



TXSSAR Historian and President of the new Peters Colony Chapter spoke to the East Fork Trinity Chapter in Garland at their February 11, 1999 meeting on the topic of "Washington, Our Founding Father."

47 EAST FORK TRINITY GARLAND - The speaker for the January 14, 1999, meeting of the TRINITY SAR CHAPTER of Garland, Texas, featured Compatriot David Pinson of the Dallas SAR Chapter who spoke on "Georgia in the American Revolution."

The February 11, 1999, meeting of the Garland SAR Chapter, presented Compatriot Bill Hurst, President of the new Peters Colony Chapter of the SAR in Carrollton, Texas, who spoke IN COSTUME about "Washington, Our Founding Father." (see picture of Mr. Hurst in costume which is enclosed.)

The March meeting featured the installation of officers for 1999-2000 by Compatriot E. Graham Martin, former President-General of the SAR. He was also the featured speaker for the evening. Officers installed were: President, Alton D. Lewis; First VicePresident,

William G. Bellomy; Secretary/Treasurer, Duane Deese; Chaplain, Jaynes Robert Duty; and Registrar, LTC Claude Raymond Burton.

The Garland Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Nicholson Memorial Library Auditorium in downtown Garland. Visitors are welcome!

53 UVALDE

UVALDE - The December 12 meeting speaker was Perry Steele of Kerrville. Mr Steele served in the foreign diplomatic service for many years and in many places. His topic was Freedom.

At the February meeting, Chapter compatriots welcomed Alan Freich as a new member. The winner of the Chapter's Knight Essay Contest read their essay to the Chapter as well.

54 ATHENS

ATHENS - Mrs. Peggy Fox, Director of the Confederate Research Center at Hill College, presented a very interesting program at the Chapter's November 1998 meeting. Not only did she explain the many resources available at the Center, but she also pointed out other repositories where additional information about our Confederate ancestors might be found.

Bob Coker, President of the TXSSAR, installed the new Chapter officers at the January meeting.

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| President - Sam Whitten | Vice President - Harry Fife |
| Secretary/Treasurer - Turner Coats | Registrar - Bill Raymond |
| Historian - Tex Whitaker | Sergeant at Arms - Joe Bums |

55 LIVE OAK

GEORGE WEST - The Live Oak Chapter met at the Buck West House, February 16, 1999, at 6:30 P.M. A social period was first enjoyed with coffee and cookies furnished by Inga Canfield, Norma Haley and Larry Holmes.

The president, August Caron, called the meeting to order at 7, with a business meeting first. Officers for the new year (1999-2000) were elected. The president is August Caron; vice-president Sugars (Tige) Brown; secretary-treasurer, Christopher Caron; registrar-recording secretary, Dr. Louis E. Haley; Chaplain, Roger Bellows. Three committee chairmen were appointed: Edward Massey is essay and poster contest; Eagle Scout committee, Larry Holmes; flag committee and George Washington Celebration, August Caron, Jr.

Mrs Lavinia Massey presented the program, Remembering George Washington. She had a nearly full-sized flag-draped portrait of General Washington, which had been painted by Sarita Crocker, as a back-drop

for her talk. The portrait is to be presented to the Grace Museum by the Captain John Sale DAR Chapter.

Mrs. Massey told of the life, service and death of President Washington. Many of the stories and facts we are all well acquainted with were expanded and explained, bringing this national hero and Father of our Country into sharp focus for each of her listeners.

Mrs. Massey also presented several recently published books of reference, which she had used to refresh her memory and to glean more information of the life of this great man. The SAR members and guests were inspired to celebrate the birthday and life during this month. This year is the 200th anniversary of the death of General Washington, and has been designated by both the SAR and DAR as a year of special commemorative year.

The next meeting of the Live Oak Chapter, will be March 16, 1999, at 6:30 p.m., at the Buck West House, George West. Compatriot Ross Shipman, Former President of the Texas Society will be the guest speaker.



Peters Colony Chapter's John Crawford (on right) presenting a flag certificate to Carrollton Fire Chief Bruce Varner

60 PETERS COLONY

CARROLLTON - The newly formed Peters Colony Chapter held its formal Chartering Ceremony on 16 January, 1999. The luncheon and ceremony were at the Prairie House Restaurant in Carrollton, TX. The ceremony was attended by 26 members of the TXSSAR as well as wives, children, and friends. At the meeting the chapter officers were sworn in by Master of Ceremonies, TXSSAR president-elect Frank Gibson. The chapter was presented its charter and gavel by TXSSAR President Bob Coker. The chapter also presented its first medal, the Law Enforcement Medal, to Officer John Crawford.

Since the January meeting, the Peters Colony Chapter has presented a Flag Certificate to Fire Chief Bruce Varner of the Carrollton Fire Department for their exemplary flying of the Flag. They have started a volunteer program in the Genealogy Dept. of the Frankford Village Branch Library in Carrollton and, along with the Peters Colony DAR, will provide a volunteer on Saturday mornings. They are also looking forward to working with the Carrollton-Farmers Branch and Lewisville School Districts.

They sponsored the winner of the Outstanding American History Teacher Award, Patrick D. Davis at the March TXSSAR meeting.

57 EAST TEXAS

LONGVIEW - At the Christmas Banquet two chapter members were presented S.A.R. medals. O.L. Kimbrough III was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and James Daniels was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. State President Robert Coker and his wife Mary were special guests. After installing the new officers, who will start serving in April 1999, President Coker addressed the chapter. He informed those present about his travels and activities throughout the state during this year. He also brought along pictures that were passed around. Of particular interest was the picture taken in Austin when Gov. George W. Bush was presented his Certificate of Membership.