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INDIANA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



HOOSIER PATRIOT



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As discussed at the two most recent House of Delegates Meetings, it is increasingly difficult publishing a quarterly newsletter. The lack of content contributions and increased production costs (the Hoosier Patriot is the most costly item in the Indiana Society's budget), has caused the Indiana Society to utilize alternative means of communication with the membership. The House of Delegates has authorized publishing an electronic version of the Hoosier Patriot and mailing a separate quarterly meeting notice to those without email.

Subscribers have the opportunity to unsubscribe, and each compatriot has the opportunity to subscribe through a form on the INSSAR web site. Compatriots receiving this newsletter have valid email addresses on file with the Indiana Society. No additional action is necessary to subscribe to this electronic newsletter.

Greetings from President Schnuck



Greetings Compatriots,

It has been a privilege to serve this past year as President of this patriotic organization that celebrates and promotes our country's heritage. As I reflect on the many chapter meetings and other events Kay and I have attended during my Presidency, I recall all the great people we have met as well as friends we have come to know better.

The last state meeting was hosted on January 17 by the William Knight Chapter in Greencastle, IN. Thank you, Chapter President Louis Baldwin and First Lady Sharon Baldwin, for all your hard work in making the winter meeting a complete success. At this meeting, I had the pleasure of swearing in Allen Stout as a member of the William Knight Chapter, Indiana Society, SAR. His wife, Cynthia Stout, was also in attendance. She is the Indiana DAR State Regent and will be followed in that position in July by our own Martha Barnhart, Indiana DAR

Vice Regent and wife of Compatriot Roger Barnhart.

Kay and I attended the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville March 6 & 7, along with several other Indiana Compatriots and their wives. A good time was had by all and Indiana gained another George Washington Endowment Fund Fellow. April Legler was presented a gold pin and certificate. Thanks go to T. Rex and April for their continued support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Trustees voted to proceed with the "building out" of the smaller third of the Fulton-Conway Building on West Main Street in Louisville. National has the cash to complete this part of the project and feel they need to keep the momentum going. The Proposal was as follows:

Phase 2

- Build out the Genealogical Library
- Approximately 15,000 sq. ft.
- Start within 3 months
- Complete in 18 months

Project Cost Phase 2

- Not to exceed \$2,200,000.

Financing

- \$1,600,000 on hand

- \$500,000 near term monies
- \$500,000 estimated historic tax credit
- \$\$2,600,000 total

It was also announced that the position of Director of Development, SAR Foundation, Inc. – held by Laurie Anne Roberts – had been eliminated due to budget constraints.

Back to Indiana –

Most officers and committees will remain the same for the coming year. A heartfelt thanks is in order to all of you. There will be some “cleaning up” of the by-laws at the April meeting. Thanks to Bob Howell and the By-law Committee for their hard work on this project.

A special thanks also goes to Art Bowers for continuing to act as State Treasurer during the illness of Treasurer Chuck Peters. Our prayers continue to be with Chuck and Janeen.

One of the most enjoyable tasks a president has is signing certificates for new members. I think I have signed about thirty! The down side of membership is the loss of members. We honor our departed members in April. We hope that former members who have not renewed their membership will remit their dues and again have that patriotic feeling that comes with being part of the SAR. As of December 31, 2008, paid membership was 688. March 1, 2009, it was 583. Compatriots, we need to pay our dues as well as recruit new members.

Thursday March 12, 2009, I, along with other members of the Continental Chapter Color Guard posted the colors for the annual meeting of the Paul Revere Chapter DAR in Muncie. American History essays were read by high school students. Good Citizenship awards came next. Then, awards for teachers were presented followed by a flag presentation. All participants were recognized with either certificates, medals and/or checks. The week before, Vice President Steve Oberlin attended the CAR Annual State Meeting in Indianapolis. He presented a certificate, a bronze good citizenship medal and a check for \$300.00 to Kelly Ann Carter. This is the Cyril Johnson Scholarship Award.

This is why we exist. This is what we do. We work to keep our heritage alive to ensure our youth learn from us: who we are, why we are and how we got here. Let us continue to promote the Sons of the American Revolution and support the Daughters and Children of the American Revolution.

In closing, there are so many people I need to thank for their help and support this past year. There is not enough time and space to mention each one individually in this letter. I can only hope they know who they are and how much their influence and encouragement has been appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Meeting in Indianapolis on April 18, 2009.

