



Mother Lode Dispatch

Calling All Compatriots

Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 6:30 PM

Raley's Event Center – 3935 Park Drive - El Dorado Hills.

Buffet dinner will be served at 6:15 | \$8 per person

Fall Comfort Food : to be planned

Come early to socialize with your friends, guests are welcome



REMINDER

No Christmas Meeting

See you all NEXT on the 4th Tuesday of the Month – January 23, 2018

Excellent Turnout at November Meeting

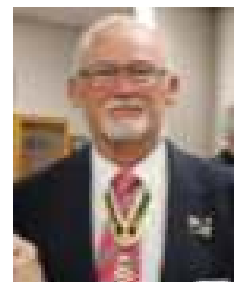
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Acting Chapter President **Tom Adams**. The invocation was given by **Sam Bradley**. **John Krahn** led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Past President **Jim Young** leading the SAR Pledge.

There were 12 Mother Lode Chapter members and 3 guests in attendance.

Tom announced our speaker tonight, is our own **Sam Bradley** and he will speak at the conclusion of our officers reports.

Tom introduced our CASSAR Officer guest **Dave Gilliard**. Dave is the CASSAR VP North. Derek Brown, CASSAR Executive VP had planned, but was unable to attend. Dave passed on Derek's condolences.

*Best Outcome of the Meeting: **Sam Bradley** will be our 2018 Mother Lode Chapter President!*



Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Chapter

Induction:

New member **John Holbert Ellyson, MD** was inducted into the SAR and the Mother Lode Chapter. **Dave Gilliard**, CASSAR VP North, performed the ceremony. **Jim Young** introduced Dr. Ellyson and awarded him his SAR Rosette and Mother Lode Chapter pin. Dr. Ellyson then told us about his fascinating ancestors and Patriot. The best part is that Dr. Ellyson has so much more to learn about them that in time he will have even more to share with us.



Dave Gilliard, CASSAR VP North, presented the **Bronze Leaf Cluster** to the **Liberty Medal** to **Jim Young**.

The Liberty Medal is awarded any SAR member who signed as first-line sponsor the membership application of ten (10) new members. A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster is presented for each additional ten (10) new members sponsored by a Liberty Medal holder. Jim was the Mother Lode Chapter Registrar for many years and brought many of us in SAR.



Jim Young presented the **Patriots in Partnership: Mother Lode Chapter Certificate** with **Mike Muetz** accepting.

Mike files our PIP report each year. He told us last year it was our activities with the local C.A.R. Society in placing the flags on Memorial Day along US 50 in Placerville that was reported.



Tom Chilton, last year's winner, presented the Perpetual Plaque: "**Most Charitable Compatriot**" to this year's winner, **Mike Muetz**.



This is a perpetual annually awarded plaque titled "**Most Charitable Compatriot.**" It was initiated by Jeff Doyle and Doug Drake when they awarded it to Tom Chilton at the beginning of 2017 for his effort in both managing and financially underwriting the Chapter's 2016 Annual Awards Banquet.

We want to continue that recognition by acknowledging that *one's "Charitable Contribution" of time and effort is often more significant than one's financial contribution*, which was certainly true in the case of the Chilton's, and also true for Mike in 2017. ***Thank you Mike!***

Officers Reports:

Presidents Report –Tom asked for an approval of the Minutes from the last meeting in October (our Annual Community Awards Banquet) which were printed in the current issue of the *Dispatch*.

The Minutes were approved as contained in the *Dispatch*.

Tom reported on the CASSAR BOM Meeting in Irvine on November 3 & 4 which he attended: He reported that the Chapter received the 'Partners in Patriotism' Certificate; and also the importance of having Chapter insurance came up – Which **Doug Drake** secured for us.

Tom gave **Doug Drake's** Treasurer's report, the main item being that at this time Doug has received the dues from only 12 members. **Jim Young** offered to collect dues at this meeting, and also to collect payment from anyone partaking in the ham and potatoes food being served.

There was no **Secretary**, or **Registrar** Report. These two important Chapter Officer positions are unfortunately vacant at this time.

Tom reported that long time Chapter Chaplain **Gene Myers** and his wife **Jeanie** are moving to Missouri to be closer to their family. We wish them well, and will miss them both.

Assisting in serving the food were two Pages from the local C.A.R. Society, **Eden Hall**, Ponderosa HS Junior, and **Nolan Hall**, Holy Trinity. They also assisted in preparing the handouts for tonight's meeting.



