

**INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Fall State Meeting - Saturday, 23 October 2010**  
**Host - Benjamin Franklin Chapter - Masonic Retirement Community, Franklin IN**

The meeting was called to order at promptly at 1:20 PM by President Robert P. Cunningham. The Invocation was offered by State Chaplain Don Counts. The colors were presented by the INSSAR Color Guard. The Pledge to the National Colors and to the SAR was led by Vice-President C. David Betzner. Compatriot Jack Carmichael was appointed Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved. State Secretary T. William E. Sharp took the Chapter Roll Call of 34 (2 non voting) Compatriots in attendance and determined a quorum was present. Chapter and District requirements were met.

Attendance:

<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>At Large</u>
1	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	John G. West	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	0	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Don Counts Ken Gilkey	
2	David Benton	Brownstown	John Sheets	
	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Ronald Burkhart Robert P. Cunningham Edward E. Hitchcock Robert D. Howell T. Rex Legler II Alex M. Miller (Jr Mbr) Paul Schoonmaker Richard Hill	x        
	John Hay	Salem	James C. Arnold	
3	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	Ronal Darrah Jeffrey W. Hornung Mike Oberlin Steven Oberlin Howard Smith Doug Fraker David Betzner Phillip Greenwood	   x    x
	Benjamin Franklin Alexander Hamilton	Franklin Fishers	James Jackson 0	
4	William Henry Harrison	Lafayette	George Frantz	
	William Knight	Greencastle	0	
	John Martin	Rockville	0	

5	Continental	Muncie	Jack Carmichael Mark R. Kreps G. Thomas Schnuck Dennis Babbitt	x
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Allen L. Stout Wendell Horn Bill Sharp	x
	Seth Jewel	Auburn	Donald Gradeless Rex Gradeless	
6.	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend	Willard Waterson Jeffery Jones Robert Price	
	Duneland Thaddeus Kosciuszko	Valparaiso Warsaw	0 Roger D. Barnhart	x
	Simon Kenton	Rennselaer	0	

There were 9 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance including 1 former INSDAR state regent and 1 guest. The minutes from the Summer Leadership Meeting hosted by Daniel Guthrie Chapter in Bloomington were accepted as posted on the INSSAR website. National Trustee Steven D. Oberlin submitted the State Treasurer's Report in writing. The 2010-2011 year to date budget was gone over in detail.

Reports: Hoosier Patriot Editor Jeffrey W. Hornung reported. He was reminded that to meet constitutional requirements the HP must go out at least 30 days prior to a House of Delegates meeting. NSSAR Color Guard Representative Robert P. Cunningham noted that there is now a Color Guard Manual on-line at the national website. State Registrar Robert D. Howell reported 20 applications approved and 3 supplementals approved since the summer meeting. There was no genealogist report. National Trustee Oberlin made his report. As State Webmaster he commented on lack of usage of the bulletin board/chat page feature of the INSSAR website. He also mentioned that DAR approved applications can be downloaded from their website & have your credit card handy. Also the SAR is putting the approved applications on line. These applications are earlier than 1971 and are being put on line by Ancestry.com. The District Director's Reports were given in writing for Districts 1, 2, 5 & 6. Oral report was given for Districts 3. Additional comments for District #1 were provided by John West and Ken Gilkey. The State Color Guard report was given by Southern Area Commander Robert D. Howell, Sr. George Washington Fund Chairman G. Thomas Schnuck reported that there were only 15 Fellows in Indiana with the most recent being Ronald E. Burkhart. GWEF Distribution Committee member Roger D. Barnhart commented that there were more opportunities for funds from this committee but that applications were few or poorly written. Americanism & Flag Recognition Chair Jim Jackson reported depleting his supply of certificates, noted that less than half of our chapters had participated yet this year, and requested funds to get certificates. Certificates would be obtained by State Awards & Medals Chair David Betzner. No report for CAR. The Eagle Scout Committee report was given by T. Rex Legler II reminding chapters to get applications in to State Chair Hillenburg by 31 DEC 2010. John West commented on the 4-H program & decried lack of state 4-H support. No report was presented for Knight Essay contest. No report from the Ladies Auxiliary. Revolutionary War Graves and Patriot Grave Regisrty Chair Ed Hitchcock submitted a written and an oral report. Additional comments were made by

