

Meeting of the Dallas Chapter, S.A.R., May 14, 2011

Meeting called to order by President David Temple.

Chaplin Frank Pounders gave the sick call which included L. Crapo and David Hall and the day's invocation. Speaking of David Hall, he was present and looked terrific, much of which he owed to the prayer of individuals and a class of children he was to address.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag was given by Mike Petridis. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was given by Robert Kittrell. The Salute to the S.A.R. flag was led by Tom Whitelock. Tracy Pounders led the group in the singing of the first stanza of "America."

FCP Ralph McDowell introduced the greeters, David Hill and Glenn Toal.

Jokemeister Art Ingalls, prepared as always with a joke, was in rare form as he told another funny one.

The minutes of the April 2011 meeting stood as posted without any corrections.

Registrar John Guittard stated that there were 286 members and took 4 apps during the week.

Dr. Baker, interim Color Guard Commander, spoke of 4 Color Guard events coming up, including the Ennis Polka Fest on May 28, followed by the Memorial Day celebration in Duncanville, then at Restland Memorial Park, and finally in Commerce at the Texas cemetery and the fish fry at Wendel Edwards.

Treasurer, Jim Fairbairn, reported that there were 32 members and 10 guests in attendance with \$4,952 in the checking account, \$8,894.94 in the Minuteman Fund, and \$30,386.68 in the Richie Fund.

Second Vice President, Nick Harper, reported that of 36 high schools contacted all participated except 9. William Richardson was awarded a pin and certificate for 20 years as a member of S.A.R.

Texas Society President-Elect Bob Clark presented David Hall the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and certificate for his life work with the Traveling Liberty Bell attending schools, military funerals, and other ceremonies.

A volunteer is needed to take on The Minuteman as Dr. Baker will be moving to become the editor of The Compatriot for TXSSAR.

FCP Ralph McDowell reported that there were 33 no pays, down from 46 no pays, as a result of FCP Tom Whitelock's letter sent to members with delinquent dues. There are 286 members of the Dallas Chapter. He added that \$38 from Safeway was given to the Treasurer.

FCP Tom Smith gave the purpose of the endowment funds, The Richie Fund and The Minute Man Fund, as far as any New Business.

First Vice President, Bob Northcraft, introduced William Richardson as the Americanism speaker who gave an inspirational speech on the U.S. Constitution, with its limits on governmental power and individual rights and its application to the present federal government.

First Vice President, Bob Northcraft, introduced the main speaker, Michael J. Badinarik, a Constitutional scholar and author of It's Good to be a King, spoke with fervor of the differences between rights and privileges and then went through the Bill of Rights. He believes that most of the American public doesn't know the difference. When Michael was finished, he was presented a liberty bell replica by Bob.

Treasurer Jim Fairbairn conducted the door prize drawing.

Chaplin Frank Ponders gave the Benediction.

The S.A.R. Recessional

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Best Regards,

Robert Kittrell, Secretary