

THE MINUTEMAN



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February 2001

President's Message

by J. Mark Hansen

Fathers and Sons

Time for me, at age 46, has begun to not only pass, but impress on me unkind intimations of mortality. Time, too, however, in one of its benevolences, seems to compress, bringing me closer to those ahead on life's journey. What once seemed only a point of light at tunnel's end is becoming a steady stream, warming me, illuminating my commonalities, and blinding me to past differences, with my progenitors.

Humorously, Mark Twain once remarked that, as a youth, he was dismayed by his father's ignorance, but was astounded, as he grew older, at how much the old man had learned. A lot of us middleagers, who once shouted from barricades, real or imagined, "Don't trust anyone over thirty," have developed the same appreciation for our elders. It must be that way in every time and place.

Fathers beget sons, who may belabor, but eventually become, themselves, fathers who beget sons. And a son who never accedes to the title "father" enters a kind of limbo, a condition of pending oblivion. Whose memory will preserve him? Fathers are immortal, their lives venerated and names embellished – we call them, in order of ascending rank, "grand," "great," and, finally, "forefathers" – but only if their sons remember.

We remember. From generation to generation, reaffirming our faith in the principles of liberty and our constitutional republic bequeathed to us by our patriot ancestors, we remember. From age to age, we remember our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who shed their blood in defense of those patriotic ideals. We, their Sons, remember their sacrifices and will continue to defend those ideals against every foe, until we sons and fathers meet again.

February Meeting

ompatriot Lloyd Bockstruck, head of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library will be our speaker at the February 10 meeting.

For future program suggestions, feel free to call 1st VP Gary Sisson at 214-528-0543.

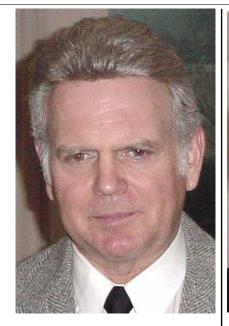
Council, Boy Scouts of America, spoke at our January 13 meeting. (See inside) >>





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New Compatriot **John L. Morton** was sworn in at the January meeting. He was sponsored by Henry Rather.



Past Chapter President Harry Post received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal on January 13..

Revolution, a non-profit organization. (Photos by Charles Baker)

Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at Luby's Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird

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Saturday of each month at Luby's Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, and meeting from 8:30 'til 9:30. Guests are welcome at our meetings.



Dallas Chapter Historian Nick Gilliam gave the Americanism presentation on Juan Seguin, Texas Patriot

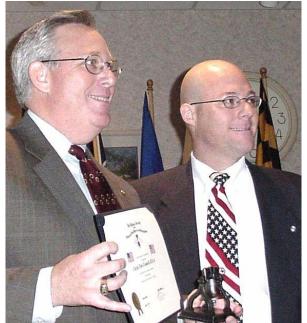


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Rob Hoffman received the traditional speakers' Liberty Bell from 1st VP **Dr**. Gary Sisson. plus a certificate recognizing the Circle 10 Council of the Boy Scouts of America for its patriotism and proper display of the American Flag.

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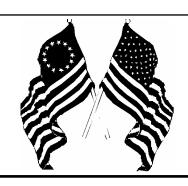
Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership now stands at 299 January meeting: 42 members, 9 guests.

Don Hay, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Regular Checking: \$746.11 Endowment Funds: \$32,332.13 **Jack Carney**, Treasurer





Tracy Pounders, Secretary, presented the Annual Reading of the Minutes.

Dallas Chapter Officer Nominees

The following were nominated for the 2001-2002 chapter year. The election will be held at the February 10 meeting.