Ken Gilkey. Compatriot David Betzner had no report for the Rumbaugh Orations Contest. JROTC/ROTC no report. Jim Arnold gave thorough report on the Veterans Programs & Partners in Patriotism. He reminded the northern chapters that the upcoming de LaBalme ceremonies were a great place to get credit. The members of the Ladies Auxiliary rejoined the meeting. State Vice President C. David Betzner presented Compatriot Ronald E. Burkhart with his George Washington Fellow certificate. He had been formally pinned at the Fall Leadership Meeting. NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee Chairman T. Rex Legler II presented certificates to Kathy & Ron Burkhart for their donation to the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund. They had been presented their medal sets at the Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville. Compatriot Legler then announced that Compatriot Lowell E. Nichols, Sr. had been nominated and approved for the Robert E. Burt Volunteer Scouter Award. The medals & certificate were given to Cook Chapter President Mike Oberlin for presentation at a later date. Compatriot T. Rex Legler II presented a copy of "Sons of the American Revolution - Indiana 1908" compiled by Charles W. Moore. This is a fascinating history of the early years of our Society. Compatriot Roger Barnhart took the book & is checking to see if a copy is in the Allen County Public Library. If not, a copy may be made with a request for a second copy to be sent to the Willard Library in Evansville. A streamer for the INSSAR flag for participation at the marking of the "Last Naval Battle of the Revolution" was presented by Bill Sharp. Compatriot Roger D. Barnhart then commented on the fact that Indiana had 3 national committee chairs - Veterans Programs is James C. Arnold, Eagle Scout is T. Rex Legler II, and Facilities is himself. The meeting was recessed at 3:00 PM for a special musical presentation by Compatriot Alexander M. Miller on his harp. The Ladies Auxiliary members retired to another room and the business meeting was reconvened at 3:20 PM.

Old Business: Roger D. Barnhart commented on the upcoming de LaBalme ceremonies. Maps and additional details are being put up on the website or can be obtained by contacting Roger. A second item under "Old Business" was opened by Steven D. Oberlin citing INSSAR Bylaw 3 dealing with requirements for a chapter to remain chartered. Essentially they needed 10 or more members and must have a representative at the annual state meeting in April of each year. He noted that 6 chapters in the INSSAR did not meet one or both conditions of Bylaw #3 & he listed the Alexander Hamilton, Seth Jewel, Simon Kenton, William Knight, Thaddeus Kosciusko, & John Martin Chapters. He then moved that "The above listed chapters are put on notice that if they do not have representation at the next annual meeting their charters will be revoked without further discussion or action." The motion was seconded by John G. West. Discussion followed and points were clarified to everyone's satisfaction. State President Robert P. Cunningham took the vote and the motion passed unanimously. Compatriot Ken Gilkey then asked about the status of the question regarding the required annual chapter reports. After some discussion and reference to the Summer meeting minutes by Secretary Sharp it was determined that the e-mail circulated by subcommittee Chairman Howell to members Jack Carmichael & Barnhart had not been acted on. The issue would be on the Winter meeting agenda.

New Business: Compatriot Mike Oberlin volunteered to chair a "Wreaths Across America" subcommittee. President Cunningham appointed Jack Carmichael to chair a Bylaws committee to explore changing the title of District Director to State Vice President. He was to report out at the Winter Meeting as a constitutional amendment was probably required. Upcoming meetings were noted on the agenda. New Business was opened and. The meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by State Chaplain Counts and SAR Recessional by State Vice President C. David Betzner at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Rex Legler II, Recording Secretary  
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