



NOVEMBER 12, 2016
Minutes of Dallas Chapter #2
Sons of the American Revolution



Nominations and/or Election of 2017 Officers will be held next month

President George Ramphrey gaveled the monthly meeting to order at 8:32 am in the Dallas Presbyterian Village North dining room. He asked Chaplain Frank Pounders to report the sick-call * and offer up invocation blessings. Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag were led by Warren Johnson & Chamlers Omberg respectively. Tom Smith led the members in the Affirmation to SAR - followed by John Morton getting all thirty members and six guests into a patriotic mood, by leading them in singing the first stanza of *America*.

George stated that a number of good things occurred during November -
How ‘bout dem CUBs !!!



FCP Ralph McDowell stated that Compatriot “biscuit eater” < **Malcolm Gish** was the “*Birthday Boy of the Month*” and since all attendees were in good voice, having just stretched their vocal cords – we should sing Happy Birthday to him.

Introductions of guests was followed by FCP Charles Baker’s “*Joke of the Day*” about a MOTH that sought out a doctor’s enlightened medical advice.

AMERICANISM

First Vice President Warren Johnson called upon Compatriot **Mike Petridis** > to “unfreeze his fingertips” from his cold loading laptop and head toward the podium to present a very informative and entertaining tale about ***Thanksgiving at Valley Forge***.



Celebrating the turkey holiday wasn’t always in November, but as the rest of the story goes, on December 18, 1777 General Washington’s Army delayed their march to Valley Forge by one day to celebrate our new Nation’s first Thanksgiving meal on *Rebel Hill* in Gulf Hills that was to feed 11,000 men. The menu (after a full day of prayers & sermons) was to consist of half a gill -4oz of rice and a tablespoon of vinegar for each man

Guest Speaker

With the interesting topic “*The Powder Alarms*”, and a great slide show – Mr. **Don Gates** presented a very educational storyline which combined history and his own personal research. An intriguing example was entailed in his trivia question: *If the British troops marching to Lexington Green didn’t arrive until 5:00 am on April 19, how come Paul Revere was captured at about 1:00 am on the road to Concord beyond Lexington.*



General Gage (head honcho for the bad guys) decided the best way to disarm the Colonial Militia of any potential rebellion battle strength, was to raid their armories, not for muskets and cannons, but rather their powder magazines. Thus



the Colonist decided to create a method spreading the alarm to any & all towns so that they had enough time to remove or hide their powder and weapons.



V.P. Johnson thanked Don for his presentation with Certificate of Appreciation & a “cracked” miniature Liberty Bell



REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ramphrey reminded everyone to be sure to send in their 2017 Dues and verify their **current correspondence address, phone number and email address.** He continued with appeal for Compatriots to contact him if they are considering to serve as an Officer or Committee member for the coming year.

Question from the floor – How to make sure your Email is on the mailing list to get newsletter ? Contact **BILL WATTS at bill_watts@att.net or go to our Chapter website.**

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Secretary Whitelock stated that last month’s minutes were distributed to the member’s table

today for review and approval and that they would be posted on the website as soon as the webmaster returns from a vacation trip. Motion for approval with second received an affirmative vote by attendees.

FCP Whitelock reported the recent and unexpected death of our Treasurer.

Kenneth Lamb



**2016 Chapter Treasurer
Passed away during early
October and his friendly
smile will be greatly missed
by all Dallas Compatriots.**

Registrar Pinkerton said that three applications are in the mill and that he and Assistant Jerry Brown were starting the contact process on all the State Fair prospects (50+)

Acting Treasurer Harper handed out the October financial report and proposed 2017 budget.
Question from the floor – Did we not record the Essay Contest award ? William Richardson replied that the winner’s check for the various Youth Contests are drawn in the Spring (against the previous year’s budget).

FCP Frank Pounders made motion to approve the 2016 Budget. John Morton amended the Motion to allow for an additional \$100 to be added to the Poster Contest.

(Approved)Compatriot Fairbairn asked for \$200 to be added to the Veterans Affairs coat project (Approved)

In order to cover the increased 2016 expenses just voted for to , Compatriot Harper proposed to add sufficient revenue by drawing additional \$150 from the Minuteman Fund. (Approved after verifying a quorum was present for “Hand-Vote”)

All amendments to 2016 Budget as a final vote were approved. After a lengthy and vibrant discussion, the 2017 Budget with increases was approved.

Door Prizes were drawn for and the Chaplain offered up the Benediction.

The President led the membership in at SAR Closing and adjourned the meeting at 10:07am.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom M. Whitelock

**A couple of “spaced-out”
Compatriots with a
prospective member**

