



INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution

Annual State House of Delegates Meeting

Saturday, 16 April 2011

War Memorial Bldg., Indianapolis, IN

Host – Clarence A. Cook Chapter

- The meeting was called to order at 10:30 PM by President Robert P. Cunningham.
- The Invocation was offered by 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 Earl Salisbury was appointed Parliamentarian.
- State Secretary William E. Sharp took the Chapter Roll Call of 44 (2 non-voting) Compatriots in attendance and determined a quorum was present. The agenda was approved.

Attendance:

<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>At Large</u>
1	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	John West Bob Hall	x
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	0	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	J. D Strouth Don Counts Ken Gilkey David Jenkins	x x
2	David Benton	Brownstown	John Sheets Darrell Scifries Jim Harvey	
	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Ronald Burkhart Robert P. Cunningham Alexander Miller T. Rex Legler Robert Howell Ed Hitchcock Paul Wilke	x x x x x

	John Hay	Salem	James Arnold	
3	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Wayne Eells Earl Salisbury Steve Oberlin Mike Oberlin Jeff Hornung Randy Hillenburg Stuart Hart Garry Eckard Art Bowers Phil Greenwood Howard Smith	x x x x
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	0	
	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	0	
4	William Henry Harrison	Lafayette	Noel Reen	
	William Knight	Greencastle	0	
	John Martin	Rockville	James W. Hicks Gene Printz	
5	Continental	Muncie	Jack Carmichael Mark R. Kreps Dennis Babbitt Don Crose G. Tom Schnuck	x x
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Wendell Horn Bill Sharp Roger Barnhart	 x x
	Seth Jewel	Auburn	Don Gradeless	
6.	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend	Rick Smurdon Willard Watterson	 x
	Duneland	Valparaiso	0	
	Thaddeus Kosciuszko	Warsaw	0	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	

- There were 16 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance including 1 current INSDAR State Vice-Regent and 1 National Vice President of the SAR Ladies Auxiliary and several guests.
- Greetings were brought by the DAR State Vice Regent Jeanie Hornung and the Indiana Society Ladies Auxiliary President Dixie Oberlin.

President's Comments:

Retiring INSSAR President Robert Cunningham reported the following highlights of the last year-

- He signed 48 new member certificates;
- The new highway marker for the De LaBalm Historical Battle Site was put in place;
- The INSSAR Recruiting Booth was put inside the participants area of the Vincennes Rendezvous
- The George Rogers Clark Memorial dedication was moved from February to Memorial Day Weekend
- A significant number of Color Guard activities took place throughout the state.

Awards:

- *EAGLE SCOUT CONTEST:* Compatriot Alexander Miller was awarded the Eagle Scout trophy and certificate for finishing 1st in the Eagle Scout Contest.
- *THE ROBERT E. BURT MEDAL:* For significant contributions to the Boy Scouts was given to Compatriot Randy Hillenburg and Lowell Nichols.
- *THE BRONZE INSSAR SERVICE AWARD MEDAL:* Presented to Marge Howell, April Legler, Kathy Burkhart, and Compatriots Robert Hall, Charles Carpenter, and Ron Burkhart.
- *THE GOLD INSSAR SERVICE AWARD MEDAL:* Presented to Compatriot Robert Cunningham.
- *THE ALBERT TINGLEY MORRIS AWARD:* Presented to the Ohio Valley Chapter.
- *MEDAL OF APPRECIATION:* For recruiting new members into the SAR was given to Martha Barnhart.
- *CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:* For assisting Robert Cunningham during his Presidency went to Compatriots Roger Barnhart, Rex Legler, Tom Schnuck and Steve Oberlin.
- *SAR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDALS:* Presented to Art Bowers, David Betzner, Jeff Hornung, William Sharp, and Randy Hillenburg.
- *THE SAR SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL:* Presented to Compatriot James Arnold.
- *THE PATRIOT AWARD AND MEDAL:* Presented to Compatriot Ron Darrah.
- *THE STATE MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE:* Presented to Robert Howe.
- *AIDE-DE-CAMP CERTIFICATE:* Presented to Chris Ruth Cunningham for her considerable assistance to Robert Cunningham during his term as President.

