



Minutes of the

Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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APRIL 11TH, 2022

6:30 p.m.

**MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)
AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, 427 SPENCER ROAD, STE. 255, ST.
PETERS, MO 63376**

Chapter Officers 2022

President: Jim Jackson

Vice President: Marvin Koechig

Secretary: Dan Evans

Treasurer: Jim Borgman

Sgt at Arms: Casey Brizendine

Historian: Dennis Hahn

Genealogist: Justin Watkins

Registrar: Dennis Hahn

Chaplain: Steve Baldwin

The Gunpowder Incident (or Gunpowder Affair) was a conflict early in the American Revolutionary War between Lord Dunmore, the Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia, and militia led by Patrick Henry. On April 20, 1775, one day after the Battles of Lexington and Concord (and well before news of those events reached Virginia), Lord Dunmore ordered the removal of the gunpowder from the magazine in Williamsburg, Virginia to a Royal Navy ship. This action sparked local unrest, and militia companies began mustering throughout the colony. Patrick Henry led a small militia force toward Williamsburg to force return of the gunpowder to the colony's control.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gunpowder_Incident

REVOLUTIONARY WAR QUOTE

"Our unalterable resolution would be to be free. They have attempted to subdue us by force, but God be praised! in vain. Their arts may be more dangerous then their arms. Let us then renounce all treaty with them upon any score but that of total separation, and under God trust our cause to our swords."

Samuel Adams letter to James Warren, April 16, 1776

Anniversary Congratulations

April is the SAR Acceptance Anniversary Month for the following Compatriots - years of Service and Membership:

Thomas Michael Busken 4/24 8yrs
Robert W. Rogers 4/19 3yrs

Jeffrey Robert Tyler Stevens 4/01 5 yrs

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Community Council of St. Charles County, St. Peters, Missouri

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM by President Jim Jackson

Invocation

The Singing of our National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

SAR Pledge

President Jim Jackson welcomed all attendees, and recognized guests.

President Jackson gave a history of events occurring this month in the Revolutionary War and throughout American History.

Members in Attendance (24):

Bob Steve Baldwin
Jim Borgman
Casey Brizendine
Rich Denning
Dan Evans
Boaz Grimstead
Ezekiel Grimstead
Ezra Grimstead
Dennis Hahn
Steve Hyatt
Jim Jackson

Marvin Koechig
Charles Lilly
Jim McFerrin
Keith Morris
Rick Morton
Doug Neff
Dusty Rhoads
Ray Snyder
Roy Snyder
William Snyder
David Stone

John Swanson
George Van Antwerp

**denotes approved by
National but yet to be
inducted into FDL*

***denotes reinstatement
approval pending at
National*

Guests (16):

Tom Bergner	STCFD	Joanie Koechig	
Diane Borgman		Kyle Longinette	STCFD
Steven Brown	STCFD	Milly Neff	
Mande Grimstead		Kirby Schneider	STCFD
Guy Grimstead		Tom Wilkison	STCPD
Sheri Hoskins		Greg Witterholt	STCPD Retired
Josie Hoskins		Beth Witterholt	
Stefanie Kaiser	STCPD Retired		

Announcements:**Awards and Recognitions:**

- City of St. Charles Police Officer Greg Witterholt -- Retired
- City of St. Charles Police Officer Stefanie Kaiser -- Retired
- The Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law. This includes peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The recipients are usually recommended by their superiors or peers for their accomplishments. The award may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Kirby Schneider City of St. Charles Fire Department

The Fire Safety Commendation and Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and services that have evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development, and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal, which is protecting human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. The medal maybe presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once.

- Compatriot Charles Lilly accepted the 10 year membership award and certificate for his son-in-law David Scott Cox who is located in Hawaii, and serves as a Captain in the United States Navy.

Induction of New Members: None

Supplemental Applications:

TSgt Steve Hyatt
Ray Snyder and William Snyder (Seven Awards Each)

Reports:

Minutes of Previous Meeting on March 14th, 2022, as printed in the Cannoneer newsletter:
Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Borgman presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2022 which was approved subject to audit.

Genealogist's Report: As prepared by Genealogist Justin Watkins was given by Genealogist Emeritus Doug Neff as follows,

FERNANDO DE LEYBA CHAPTER
GENEALOGIST'S REPORT
11 Apr 2022

1. Current Roster Membership: 114
 - a. Full Members: 94
 - b. Dual Members: 7
M. Scott Breckenridge, Secretary, Florida Society SAR has joined as a dual member of the Chapter
 - c. Junior Members: 13

2. Applications Approved at NSSAR Since Last Meeting: 2
 - a. New Member Applications: (0).
 - b. Supplemental Applications: (2) Charles Lilly (2).