Chapter Programs:

Community Recognition/Awards Event – We briefly discussion the recent Community Banquet, acknowledging **Mike Muetz** for his leadership. The primary “Lessons Learned” area for improvement next time was the serving of the wine. **Jim Young** reported we still had several bottles of the donated wine. Tom asked **Bob Conover** if he felt the donor would want us to return the excess donated wine, and Bob assured us the donor would want us to keep the wine and dispose of it as we saw fit.

Youth Activities – **Tom Adams** gave a report on the Poster Contest and the Brochure Contest school presentations. All three Brochure Contest participating schools from last year have indicated they will participate again this year. The Poster Contest schools have yet to be contacted.

Dave Gilliard informed us that a new school in the area, **John Adams Academy**, El Dorado Hills’ campus, has asked him to pass on their interest in participating in our Chapter’s Poster Contest. Dave happens to be the State, and the National, Poster Contest Chairman. **Jim Young** and **Tom Adams** agreed to follow up and meet with the teachers from the new school.

Kevin Tierney reported that at this time the Chapter has not received an Essay Contest enter. Kevin did report that he intends to continue to seek a teacher candidate to enter the CASSAR **Valley Forge Teacher Recognition** program.

Unfinished Business:

NRA Grant & Color Guard – Tom reporting we have not heard from the NRA regarding our proposal. However, **Doug Drake** continues to follow-up on the grant.

New Business:

No New Business this meeting.

Election of Officers: Election of officers was held.

Sam Bradley was elected **Chapter President**.

Mike Muetz was elected **Executive VP**.

2nd VP remains vacant – The President can appoint someone to this position.

Secretary remains vacant – The President can appoint someone to this position.

Recording Secretary is vacant – The President can appoint someone to this position.

Bob Conover was elected **'Assistant' Chapter Treasure**, as Doug Drake told Tom Adams he was willing to remain **Chapter Treasure**. Bob can be Doug's State-side representative.

Registrar remains vacant – The President can appoint someone to this position.

Appointed Officers:

To be announced

Committee Chairman:

To be announced

Speaker Presentation:

Our Featured Speaker and Chapter member, **Sam Bradley**, spoke on variety of topics because of Sam's rich background and experience:

- *His childhood in a foster home*
- *His encounters with his birth parents*
- *His Indian heritage*
- *His art work*
- *His teacher experience*
- *His military experience*
- *His Board of Supervisor experience*

The Benediction was given by **Sam Bradley**; **Dave Gilliard** led the SAR Recessional and **Tom Chilton** led us in singing, "God Bless America".

The meeting was adjourned.

**** SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ****

The SAR Magazine Committee is very proud to announce that our new **SAR MAGAZINE FACEBOOK PAGE** is now available for you to “Like” and “Follow”. *The SAR Executive Committee approved the new site at its meeting on November 27, 2017. The site will be administered by Magazine Editor Steve Vest.*

To find the new FB page, search on your personal Facebook Page for “National Society Sons of the American Revolution”. Once you have found the SAR Magazine’s page, “Like” the page so that you can “Follow” the page. This will enable you to receive notifications when content is added to the site.

For the past year, the Magazine Committee has discussed ideas about how the Magazine can be a more effective communications tool for SAR. In the process, we realized that there are many more photos with captions, and stories submitted to the Magazine than can be published. So, the idea was born to create a Facebook Page for the excess Magazine submissions (both photos and stories) to be shared with the membership and not lost simply because there is not enough space for them to be published in the Magazine. Valuable content will be shared on this FB page. Caution – this FB site is not a discussion site.

SPREAD THE WORD. We hope that you will share this new communications initiative with your friends and chapter members so that they can also enjoy the amazing work being performed by members and chapters and state societies from around the country. Connect to the SAR MAGAZINE FACEBOOK PAGE and enjoy the content that Magazine Editor Steve Vest has begun to upload. *We thank Steve Vest, a valued member of the SAR Magazine Committee, for his willingness to undertake this important volunteer role for SAR.*

RICHARD D. HOLLIS, Chairman, SAR Magazine

2018 Mother Lode Chapter Calendar

still to be planned

Here is one event you need to know about:

143rd Spring Meeting of the Membership

Date/Time Apr 19, 2018 - Apr 21, 2018

Concorde Hilton Hotel

Hosted by the Thomas Jefferson Chapter

Go to CASSAR Website:

<http://www.californiasar.org/events/143rd-spring-meeting-membership/>



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