- The *RUMBAUGH ORATION*: Was conducted in which Gaven Bragg representing the *William Henry Harrison Chapter* was the winner. He was presented the Neck ribbon and Medal, Certificate and \$600 prize.
- The *KNIGHT ESSAY*: Contest winners were 1st place Rebecca Belth, *Anthony Halberstadt Chapter*, 2nd place Andrew Reuss, *Daniel Guthrie Chapter*, and 3rd place Michael L. Kress, *Continental Chapter*.

Secretary:

- There were not minutes from the Winter House of Delegates Session as there was no quorum.
- The minutes from the Winter Delegates Executive Session (held in leu of the House of Delegates Session) were read.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's report was submitted.
 - The 2010-2011 year to date showed \$8,618 had been expended against an income of \$8,618.
 - The budget for 2011-2012 was presented showing and income/expense balance of \$10,010. The budget was approved by the Delegates.

Committee Reports:

- THE HOOSIER PATRIOT: Reported that the Patriot would be posted in PDF format. He requests Chapter articles and pictures.
- NSSAR COLOR GUARD: Representative Robert P. Cunningham noted that the George Rogers Clark ceremony will take place on 28 May during the Vincennes Rendezvous.
- STATE REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST: Robert D. Howell reported that all applications submitted to him have been submitted to NSSAR.
- NATIONAL TRUSTEE: Steve Oberlin reported that the Flag Amendment Resolutions have been approved and sent to the U.S. Congress. He also noted that there will be an action presented to the Congress that the Youth Registrant Status be removed.
- STATE WEBSITE: Steve Oberlin reported that the INSSAR website has been transferred to another server provider. He suggested the Chapters have a presentation during a meeting showing members how to access the site.
- DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:
 - *District 1*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
 - *District 2*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
 - *District 3*: *Clarence A Cook Chapter* is gaining about 12 new members per quarter. *Benjamin Franklin Chapter* and *Alexander Hamilton Chapter* did not report to the District Director.

- *District 4:* No report.
 - *District 5:* No report.
 - *District 6:* A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- STATE COLOR GUARD: Commander Stuart Hart submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within.
 - GEORGE WASHINGTON FUND: Chairman G. Thomas Schnuck submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within.
 - MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Roger Barnhart reported that the *Thaddeus Kosciuszko Chapter* had 6 members and the Chapter President said that they did not want to hold meetings. Compatriot Barnhart recommended that the Chapter be dissolved and membership moved to Anthony Halberstadt Chapter.
 - AMERICANISM & FLAG RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: Chairman Compatriot Mark Kreps awarded flag certificates to three Compatriots who fly the flag appropriately at their home: Compatriots Wendell Horn, Ron Burkhart and Rick Smurdon.
 - C.A.R.: No Report.
 - EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE: The winner noted above. There was an increase in the number of applicants this year.
 - 4-H PROGRAM: Chairman Compatriot John West submitted his report.
 - KNIGHT ESSAY: Contest winners noted above.
 - REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES AND PATRIOT GRAVE REGISTRY: Compatriot Ed Hitchcock submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within.
 - RUMBAUGH ORATIONS: Contest winner noted above.
 - JROTC/ROTC: Chairman Compatriot Howell reported that the awards to cadets in the high schools and colleges were going on now and for the next several weeks.
 - VETERANS PROGRAMS & PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM: Chairman Compatriot Arnold submitted a written report and it is attached hereto within.

