

INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution
Spring
State Meeting - 19 April 2008
Host - Continental Chapter - Muncie, Indiana

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Robert D. Howell, Sr. The Pledge to the National Colors and to the SAR was led by Vice-President G. Thomas Schnuck. Compatriot Carlton Brumfield was appointed Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved. State Secretary Jack E. Moore took the Chapter Roll Call and determined a quorum was present. State Recording Secretary T. Rex Legler II confirmed the report.

NOTE: The registration sign in sheet was inadvertently misplaced so some names are omitted

| Attendance: | DistrictChapter | Compatriot |
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| 1 | Gen Thomas Posey George Rogers Clark Ohio Valley | 0 0 Donald Counts T. Rex Legler II John West |
| 2 | David Benton Daniel Guthrie John Hay | James Harvey John Sheets Darrell E. Scifries James Arnold Ronald Burkhart Robert Cunningham Edward Hitchcock Robert Howell 0 |
| 3 | Clarence A. Cook Benjamin Franklin Alexander Hamilton | David Betzner Garry Eckard Stuart Hart Jack Moore Graham Morey Michael Oberlin Stephen Oberlin Earl Salisbury Wade Harshman 0 |
| 4 | William Henry Harrison William Knight John Martin | Noel Reen 0 0 |
| 5 | Continental | Dennis Babbitt Carlton Brumfield William Butterfield |

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| | Jack Carmichael |
| | Phil DeHaven |
| | Mark Kreps |
| | Morris L. Little |
| | Thomas O. Little |
| | Jack R. Reber |
| | G. Thomas Schnuck |
| | Lloyd Schnuck |
| | James Allen Shoptaw |
| | Jean Edward Stamm II |
| | Alan Teller |
| | 0 |
| Thaddeus Kosciuszko | 0 |
| Simon Kenton | 0 |
| 6. | |
| Alexis Coquillard | Willard Waterson |
| Anthony Halberstadt | Roger Barnhart |
| | Charles Peters |
| | Neil Pitts |
| | William E. Sharp |

There were 15 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance who departed for their program under the leadership of State Auxiliary President Martha Barnhart. The Minutes of the 12 January 2008 meeting were approved with the amendment to state that State President Howell had appointed a Constitution Review Committee consisting of Compatriots Jack Carmichael, Mike Oberlin, and Robert Howell. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Chuck Peters including comment that the outside auditor found both the State Financial Records and the State Color Guard Financial Records in order. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The 2008 Budget submitted at the 12 January 2008 meeting for consideration by the members was approved. The District Directors Reports were given in order. The position of District Director for District #3 was filled by Compatriot Wade Harshman (dual member with Benjamin Franklin & Clarence Cook Chapters). The Hoosier Patriot was given by Compatriot Michael Oberlin. The State Color Guard report was submitted by Compatriot Steven Oberlin, Commanding. State Registrar Noel Reen gave his report. State Genealogist Ed Hitchcock gave his report. National Trustee Eckard submitted his report. Of note is the ongoing discussion regarding the proposed move to the "Museum Quarter" of Louisville for the NSSAR Headquarters, Library, and Center for Advancing Americas Heritage. VPG Roger Barnhart who sits on the NSSAR national committee reported that earlier flooding in 1937 of the building was caused by coal chutes which have been removed. Also that the purchase price of the building & property was \$1.4 million. Compatriot Barnhart gave reassurances to the members that all aspects of "due diligence" were being followed and that the building and its contents were being protected as far as humanly possible from all perils. Under new business the proposed By-Laws & amendments were discussed. By-Law #7 & By-Law # 30 were approved by the membership. By-Law #18 dealing with the Color Guard died for lack of a second. Trustee Garry Eckard submitted the nominating committee report. Compatriot Willard Waterson withdrew his name for consideration for State Vice-President citing family health concerns. President Howell opened the floor for nominations for each office. Compatriot Steve Oberlin was nominated for Vice President by Compatriot John G. West and seconded by Compatriot Jack Carmichael. Compatriot Carlton Brumfield was nominated for Chancellor by Compatriot T. Rex Legler II and seconded by Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham. Compatriot Don Counts was nominated for Chaplain by Compatriot John West and seconded by Compatriot T. Rex Legler II. The nominations were closed. All offices except Chancellor were uncontested so the nominees were voted in by acclamation. The Chancellor vote was taken by a hand raising and Compatriot Carlton Brumfield was declared the winner. The 2008-2009 INSSAR Officers are as follows: President - G. Thomas Schnuck (Continental), Vice-President - Steven Oberlin (Clarence A. Cook), Secretary - William E. Sharp (Anthony Halberstadt), appointed Recording Secretary - T. Rex