Libertas et Patria,

Compatriot G. Tom Schnuck
President INSSAR

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2009 State of Officers

The Indiana Society Nominating Committee, chaired by Compatriot Robert Howell, has slated the following to serve as officers:

- President - Steven D. Oberlin
- Vice President - Robert P. Cunningham
- Secretary - William E. Sharp III
- Treasurer - Arthur S. Bowers
- Registrar - Robert D. Howell, Sr.
- Chancellor - R. Carlton Brumfield II
- Genealogist - Mark R. Kreps
- Historian - John West
- Chaplain - Donald Counts
- National Trustee - G. Thomas Schnuck

District Directors:

- District 1 - J.D. Strouth
- District 2 - James C. Arnold
- District 3 - Wade K. Harshman
- District 4 - No Nominee
- District 5 - No Nominee

- District 6 - Willard W. Waterson

INSSAR Annual Meeting - 18 April 2009

Hosted by Clarence A. Cook Chapter

Propylaeum Mansion
1410 North Delaware St.
Indianapolis, Indiana
(317) 638-7881

Point of Contact:
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6015 Bristlecone Dr.
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 577-2979

Registration (coffee & pastries): 9:30 AM
Meeting: 10:00 AM

Program: Jeanie Regan-Dinius
Historic Preservation & Archeology Division, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Ladies to tour the Benjamin Harrison Home, 1230 N. Delaware St., within walking distance of the Propylaeum.

[Online Meeting Information ...](#)

The Indiana Society Ladies Auxiliary



The Indiana Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution, assists Indiana Society with programs, fund raising, historical education and carrying out its mission of inspiring patriotism and informing others of the contributions of our patriot ancestors. Membership in the Auxiliary is open to the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Auxiliary meets quarterly during the INSSAR House of Delegates meetings. In addition to conducting business, the ladies often have their own programs and speakers.

2009 Officer Nominees: President - Dixie A. Oberlin; Vice President - Marge Howell; Secretary - April A. Legler; Treasurer - M. Kay Schnuck; Historian - Chris Cunningham

[Ladies Auxiliary Web Page](#)

Christopher Gadsden Flag

Things you should know:

- Named for its designer, Christopher Gadsden, a South Carolina delegate to Continental Congress and a General in the militia.
- Presented to Commodore Esek Hopkins to use as his personal standard.
- First flown over the South Carolina statehouse, February 1776, before it was captured by the British
- The Rattlesnake was a common motif for American patriots and appeared on many flags.

INSSAR Protocol: The Gadsden design is difficult to classify because it was very popular and used in a variety of ways. There are few ways to display it incorrectly.

- It should always give honor to official United States flags.
- If grouped with national flags, it should follow the Grand Union.
- If grouped with regimental flags or other "snake" flags, we recommend that it be given a position of honor.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Is this an American flag?



A: Yes, in the sense that it was seen and used throughout the states and clearly represented the Patriots. It may have even been used as a Navy ensign. It is not an official flag of the United States, however, because it does not meet any Congressional descriptions of authorized U.S. flags.

Q: Why a rattlesnake?

A: The rattlesnake was a popular symbol of American liberty, and can still be seen throughout the United States.

A: You may have seen the famous cartoon by Benjamin Franklin showing a snake cut into pieces and the words "Join or Die." This was a call to unite the British Colonies in America against the French in 1754. When the colonies rebelled against Parliament, the cartoon was adapted and reused by others. The snake appeared whole once the colonies united, this time with a warning to the British: Don't Tread on Me!

A: The "American Guesser" (probably Benjamin Franklin) answered your question:

"It occurred to me that the Rattle-Snake is found in no other quarter of the world besides America, and may therefore have been chosen, on that account, to represent her. ... I recollected that her eye excelled in brightness, that of any other animal, and that she has no eye-lids. She may therefore be esteemed an emblem of vigilance. She never begins an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrenders: She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage. As if anxious to prevent all pretensions of quarreling with her, the weapons with which nature has furnished her, she conceals in the roof of her mouth, so that, to those who are unacquainted with her, she appears to be a most defenseless animal; and even when those weapons are shown and extended for her defense, they appear weak and contemptible; but their wounds however small, are decisive and fatal. Conscious of this, she never wounds 'till she has generously given notice, even to her enemy, and cautioned him against the danger of treading on her."

[Learn more about historic flags ...](#)

Indiana Society Color Guard



The Indiana Society Color Guard is probably best known for the color and pageantry their uniforms and flags bring to a parade, grave dedication or other community event. Emotions can range anywhere from children's questions and smiles to tears from a veteran's pride and memories. While all of this is true and important, one cannot overlook the wonderful side effect of fellowship with others who share common interests and passions.

New members are encouraged for local and statewide participation. There are loaner uniforms available and participation and travel is limited only by your own time and energy. Please consider serving in the Color Guard and experiencing the fellowship of your compatriots and the

appreciation of your community.

[INSSAR Color Guard Web Page ...](#)

Post Your own News and Information

Want to publicize a chapter or community event? Is your local DAR chapter hosting an open house? Do you have a color guard uniform to sell? Every compatriot in the Indiana Society has the ability to post news and information relative to themselves, their chapter, their community or anything else of interest. Please visit the bulletin board on your INSSAR website.

[Indiana Society Bulletin Board](#)

The Hoosier Patriot is a publication by and for the compatriots of the Indiana Society. Contributions of original, previously unpublished, materials are welcomed and encouraged. Photos must have at least a paragraph describing the depicted event. Deadline for submitting material is 45 days prior to the upcoming quarterly house of Delegates meeting.

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"Every true Christian is a patriot."
- John Frederic Oberlin, 1792

