

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 09, 2021

President Van Fossen called the meeting to order at 9:03am. **Vice President Harrison** outlined the Zoom Meeting instructions: (1) how to mute/unmute, (2) how to voice or hand vote for agenda items at today's meeting. He also read the Virtual Meeting Waiver, which we will be using going forward with all ZOOM Meetings. This Waiver is the same we have been using on the sign-in sheets at our in person meetings, prior to the pandemic.

Van Fossen delivered the Invocation for **Chaplin Pounders**.

In attendance were Tracy Pounders, staff secretary, David Temple, past Texas State President, Gary Lovell, past District VP, Drake Peddie, Texas State President, Blair Rudy, State Color Guard Commander, David Kensey, and Jack Manning, President General of the National Society SAR.

Member Passing

Robert Tanner, Sr., 1921-2020 - 50 years of service to his country.

Jerry Pinkerton Pledge to the United States and Texas Pledge

VP Harrison Pledge to the SAR

VP Harrison introduced Jack Manning the President General.

President Jack Manning

National significant; The work on the façade of our headquarters in Kentucky is almost completed. The glass is being replaced with non-breakable glass like car windshields. The work on the library section will be next.

We are a little behind on Genealogy but are working on them. Our biggest concern is collecting dues. We don't want to lose any members.

As far as the protests in Louisville, Kentucky – they didn't involve our building but they did put red paint on Louisville Slugger but it washed off.

We have a Special Congress March 13, 2021 to allow for virtual meetings, such as a Congress. This is just in case we have to cancel in person meetings. This is a bylaw change to allow for a virtual Congress if needed.

Hopefully the vaccine will be available. We are looking forward to face to face meetings.

Thank you for inviting me to Texas.

Swearing in of New Officers

President – Tom Van Fossen – 3rd term

1st Vice President – Mark Harrison – 3rd term

2nd Vice President – Jack Carpenter – 2nd term

Registrar – Jerry Pinkerton – 6th term

Assistant Registrar – Mark Morgan – 1st term

Secretary – Bill Watts – 1st term

Historian – Brent Harshman – 2nd term

Treasurer – Nick Harper – 8th term

Chaplin – Frank Pounders – 12th + term

Also appointed as the Color Guard Commander was Bill Watts.

Van Fossen presented the President General a Certificate and a Perot Eagle for swearing in the new members as a thank you.

State President Drake Peddie David Temple, past president and Drake had a rough year in 2020 trying to serve Texas Society. They are trying to modernize our day to day operations and infrastructure. New leaders, such as Mel Oller for Assistant State Secretary, David Kensey as State Treasurer, Tom Van Fossen as District 12 VP, and Peter Barron as District VP in the San Antonio area.

We noticed that information isn't being passed along to new officers. Therefore, we are updating our manuals for each position.

2010 will be a challenge. We don't even know that we will have our face to face convention as of this time. We can have Zoom meetings without any problems.

As far as this year we are planning a virtual BOM in the spring and a live BOM in the Fall. As far as the April 13 - 15 Convention in Richardson we have not made the call on that. We are going to plan on live and virtual events.

I'm looking forward to a great year. As far as the numbers Dallas has;

145 paid members

32 Life

2 Emeritus members

Total 179 paid members

98 have not paid as of this date

Drake amended his report with 4 new members making the total 183 members.

OFFICERS REPORTS

1st Vice President – Mark Harrison February's meeting will feature Stephen Jenkins a dual US-British Citizen will talk about the British view of Benedict Arnold.

2nd Vice President – Jack Carpenter – Begin in February ROTC/Good Citizenship Awards early next year.

Registrar – Jerry Pinkerton with **Asst. Registrar Mark Morgan** announced the receipt of all approved new membership packages. The 8 New Members are being contacted to arrange their respective induction ceremonies. We have already scheduled 3 so far.

As of today we have 29 applications at National, 8 regular, 2 memorials, and 19 supplementals.

We have admitted 18 new members, 14 regular and 4 junior members. We had 37 applications at the end of the year in various stages of review. We had 81 applications that were not viable.

Historian – Brent Harshman is putting the finishing touches on this year's Chapter scrapbook. I appreciate your input. Thank you. Send to brentharshman@protonmail.com

Van Fossen added; John Anderson said that both two years scrapbooks will be judged at our next meeting.

Treasurer – Nick Harper's need new email address for everyone that doesn't have an email address.

Van Fossen added; I have checks from Kroger and Tom Thumb and a check from Ralph McDowell for the Minute Man Fund. Need to transfer sponsors to someone else.

Color Guard Commander – Bill Watts we have members who will be applying for State and National CG medals in the near future.

We inducted and marked the grave for patriot Michael Bill Molett. In attendance were his wife Maria, his daughter Alexis and her husband Mathew Anderson, his granddaughters Sophia, and Alexandra. A granddaughter Tabitha in Austin joined by Face Time.

Jerry Pinkerton added that this was unique in that Bill had died before he was inducted and his grave was marked at the same time.

We inducted David Von Tress's sons as Junior members. They are Jacob Allen and Joel Robert Von Tress. Their mom, Cara and their siblings Ann, Braylen and Caleb were in attendance.

We attended via Zoom the Battle of Princeton Monument Wreath Laying Ceremony at Princeton, New Jersey. Dallas Chapter members who attended were Jerry Pinkerton, Tom Whitelock, Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts.

Tom Van Fossen

This is a New Year so there isn't any Old Business so we will go to NEW BUSINESS

My hats off to all those who tuned in to our Zoom Meetings in these trying times and to those of the BOM who met for lunch using social distancing and masks. All in all I think we did a good job during 2020. I thank you all and as we move forward we will have two winners. CAR and the Knights essay contest and they are being submitted. Last year we had the CAR and Knight winner last year. We are going for two in a row.

I had a conversation with John Morton about the poster contest. Everything is being readied for judging.

Special Presentation by Tom Whitelock. The Dallas Chapter presented a certificate of appreciation to **Tom Van Fossen** because of his 31/2 years of service to our chapter. We gave a certificate of distinguished service, SAR decanter and glasses as well as a bottle of Macallan single malt scotch whiskey.

. As an added bonus an antique George Washington demi cup. Thank you Tom!!!!!!!

Tom Van Fossen thanked the Dallas Chapter.

Mark Harrison picked the monthly door prize and it went to Marshal Scantlin and will be delivered as soon as possible.

The Benediction was delivered by **Frank Pounders** and **the SAR Recessional** was led by **Mark Morgan**.

Van Fossen adjourned the meeting at 10:21am

SEE ALL OF YOU ON February 13TH, 2021.....BE SAFE, STAY HEALTHY AND MASK UP.....!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted by Bill Watts