

**Sons of the American Revolution
East Fork-Trinity Chapter No. 47
Texas Society**

Meeting Minutes for: March 14, 2024

Meeting Location: Soulman's Barbeque I-30 Rockwall, Texas

Attendees: (See signup sheet)

Meeting Called to Order by President Randall van Heyst at: 6:53 p.m.

Invocation – Walt Thomas

Pledge to the American Flag – Reagan van Heyst

Pledge to the Texas Flag – Gary Lovell

Affirmation to the SAR – Bob Vickers

SAR Mission Statement – David Routh

Welcome – Randall van Heyst

Americanism Moment Presented by Randall van Heyst on the topic of a painting of Major General Lafayette's triumphant return to America by Charles Wilson Peale. The link to the video can be found on the back side of the handout. (See attached handout)

Past President TXSAR David Temple made a presentation on three key figures of the American Revolution and how their lives paralleled during the formation of a new nation. George Washington, Charles Cornwallis and Marshal Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau (also known as Rochambeau)

Approval of the Minutes from the February 2024 meeting:

Motion to accept made by Bob Vickers

Seconded by Leslie Anderson

President van Heyst discussed his goals of forming a mentoring program during his administration and encouraging new members to get involved with committees and color guard activities.

There was discussion of the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as presented by Bob Vickers last meeting. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Walt Thomas to table the discussion until the meeting in May, seconded by David Jackson. (See proposed changes attached.) Please email any thoughts or suggestions to Randall van Heyst before the May meeting.

Randall van Heyst brought up the conflict with the State Meeting in San Antonio with our next scheduled meeting in April. Consensus of the group was that we have our local meeting at Soulman's. Randall encouraged anyone not going to San Antonio to attend next month's meeting to preserve our relationship with Soulman's.

Treasurers Report by Gary Lovell (See attached report)

Color Guard Report by Michael Goode. Texas had two recipients of the Minuteman Award, Bob Cohen and Larry Stevens. Michael announced the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville on April 23rd, muster at 9:00 a.m. and there will be a trailer for those who need to ride. He anticipates 60 SAR participants from three states. Michael also announced the rekindling of Operation Ancestor Search with Ancestry.com and aiding veterans to have access to ancestry research. Bill Watts announced there will be two grave markings on May 25, 2024 in Centerville, Texas. Contact him for details of times and places.

Registrar's Report by David Powell. We are still standing at 1 approved so far this year. We have 1 at National awaiting review. We have 2 at State awaiting review. Working on 2 others and 3 supplementals.

Door Prize Drawing – Bob Vickers.

SAR Closing – Paul Ridenour

Benediction – Walt Thomas

Declaration of Adjournment – Randall van Heyst at 8:03 p.m.



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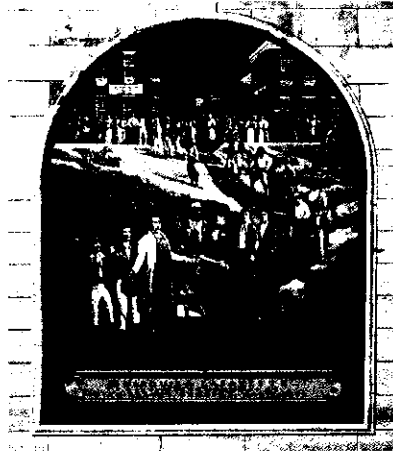
David B. Jackson, Secretary, East Fork-Trinity Chapter #47, TXSSAR