President: Dr. Gary N. Sisson

1st Vice President—Programs: Clifford V. Slagle

2nd Vice President—Awards: Jack R. Carney

Treasurer: Tracy A. Pounders

Secretary: Nick B. Gilliam

Registrar: Don B. Hay

Historian: Hank T. Voegtle III
Chaplain: Frank H. Pounders

Genealogy - Major Epidemics in North America

By Judge Ed Butler, TXSSAR State Genealogist

In case you ever wondered why a large number of your ancestors disappeared during a certain period in history, this might help. Wars of course account for a large number of deaths. Epidemics have always had a great influence on people - and thus influencing as well, the genealogists trying to trace them. Many cases of people disappearing from records can be traced to their dying during an epidemic or moving away from the affected area. Some of the major epidemics in the United States are listed below:

1657	Roston	Measles

¹⁶⁸⁷ Boston Measles

1713 Boston Measles

1729 Boston Measles

1732-3 Worldwide Influenza

1738 South Carolina Smallpox

1739-40 Boston Measles

1747 CT,NY,PA,SC Measles

1759 N. Amer [areas inhabited by white people] Measles

1761 North America and West Indies Influenza

1772 North America Measles

1775 N. Amer [especially hard in NE] epidemic Unknown

1775-6 Worldwide [one of the worst epidemics] Influenza

1783 Dover, DE ["extremely fatal"] Bilious Disorder

1788 Philadelphia and New York Measles

1793 Vermont [a "putrid" fever] and Influenza

1793 VA [killed 500 in 5 counties in 4 weeks] Influenza

1793 Philadelphia [one of the worst epidemics] Yellow Fever

1793 Harrisburg, PA [many unexplained deaths] Unknown

1793 Middletown, PA [many mysterious deaths] Unknown

1794 Philadelphia, PA Yellow Fever

1796-7 Philadelphia, PA Yellow Fever

1798 Philadelphia, PA [one of the worst] Yellow Fever

1803 New York Yellow Fever

1820-3 Nationwide [starts Schuylkill River and spreads] "Fever"

1831-2 Nationwide [brought by English emigrants] Asiatic Cholera

1832 NY City and other major cities Cholera

1837 Philadelphia Typhus

1841 Nationwide [especially severe in the south] Yellow Fever

847 New Orleans Yellow Fever

1847-8 Worldwide Influenza

1848-9 North America Cholera1850 Nationwide Yellow Fever

1850-1 North America Influenza

1852 Nationwide [New Orleans-8,000 die in summer] Yellow Fever

1855 Nationwide [many parts] Yellow Fever

1857-9 Worldwide [one of the greated epidemics] Influenza

1860-1 Pennsylvania Smallpox

1865-73 Philadelphia, NY, Boston, New Orleans } {Smallpox Baltimore, Memphis, Washington DC} {Cholera [A series of recurring epidemics

of:) {Typhus {Typhoid {Scarlet Fever {Yellow Fever

1873-5 North America and Europe Influenza

1878 New Orleans [last great epidemic] Yellow Fever

1885 Plymouth, PA Typhoid

1886 Jacksonville, FL Yellow Fever

1918 (high point year) Influenza Worldwide More people were hospitalized in WWI from this epidemic than wounds. US Army training camps became death camps, with 80% death rate in some camps.

Finally, these specific instances of cholera were mentioned:

1833 Columbus, OH

1834 New York City

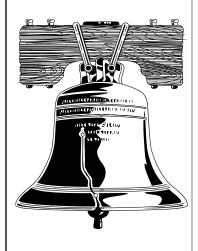
1849 New York

1851 Coles Co., IL, The Great Plains, and Missouri

¹⁶⁹⁰ New York Yellow Fever

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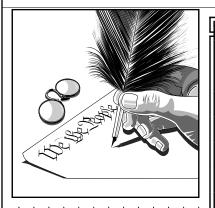
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Date	Time	Event	Place
Feb. 10	8:00 a.m.	Dallas SAR Meeting Lloyd Bockstruck, Supervi- sor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library will speak	Luby's Cafeteria 6221 E. Mockingbird, between Skillman and Abrams
Mar. 10		TXSSAR Texas State Convention. [Dallas Chapter Meeting postponed]	Austin
Mar. 17	8:00 a.m.	Dallas SAR Meeting. Installation of new Dallas Chapter Officers NOTE DELAYED MEET- ING DATE DUE TO STATE CONVENTION	Luby's Cafeteria 6221 E. Mockingbird, Dallas

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