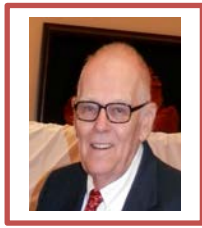


APRIL 9, 2016

**Minutes of the Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution**



President **Ramphrey** > gaveled the monthly meeting to order at 8:30am. He called for Chaplain Frank Ponders to give the sick-call and offer up the morning's Invocation.



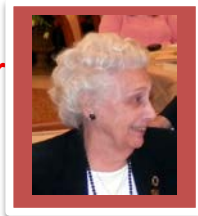
The Chaplain asked that we all remember FCP Northcraft and compatriot < **Harry Friedrich** in our prayers.

Compatriots David Temple and Warren Johnson respectively led the membership in pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag.

FCP Robert Clark recited the affirmation to SAR followed by all in attendance singing a patriotic song.

Head Greeter FCP Ralph McDowell introduced his "sidekick" for the day; Gerald Tyler. Ralph also made mention that the Chapter received a \$47.46 rebate check gained from members shopping at Kroger during the first quarter of the year. He continued his multi-task reports with the good news that our unpaid dues numbers were down to 22 former members. He asked Bob Clark if he would try talking Daniel Crow into reconsidering leaving the Chapter.

Guests, **Ann Cooper** >



and > **Jeanette Prasifka**



were introduced to the twenty-one compatriots in attendance today.

"Jokemeister" and FCP Charles Baker related a good and true factual tale of what happens to the man who performs an honest community service, to even a congressman....and as the wise man warned; *diapers & politicians need to be changed often – and usually for the same reason.*

Americanism Topic for the day was on good old fashion

handwriting, presented by 2nd Vice President **Warren Johnson** > *More to the point – he asked everyone to take out a pen and sign their name on the back of the agenda sheet (not print) in serif style. Compatriot Johnson noted that in today's high tech society and within the current educational training system, students very rarely are taught to write in "cursive penmanship." He also stated that sometime in the near future, older people will be considered using this form of writing to communicate as some form of "code" so that youth won't know what they have said. Worse yet our children won't be able read historical documents or even the love letters we wrote.*



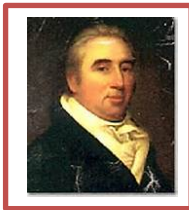


Guest Speaker for the day was introduced:

< **CHAD BARUCH**

Mr. Baruch is a recognized constitutional scholar, legal writing expert, and continuing legal educator. Throughout his legal career, Chad has also been active in the community as a college & high school basketball coach, high school administrator, private investigator, and award winning teacher of political science.

He spoke on one of the only four official/original documents displayed in the *Charters of Freedom Hall* in the National Archives building in Washington DC.



Marbury vs Madison



During his last weeks in office, President John Adams appointed William Marbury to be Justice of Peace for Washington DC. Newly elected Thomas Jefferson tried to stop the appointment, so Marbury sued and took his

case to the Supreme Court, believing the "Judiciary Act of 1789" gave the Court the power to force Jefferson to give him his appointment. Chief Justice John Marshall ruled that the Court did not have such power and thus "The Act" was unconstitutional and hence forth established *Judicial Review*. The Court has the power to declare laws unconstitutional from 1803 forward. Mr. Baruch concluded his presentation with a very informative narrative on the lives of Jefferson, James Madison and Adams, after which he answered a great number of questions.

Officers and Committee Reports

ANNOUNCEMENTS & AWARDS



President Ramphrey reported that the Chapter made out pretty well at the recent Texas Society Annual Conference: *David Temple re-elected In-Land Registrar, Tom Whitelock elected as Dist. 6 VP, Dallas Chapter's Poster and Oration Contestants both won Second Place Awards.* He also called FCP <**Ralph McDowell** forward to present him with a "SAR Life Membership" certificate.

1st VP Johnson stated that next month's Americanism presentation will be by Calan Garza and the main speaker is Bill Watts. **2nd VP** Garrison had a whole table of JROTC Bonze Medal Awards & Certificates that he needed volunteers to make presentations at various High Schools over the next seven weeks. Citizenship awards will be brought next month.

Secretary Whitelock stated that the minutes for March had been distributed and were to be posted on the new website and asked for a vote of approval. Motion was passed.

Registrar Pinkerton had no report at this time. Oration Chairman Whitelock commented on the fact that the recent BOM agreed to move the State competition to the Fall BOM date this year to be held in Austin on October 15.

Jeanette Prasifka reminded all that in June she needed help from our Chapter in putting on A flag retirement program in co-sponsorship with Congressman Sam Johnson. The event is planned to be held at Veterans Park in Frisco. Additional information will be available in May.

Treasurer Ken Lamb noted that the current checking account balance is \$5,378.38 and that the quarterly balances for the Minuteman & Richie Funds were \$10,230.04 and \$29,442.29 respectively. He then held drawings for the door prizes.

The Chaplain gave the Benediction and after the SAR Recessional, the President adjourned the meeting at 9:53am.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom M Whitelock, Secretary

*p.s. In the weeks following the meeting, it was reported that former Dallas Chapter members **CARL Keith BEERS and ALAN PICKENS** had passed away.*