be willing to help with the genealogy searches for new member recruits, and help as much as he could with the application process. Compatriot Douglas reported we had approximately **\$1,110.00** in medals, certificates and misc. SAR and Chapter specific merchandise. Secretary Douglas passed out information regarding a book written by Past President General Ed Butler about Spain's assistance in the Revolutionary War and an order form for the book. There was also information and a pledge request form for a documentary film about Spain's involvement and Governor Galvez and the Revolutionary War.

President Muetz Mentioned he participated in the presentation of a Mother Lode Chapter Flag Certificate to the cal.net, a prominent local internet service provider. He also presented a plaque of General Washington's General Order for the Honorable Badge of Distinction and the Badge of Military Merit as a gift to American Legion Post 119 for their hosting of the ML Chapter's Annual Community Awards Banquet for the last two years.

Compatriot Conover asked about the verification of the "Cromwell Flag" in his possession that was being looked into some time ago. He believes it belonged to an ancestor of his and flew on the ship "Cromwell". Compatriot Adams said he would help with revisiting the verification process with Compatriot Conover.

Compatriot Tierney Agreed to reactivate the Chapter Web Page with help from Compatriots Douglas and Adams. He also said he would look into starting up the Face Book page.

Compatriot Adams nominated a Compatriot to have his name put on the "Most Charitable Member" plaque. Most Charitable covers the donation of Time, Talent or Treasure. After a brief discussion there was a motion to have the Compatriot's name added to the plaque. The motion was seconded and then passed.

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Compatriot Stephen Almy shared information about a book he read “A few acres of Snow”. The book was about the French Indian War and its relationship to our American Revolutionary Ancestors.

President Muetz will be going on vacation and will miss the February and March Chapter meetings. In his absence Vice President Sam Bradley will preside over the meetings.

The meeting was closed by President Muetz at approximately eight PM with the SAR recessional and the singing of “God Bless America” led by Compatriot Tom Chilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Douglas, Secretary



2019 Mother Lode Chapter Calendar

still to be planned

Here is one event you need to know about:

144rd Spring Meeting of the Membership

Date/Time Apr 25, 2019 - Apr 27, 2019

Ventura Beach Marriot Hotel

Hosted by the General Patton Chapter

Go to CASSAR Website:

<http://www.californiasar.org/events/144th-spring-meeting/>



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