3. New Member Applications in Review Pipeline: 1
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (1) Gary Gorline.

4. Supplemental Applications in Review Pipeline: 7
 - a. At MOSSAR: (0).
 - b. At NSSAR: (7) Kevin Walleman (2), Dan Evans (2), James Hoskins, Doug Neff (2), Keith Walleman.

5. Applications in Process at Chapter: 8
 - a. New Member: (5) Chester Johnson, Gerald Prouhet (*awaiting signature*), Harold Burton, Scott Johnson, James Keithly.

IN COMMITTEE: (3) Shaun Sims, Mike Maninger, Robert Koffman.

 - b. Supplementals: (0).

Veterans and ROTC Report: Vice President Marvin Koechig advised that he was waiting to hear from several schools regarding the program.

Color Guard Report:

- President Jackson reminded the attendees of the busy month the Color Guard will have in May, as follows:
 - May 21st the St. Charles County Heritage Museum will open their exhibit of The American Revolutionary War in the West.
 - May 29th Commemoration of the Battle of San Carlos in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.
 - May 30th Joint Ceremony with the DAR at Coldwater Cemetery.
 - May 30th Joint Ceremony with the DAR in Troy, Missouri.
- All members with uniforms are encouraged to wear them to the May 4th Anniversary Celebration and the May 11th joint meeting with the DAR
- Junior Color Guard Commander Boaz Grimstead gave a report of his activities in recruitment of members of his Color Guard, and his attendance at a DAR meeting in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Flag Recognition Report: Vice President Marvin Koechig reminded Compatriots to be aware and report deserving recipients of Flag certificates.

Fund Raising Report: None

Awards Report: Compatriot Charles Lilly introduced our Knight Essay Contest winner for the Chapter, Josie Hoskins of Troy, Missouri. Josie presented her essay to the Chapter in a well-received presentation and received a cash award of \$250.



Old Business:

- The 25th Anniversary event on May 4th event at Pio's Restaurant in St. Charles now has 23 attendees, and we are continuing to get reservations. Reservation forms were made available for attendees.
- The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold its annual meeting on the 29th and 30th of April at the Sheraton Westport Chalet. Registration forms were available to the membership at the meeting. The cutoff date was April 8th, but instructions were sent to members via email.
- Patriot of the Month, President Jim Jackson said we are still looking for entries in the Patriot of the Month Celebration, and we are now including Supplemental Patriots.

New Business:

- The Nathan Futrell Chapter of the Children of the Sons of the American Revolution was given a donation of \$500.
- The Chapter voted to adopt a logo for Fernando de Leyba Chapter
- Historian/Registrar Dennis Hahn discussed the replication to be held in 2025 of the “Marquis de Lafayette Tour” and how it can be included in the program we will present when we host the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Society. More information regarding the tour may be found at thelafayettetrail.org
- Compatriot Hahn had brought his vast, extensive Chapter 2021 Yearbook which is excellent.
- Dennis passed on the comments of Compatriot Bob Raines that there is a social element (mixing element) missing from the Chapter meetings with not having a meal available prior to the business meeting and program. Compatriot Raines passed on information about the possible availability of Casa Mia Mexican Kitchen restaurant on Jungermann Road in St. Peters. Compatriot Hahn advised that he visited the restaurant and confirmed that the room would probably hold 100 people. Compatriot Hahn spoke with the mother of the owner. She said we would have to speak to her son, Danny, but she thought that the room would be available on Monday evenings. They have a taco bar that could be set up or we can order from the menu. In response to a question about is there American food on the menu, Compatriot Hahn advised that there is not.

The discussion of moving the chapter meetings to Casa Mia Mexican restaurant will be discussed at a later date since the Chapter is committed to the Spencer Library until the end of the calendar year 2022.

Program: Compatriot John Swanson presented well received information regarding his Patriot, Jacob Zeck

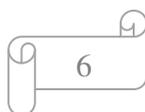
Benediction by Chaplain Steve Baldwin

SAR Recessional by President Jim Jackson

In Remembrance

The Following Compatriots left us in the Month of April

Richard "Dick" H. Hofer
William Lee Jackson
Martin "Marty" Edward White



NEXT MEETING JOINTLY WITH THE ST CHARLES CHAPTER OF THE DAR: MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 2022, **6:30 PM** AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, 427 SPENCER ROAD, STE. 255, ST. PETERS, MO 63376. THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES ARE IN THE NORTHERN END OF THE SPENCER ROAD LIBRARY, IN THE UPPER PARKING LOT.



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