East Fork Trinity Chapter Regular Meeting March 14, 2024

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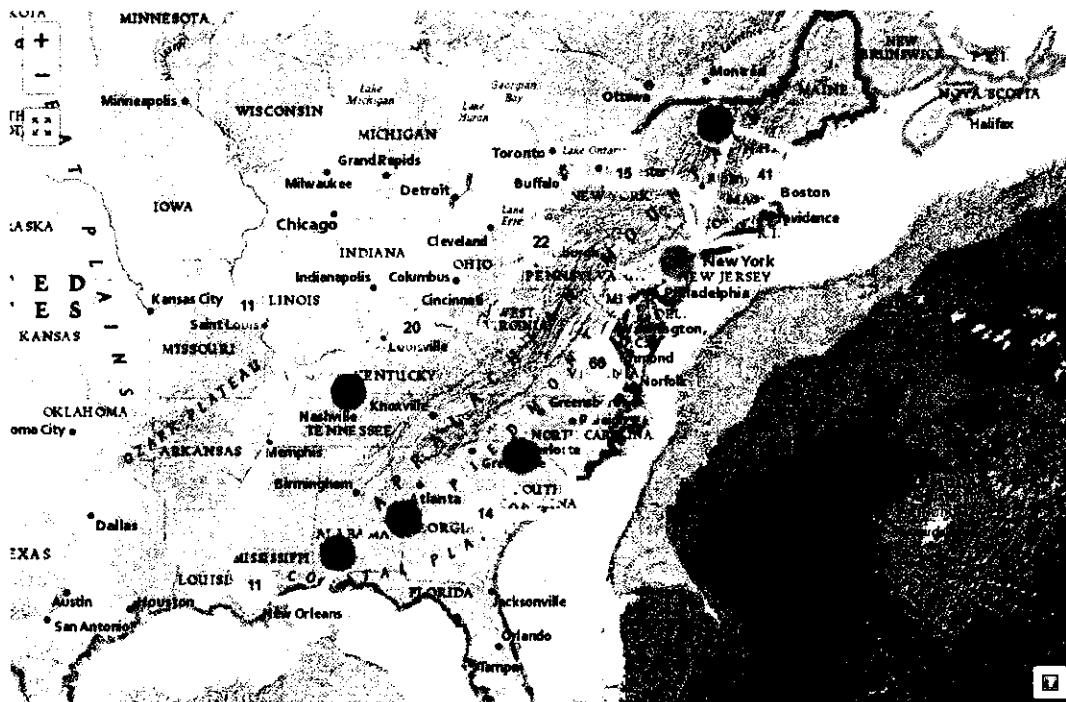
Bicentennial Celebration of Major General Lafayette's Triumphant Return Tour to America



Throughout 2024–2025, the AFL will host educational programming across the United States and in France to commemorate the Bicentennial of Lafayette's return to America as the "Guest of the Nation."

August 16, 2024 will see the kick off this monumental Bicentennial celebration.

There will be hundreds of planned events, both in large cities such as New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Charleston, St. Louis, New Orleans, and Savannah, as well as in the multitude of small towns Lafayette visited, still brimming with pride that America's favorite fighting Frenchman came through their municipality. Our goal is to educate the public about the roles played by both Lafayette and France in our war for independence. We will accomplish this through planned festivities, informative programming, and meaningful remembrances.



For more information on Major General Lafayette please visit these links:

<https://www.thelafayettetrail.org/lafayette/>

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/marquis-de-lafayette/>

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/george-washington-and-the-marquis-de-lafayette/>

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/the-marquis-de-lafayette-at-valley-forge/>

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/marquis-de-lafayette-s-plan-for-slavery/>

<https://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-source-collections/primary-source-collections/article/marquis-de-lafayette-to-george-washington-september-8-1781/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMt2EEZsrC4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADoUeKZsLnU>

<https://friendsoflafayette.wildapricot.org/Timeline>

<https://friendsoflafayette.wildapricot.org/27-Reasons>

<https://friendsoflafayette.wildapricot.org/Adrienne>

**East Fork Trinity Chapter 47
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Monthly Report March 2024**

**Checking Account Balance
Feb 8, 2024**

5560.22

Deposits:

Feb 9, 2024	Dinner Bucket	32.00
	Long Application	25.00
	Quartermaster	<u>100.00</u>
		157.00

Withdrawals: N/A

Mar 14, 2024 Ending Balance: 5717.22

	Certificate of Deposit	
Feb 2024 Balance	6182.49	
Interest income	15.45	
Mar 4, 2024 Balance		6197.49

Outstanding Checks NA

March 14, 2024 Grand Total: 11,914.71

**G.W. Lovell, Treasurer
East Fork Trinity**

Corrections/Additions to the Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution

- 1. Spelling, etc. were corrected**
- 2. Added in Article V – “The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times per year as scheduled by the President.**
- 3. Officers term of office is two years.**

Bylaws

- 1. Article III – Election of Officers – The President’s term of office is now 2 years. The President may serve three consecutive terms. After waiting one two-year term, the President may serve again.**
- 2. Officers terms of office are now two years and may serve as long as they desire.**
- 3. Officers are expected to attend all meetings. If more than two meetings in a row are missed, their office will be forfeited. For any forfeiture, the Executive Committee will vote on a successor and the membership in attendance at the next meeting will vote to confirm the selection.**
- 4. Any officer failing or unable to perform his duties in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws may be replaced by the Executive Committee.**
- 5. In Article IV under “Presidential Appointments”, the following designations were changed to “Committee” from an individual classification: Community Service, Veterans, DAR, ROTC, and Eagle Scout. The person appointed to the committee will be the Chairman of that committee.**

Additional Information

Per Tom vanFossen, NSSAR and TXSSAR designations are now to be NSAR and TSAR respectively. National has decided to drop “Society” from its name.