



Chapter Minutes: January 21, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER**

President Bobby Gresham called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. This month's meeting was held at Rock Springs Café in the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens.

- **INVOCATION**

By Chaplain Ralph Smith.

- **PLEDGES**

- **US Flag**
- **Texas Flag**
- **S.A.R.**

The pledges were led by Sergeant at Arms Vann Cunningham.

- **WELCOME GUESTS / VISITORS**

President Gresham welcomed everyone. There were 23 members and 12 guests present. Special welcome to members of the SAR chapters from McKinney, Arlington and Denton.

- **PROGRAM**

President Gresham welcomed Compatriot Bill Covington as the guest speaker.

Bill spoke about two major events in early 1776 that led the Continental Congress to declare independence from England on July 2. The pamphlet by Thomas Paine Common Sense and the use of German soldiers for British military service in the colonies.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Two new members were inducted at this meeting and were assigned to two mentors. New Compatriots Bruce Morgan and Cody Sheppard spoke about their patriot ancestors. Ron Turner was presented a supplemental membership certificate for Patriot Solomon Robbins.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

The chapter attended the Haltom City Police Banquet and presented three Heroism and three Life Saving Medals to HCPD Officers.

- **OFFICER REPORTS**

- **Color Guard Report**

Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham reported the chapter color guard participated in 23 events in 2022 and encouraged more members to join the color guard. A grave marking ceremony on March 25 for Patriot James Lemon in Lancaster, TX will need chapter color guard attendance.

- **Secretary's Minutes**

Secretary Mark Parkison presented the Meeting Minutes for November. The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Ron Turner presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance of the Operating Fund is \$12,869.04. The Pray TCU Award Fund balance is \$3,319.66 and the Goodman Youth Fund balance is \$1,297.95. The Chapter's total bank balance is \$17,486.65. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

- **Registrars Report**

Ron Turner reported in 2022, the chapter had 11 new member applications and 6 supplemental applications approved. To start off 2023, there are 7 new member applications and 12 supplemental applications awaiting approval at national.

- **Historian Report**

Historian John Anderson reported he will be making a deposit of records at UNT and asked for materials. John has been supporting the state history committee.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Past President Mike Connelley shared that the Fort Worth Officer of the Year award will be given soon and Youth awards will be in March.

- A chapter challenge coin design by Compatriot Bob Jacobs was shared with the chapter. Production of the coin as a fundraiser is planned.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Chapter Meeting**

The next chapter meeting will be held on February 18, 2023 at the Rock Springs Café in the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Recessional**

Sergeant at Arms Vann Cunningham led the recessional.

- **Benediction**

Chaplain Ralph Smith led the benediction. With the Benediction being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Parkison, Chapter Secretary.