

INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution
Spring State Meeting - 18 April 2009
Host - Clarence A. Cook Chapter - Indianapolis IN

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President G. Thomas Schnuck. The Invocation was offered by State Chaplain Don Counts. The Pledge to the National Colors and to the SAR was led by Vice-President Steven D. Oberlin. Compatriot Earl Salisbury was appointed Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved. State Secretary William E. Sharp took the Chapter Roll Call and determined a quorum was present. State Recording Secretary T. Rex Legler II confirmed the report.

Attendance:	DistrictChapter	Compatriot
1	Gen Thomas Posey George Rogers Clark Ohio Valley	John G. West 0 Don Counts J.D.Strouth
2	David Benton Daniel Guthrie	Jim Harvey Dannell Scifres James Arnold Ronald Burkhart Robert Cunningham Edward E. Hitchcock Robert D. Howell T. Rex Legler II
	John Hay	Roger R. Hauger Hugh E. Jackson
3	Clarence A. Cook	David Betzner Arthur S. Bowers Ronald L. Darrah Stuart Hart John M. Horton, Jr. Jack E. Moore Mike Oberlin Steven Oberlin John R. Rogers Earl Salisbury Robert W. Spanogle John H. Thurman
	Benjamin Franklin	0
	Alexander Hamilton	0

4	William Henry Harrison William Knight John Martin	David L. Kelly 0 0
5	Continental Thaddeus Kosciuszko Simon Kenton	Dennis Babbitt Jack Carmichael Andrew Kreps Mark Kreps G. Thomas Schnuck Roger Barnhart 0
6.	Alexis Coquillard Anthony Halberstadt Seth Jewel	Willard Waterson William E. Sharp 0

The meeting began with “Greetings” & report from State Auxiliary President Martha Barnhart announcing the new state officers (President Dixie Oberlin, V-P Marge Howell, Secretary April Legler, Treasurer Kay Schnuck, & Historian Chris Cunningham) & giving a check for \$300.00 to support the INSSAR youth programs. The INSSAR was also reminded of the upcoming INDAR state meeting in May with invitation to attend the Saturday evening awards banquet & Sunday noon joint DAR/SAR luncheon. Also, the ladies were conducting a silent auction for baskets provided by Janeen Peters & Martha Barnhart. There were 14 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance who departed for their program under the leadership of new State Auxiliary President Dixie Oberlin. The Minutes of the Winter meeting hosted by the William Knight Chapter were not read as they were posted on the INSSAR website and provided in the meeting packet. It was announced that former Treasurer Charles Peters remained in good spirits but was not doing well. State Secretary Bill Sharp submitted his report in writing. Discussion regarding routing of applications, submission of separate checks for chapter, state, & national application fees & dues, and posting that information on the state website ensued. Compatriots were reminded that the category of “Member-At-Large” was eliminated and former “Members-At-Large were being transferred to active INSSAR chapters. Also noted was the recruitment of current SARs into the state SR group. The Treasurer’s Report including the 2009-2010 budget was presented by interim Treasurer Arthur S. Bowers. The budget statement was modified to include income from the Ladies Auxilliary & the CAR endowment fund with expense increased in the Knight Essay fund to \$1200.00. Compatriot T. Rex Legler II moved with a second that the budget was amended to establish an “INSSAR Endowment Fund for Operating Expenses” utilizing the existing CDs. It was commented that information regarding the performance of the 2008-2009 budget of actual expenses was missing. Due to the changeover from accounting systems and the new Treasurer, this information will be provided at a later date. The amended Treasurer’s Report with 2009-2010 budget was approved. The District Director’s Reports were given in writing for Districts 1, 2, & 6. No reports from Districts 3, 4 & 5. The Hoosier Patriot was given orally by Compatriot Steve Oberlin. Individual compatriots were encouraged to sign up on-line for the electronic HP. The State Color Guard report was submitted in writing by Compatriot Steven Oberlin, Commanding. During his report on national Color Guard activities, Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham noted that the INSSAR was participating in the