Legler II (Daniel Guthrie), Treasurer - Chuck Peters (Anthony Halberstadt), Registrar - Noel K. Reen (William H. Harrison), Genealogist - Mark Kreps (Continental), Chancellor - Carlton Brumfield (Continental), Chaplain - Don Counts (Ohio Valley), Director Dist #1 - J.D. Strouth (Ohio Valley), District # 2 - James C. Arnold (Daniel Guthrie), District #3 - Wade Harshman (Benjamin Franklin), District #4 - Hubert Shakelton (William H. Harrison), Dist#5 - Ken Locke (Kosciusko), Dist#6 - Willard Waterson (Alexis Coquillard), National Trustee - Robert D. Howell, Sr., Alt National Trustee - G. Thomas Schnuck. State Secretary Moore then asked for election of delegates to the NSSAR National Congress in Sacramento CA. Delegates elected were Compatriots Roger D. Barnhart, Charles F. Bragg, Garry Eckerd, Robert D. Howell, Sr., T. Rex Legler II, Steve Oberlin, G. Thomas Schnuck, and Lloyd Schnuck. As 3 of these are delegates at large because of being general officers, there remain 6 openings. Under Youth Programs Compatriot G. Thomas Schnuck stated that there was no interest among several school systems to engage in the poster contest. Compatriot Howell stated that the Eagle Scout Scholarship winner and the state JROTC winner were unable to attend today's award ceremony and would be presented their awards at a later date. The Knight Essay Contest winner was Jessica Johnson sponsored by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter. The orations contest was conducted by Compatriot David Betzner with 2 entrants, Kian Hudson and Carlee Green. Only one point separated the scores by the judges with Kian Hudson winning the state and being sent to Sacramento CA to compete in July. President Howell recessed the meeting for lunch.

Upon reconvening the business meeting at 2:00 PM, President Howell opened the floor for New Business. Compatriot Legler moved that the question of Color Guard operations and finance be sent to the Constitutional Review Committee. This motion was seconded and approved. Greetings were brought respectively from the Central District NSSAR, the Indiana Society DAR, and the INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. President Howell then announced that the Golden Chapter Award Winners were Large- Daniel Guthrie, Medium - Ohio Valley, & Small - David Benton. The annual awards presentation for members resulted in Bronze Color Guard and Bronze Good Citizen Medals to Robert C. Cunningham (Daniel Guthrie), Meritorious Service Medals to Stuart Hart (Clarence A. Cook) and John West (Ohio Valley), Gold INSSAR Service Medal to Scott Hosier (Clarence A. Cook), NSSAR Arthur M. King Scholarship Medal to Randy Hillenberg (Clarence A. Cook), State Distinguished Service Medal to T. Rex Legler II (Daniel Guthrie), and Patriot Medal to Willard Waterson (Alexis Coquillard). VPG Roger D. Barnhart of the Central District NSSAR then installed the elected slate of officers for 2008-2009 including passing the INSSAR gavel & state president's medallion. Compatriot Howell made his outgoing remarks and was presented his Past State President's pin as well as the National Trustee pin. He presented incoming state President G. Thomas Schnuck with the "hard decisions" mallet. Compatriot Schnuck gave his remarks. State Chaplain Don Counts conducted the Ceremony for Departed Compatriots and then gave a Benediction. State Vice-President Steve Oberlin led the Recessional.

Respectfully submitted,

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