

Minutes of the December 2022 Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date: December 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of **28** individuals were present at the meeting, including 16 members and a combination of 11 guests/spouses, including Ivan Killen, guest of Tony Crowe, Mac Trotter, guest (and potential SAR member) of John Galt, and Barbara Jo Tharp, Paul Tharp, and Jennifer Hogan, the wife, son and Daughter-in-Law of inductee David Tharp. Members present were Ham McDonald and wife Judy; Shep Hammack (in uniform); Tony Crowe; Tom Hughes; Ed Upchurch; Tom Hewitt (in uniform) and wife Brenda; Rick Anderson, Tom Chrisman, David Tharp (inducted), Richard McCrary and wife Catherine; Warren McPhillips; Sunny Lee; David Wellons and wife Jane; Tom Pye; John Wassell and wife Beth; John Bivins and wife Connie; and Mike Long.

6:00-7:00 Social hour

Meeting called to order:

This meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter Vice President Richard McCrary at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Compatriot Tom Hewitt

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant at Arms, Hamilton McDonald

Guest Speaker: Chapter Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald introduced our speaker, Chapter Vice President David Wellons, whose topic was "God's Hand on America". Asking the question, "Did God extend His hand of Providence on those who fought the various wars and battles to defeat foreign forces and achieve a successful formation of America?" The presentation explored wins in several events that some call coincidence and luck, and that others believe can only be attributed to Divine intervention.

Compatriot David Wellons is a third generation native of Tampa, Florida and is a 2016 founding member of our Mount Vernon Chapter. He has served multiple terms as both Chaplain and Recording Secretary. He is currently the Chapter Vice President and has been nominated to be Chapter President in 2023. He and his wife Jane currently reside in Woodstock, Georgia.

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter President Richard McCrary presented Vice President Wellons with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

The Chapter Treasurer Ted Fricke previously reported a positive bank balance at the Friday, December 9, 2022 Board of Manager's meeting, and this information was relayed by Shep Hammack

Membership Report

Registrar's Report: Registrar Tom Chrisman reported that the processes of getting new memberships approved has greatly improved at National, and our pending applications are starting to move.

Eagle Scout Award Report: Scouting liaison Chuck Olson was not able to attend. Vice President David Wellons reported that Chuck awarded three Eagle Scout Awards last week, and the details can be found on the Chapter web site. We also have at least one submission to the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award and Scholarship for 2022 and that will be judged by a committee of Chapter officers in December.

Election of 2023 Chapter Officers

The following slate of officer nominations for 2023 had previously been submitted to the membership at the November 9, 2022 meeting. After a general discussion tonight, a vote was taken, and the following officers were elected unanimously by the quorum of members present to serve in 2023:

- President - David Wellons
- Vice President - John Galt
- Recording Secretary - Warren McPhillips
- Corresponding Secretary - Tom Hughes
- Treasurer - Ted Fricke
- Genealogist - Tom Chrisman
- Registrar - Tom Hewett
- Chaplain - Gene Ray
- Historian/Librarian - Shep Hammack
- Chancellor - Tom Pye
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Ham McDonald

Annual Banquet: President Richard McCrary presented the three choices of venue and the available February dates for our annual banquet and installation of officers. After a good discussion, the members present voted to set this banquet at the Indian Hills Country Club, on Saturday night, February 18, 2022. Cost and reservation information will be provided to the members once the arrangements with the venue are finalized.

Announcements

December Birthdays: Bill Floyd, Ham McDonald, Bill Fisher, and Sunny Lee.

Dues Renewal: President McCrary reminded all that dues for 2023 are due and payable by December 31, 2022 and there will be a reinstatement fee if late. He encouraged everyone to attend to their renewals, if not already done.

Annual Meeting of the Georgia SAR: Will be held the January 27 and 28, 2023 in Duluth, Georgia. President McCrary encouraged all members to consider attending. Our Chapter currently has four members who are in active roles with the State organization: Shep Hammack (Metro Region VP), Tom Chrisman (State Registrar), Bill Floyd (State Recording Secretary), and Chuck Olson (State Chancellor).

New Member Induction

Vice President Richard McCrary inducted new member David Tharp with the assistance of Chapter Registrar Tom Chrisman. David was accompanied this evening by his wife Barbara Jo, who pinned his rosette, and his Son Paul Tharp and wife Jennifer Hogan.

Next meeting date:

The next Mt. Vernon Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Vintage Pizza.

Recessional: The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald

Benediction: The benediction was given by Compatriot Tom Hewitt

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **7:49 p.m.** by Vice President Richard McCrary

Respectfully Submitted,
David Wellons, Vice President
December 14, 2022