Kentucky Derby Festival Parade & announced the NSSAR participation in the Washington DC Memorial Day Parade. The Vincennes Rendevous on Memorial Day weekend was also noted. Compatriot Noel Reen sent a written Registrar's report. State Genealogist Mark Kreps had no report. State Historian and 4-H Chair John G. West submitted his report in writing. Compatriot Randy Hillenburg submitted an Eagle Scout Report in writing. Compatriot Robert Howell submitted a ROTC/JROTC Report in writing. Compatriot Jim Jackson submitted no Americanism Committee report. Compatriot Jim Arnold submitted a "Patnrns in Patriotism" Committee report in writing. Discussion ensued as to qualifying activities and reporting requirements for chapter participation. Northern Command should utilize the DeLaBalme ceremonies & the Southern Command the Vincennes ceremonies. Connor Prarie was identified as the "State" Color Guard event. Compatriot Ted Williams did not submit a Revolutionary War Graves report. Compatriot Legler noted that Compatriot Williams had resigned from his national committee position(s) ad inquired as to his health. Compatriot Roger D. Barnhart gave a Membership & Chapter Organization report, noting the Duneland Chapter was now fully operational, a charter presentation for Duneland was being scheduled, a new chapter was being organized on the Ohio-Indiana border south of Richmond in Franklin County. Compatriot Barnhart also pointed out that something needs to be done about our several "inactive" chapters. Due to time being available, the agenda item of changes to the Constitution & By-Laws was begun. CoChairman Steven Oberlin conducted a review of the proposed changes adding in the category of "Standing Rules". After much discussion, the changes were approved by the House of Delegates. The newly revised Constitution & By-Laws with Operating Rules will be posted on the INSSAR website by the State Summer Meeting in July 2009. President Schnuck then recessed the meeting for lunch.

Upon reconvening the business meeting at 2:00 PM, President Schnuck opened the floor for New Business. Nominating Committee report was read by Compatriot Howell who then conducted the election of state officers for 2009-2010. The results were President Steven Oberlin (Clarence A. Cook Chapter), Vice President Robert P. Cunningham (Daniel Guthrie Chapter), Secretary William Sharp (Anthony Halberstadt Chapter), Treasurer Arthur Bowers (Clarence A. Cook Chapter), Registrar Robert D. Howell, Sr.(Daniel Guthrie Chapter), Genealogist Mark Kreps (Continental Chapter), Historian John G. West (Gen Thomas Posey Chapter), Chaplain Don Counts (Ohio Valley Chapter), & Chancellor Carlton Brumfield (Continental Chapter). District Directors are: Dist #1 J. D. Strouth (Ohio Valley Chapter), Dist #2 James C. Arnold (Daniel Guthrie Chapter), Dist #3 Wade Harshman (Benjamin Franklin Chapter), Dist #4 T. Rex Legler II (Daniel Guthrie Chapter), Dist #5 Roger Barnhart (Kosciusko Chapter), & Dist #6 Willard Waterson (Alexis Coquillard Chapter). National Trustee nominee G. Thomas Schnuck (Continental Chapter) & alternate National Trustee nominee Steven Oberlin (Clarence A. Cook Chapter). Delegates to the NSSAR Annual Congress were listed as Roger Barnhart (Kosciusko Chapter), William Sharp (Anthony Halberstadt Chapter), Steven Oberlin (Clarence A. Cook Chapter), T. Rex Legler II (Ohio Valley Chapter), Willard Waterson (Alexis Coquillard Chapter), Jack Carmichael (past National General Officer), Robert D. Howell, Sr. (Natioal Trustee) G. Thomas Schnuck (alternate National Trustee/state president), Lloyd Schnuck (Continental Chapter), Robert P. Cunningham (Daniel Guthrie Chapter), Ronald Burkhart (Daniel Guthrie Chapter alternate), & Richard Douglas Hill (Daniel Guthrie Chapter alternate). Compatriot Schnuck assisted by Compatriot Steven Oberlin presented several awards: NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation to Theodore J. Williams (Wm H. Harrison Chapter), SAR Service to Veteran's Medal to James C. Arnold (Daniel Guthrie Chapter), 50+ Service to INSSAR Medals in Bronze, Silver, & Gold to Compatriots & ladies by chapter, the SAR Patriot Medal to James C. Arnold (Daniel Guthrie Chapter) & Stuart Hart (Clarence A. Cook Chapter), and the SAR State Distinguished Service Medal to Steven Oberlin. Compatriot Jack Carmichael installed the state officers for 2009-2010. State President reviewed the upcoming calendar. Compatriot Don Counts led the benediction. State Vice-President Robert P. Cunningham led the Recessional. The group adjourned to the outside lawn to conduct the Ceremony for Departed Compatriots under the leadership of State Chaplain Don Counts. The meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

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