Old Business:

- There was a short discussion concerning the starting time of the meeting. Those in the SE corner of the state would like it to start about noon or 1 pm as they have a considerable drive. No decision made.
- Discussion concerning the noncompliant chapters: at the Fall Meeting of the House of Delegates a motion was passed that the following chapters would lose their Charter if they had no delegate at the Annual Meeting (this one): *Alexander Hamilton, John Martin, Seth Jewel, Simon Kenton, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, and William Knight.*

- Those who did not send a delegate and are to have their Charter's Revoked are *Alexander Hamilton, Thaddeus Kosciuszko* (request to merge with *Anthony Halberstadt* approved), and *William Knight*.
- The INSSAR Secretary was instructed to write each member of these chapters and describe that they would be assigned to the next closest chapter based on the member's address.
- Motion by Compatriot Sharp and second by Compatriot Legler that the number of Districts be reduced from 6 to 4.
 - Motion by Compatriot Gradeless and second by Compatriot West that it be tabled. Motion failed by show of hands.
 - Motion to reduce the number of Districts from 6 to 4 passed.

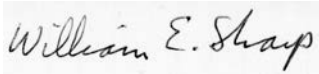
New Business:

- The following Compatriots were approved as Delegates to the SAR Congress in North Carolina: David Betzner, Bob Howell, Jack Carmichael, Tom Schnuck, Lloyd Schnuck, Rick Smurdon, Roger Barnhart, Ron Burkhart, Robert Cunningham, William Sharp and Rex Legler.
- Compatriot Legler (Vice Chairman of the National Medals and Award Committee) noted that the NSSAR Executive Committee had usurped the authority of the Medal and Awards Committee by over ruling an award decision.
 - Motion by Compatriot Betzner and second by Compatriot Carmichael that the following resolution be made: (1) RESOLVED THAT THE NSSAR GOLD GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL SHALL BE AWARDED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NSSAR MEDALS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE AND THE NSSAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. ALL NSSAR POLICIES TO THE CONTRARY ARE HEREBY RESCINDED. (2) FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE INDIANA SOCIETY IS DIRECTED TO SEND COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT GENERAL NSSAR, SECRETARY GENERAL NSSAR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NSSAR. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Vice President General of the Central District Wilke gave a report.
- The following slate of Officers was presented by the Nominating Committee for 2011-12;
 - President: Compatriot David Betzner; no other nominees
 - Vice President: Compatriot Stuart Hart; Compatriot William Sharp nominated by Compatriot Arnold.
 - Secretary: Compatriot Wayne Eells; no other nominees
 - Treasurer: Compatriot Art Bowers; no other nominees
 - Registrar/Genealogist: Compatriot Robert Howell; no other nominees
 - Chaplin: Compatriot Don Counts; no other nominees
 - Historian: Compatriot John West; no other nominees
 - District Directors: Compatriots Barnhart, Hitchcock, Salisbury, Strouth, and Watterson; no other nominees
- Balloting would be required for the INSSAR Vice President position and because of the reduction in the number of Districts to 4, there is a need to elect 4 Directors from the 5 nominees.
 - The results of the election: Compatriot Hart is elected Vice President and Compatriots Barnhart,

Hitchcock, Salisbury, and Strouth are elected District Directors. Motion made, seconded and passed to destroy the written ballots.

- The Indiana Society Ladies Auxiliary reported that their new officers for 2011-12 are Marge Howell, President; April Legler, Vice President; Genie Hornung, Secretary; Chris Cunningham, treasurer; and Donna Betzner, Historian.
- The Ladies Auxiliary also announced that they are donating \$500 to the Indiana Society for Historical Markers.
- The Indiana Society SAR Officers were installed by Vice President General Wilke.
- Indiana Society Ladies Auxiliary Officers installed by Valerie Wilke, 2nd Vice President of the National Ladies Auxiliary.
- The Central District Meeting was announced by VPG Nominee T. Rex Legler to be held in Bloomington on 14 -16 October at the Terry's Catering Conference Center.
- The House of Delegates Meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by Chaplain Counts and SAR Recessional was led by State President C. David Betzner at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E. Sharp". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

William E. Sharp, Secretary

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