

The San Antonio Compatriot

2006 OFFICERS INSTALLED IN JANUARY EC MEETINGS - NEW LOCATION STATE CONVENTION COMING UP

Please make your reservations with Frank Rohrbough for the next general chapter meeting. See page four for contact information.

The speaker at our general membership meeting on February 22nd

will be our new dual membership compatriot Bill Washington. He will speak on his Washington family genealogy and on his perspective on General and President George Washington.



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

What an honor it is to represent all of our San Antonio compatriots as the newly elected president of the San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution! Everyday I am proud of my patriot ancestor as I am sure you are proud of yours.

What can we do to honor the example set by our patriot ancestors? I suggest you participate in our chapter activities. Here are two that I would like to highlight this month.

First, we will have our Executive Committee meeting in a new location this month. We will meet on Thursday, February 16th at 11:30AM at the Golden Corral on IH-10 (near Medical Ave). Vice President Frank Rohrbough has surveyed the location and found that it is staffed by honorable individuals who provide an ample repast at reasonable fee of about \$6. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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2006 TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION STATE CONVENTION MARCH 16TH-18TH, 2006 SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

Please call one of the numbers below for your hotel reservation at the Marriott Sugar Land Town Square before February 23, 2006. Marriott Sugar Land Town Square 16090 City Walk (at the intersection of Highway 59 South and Highway 6 South) Sugar Land, Texas 77479-6539

Reservations for the event will be made by individual call-in directly with HOTEL at 281-275-8400 or Marriott Reservations at 800-228-9290 prior to the February 23rd cut off date. Nothing is to be mailed to the hotel, all reservations are to be made over the phone. All guests should identify themselves as members of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution group in order to obtain the organization's rate. Single or Double occupancy is \$89.00 per night. Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 13%) in effect at the time of check-in. In the event a guest wishes to cancel a reservation, the deposit is refundable if notice is received before 48 hours prior to the day of arrival and a cancellation number is obtained. The hotel is within walking and driving distance to several restaurants, retail shops, and right next to First Colony Mall.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The registration fee for the 2006 TXSSAR State Convention is \$30.00 per person. There will be 2 meals that will need to be paid for separately as well. Saturday Luncheon at \$22.00 per person and the Saturday Banquet at \$36.00 per person. Please mail a check for the registration and your meals payable to ALEXANDER HODGE CHAPTER SAR along with the rest of this form to : Joe Updyke, Treasurer - 2722 Glen Echo Lane - Missouri City, Texas 77459 281-437-8188

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L U N C H E O N R E S E R V A T I O N S

The San Antonio chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is a not-for-profit organization operating on limited funds. We are obligated to pay First Presbyterian Church for the exact number of meal reservations we guarantee based on compatriot reservations. When you make a reservation and do not attend the chapter is required to pay for that reservation. **We must therefore bill you for any unpaid reservation.** We appreciate you covering the costs of any no-shows and thank you for your continued support and cooperation. **Any cancellation of a reservation to avoid billing must be made at least one week prior** to the event by calling or emailing Frank Rohrbough (contact information on last page of the newsletter). You are encouraged to place your name on the standing reservation list. The dining room has a capacity limit of about 30. The First Presbyterian Church policy requires that we confirm the number of reservations at least one week in advance of the meeting. They do not make provision for any meals in excess of that confirmed number, **thus it is imperative you make a reservation at least one week in advance. Standing reservations are accepted.**

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS CONTINUED

We will meet in a private dining room. Please serve yourself early in order to muster by 11:30.

Second, honor our future patriots by participating in JROTC ceremonies at local high schools. **Compatriot Courtland Snyder** has assumed responsibility for our far-reaching JROTC recognition program. It's not hard to participate. Just let Compatriot Snyder (snyder@earth-comm.com) know that you would like to go to one or more schools and present awards to deserving JROTC cadets. This is one of our most important programs. Our presence links the service of our patriot ancestors to the young service of high school students interested in the military. Help maintain this connection by participating in JROTC ceremonies.

I hope to see everyone at our luncheon Feb. 22nd where we will be honoring our revolutionary ancestors once again.

Dogan Perese

WEBSITE

Our website address is: <http://sarsat.org>

The site is updated on a regular basis. Copies of the news letters are available at the site. The By-Laws mentioned in Compatriot Burnham's letter will be available on the web site as a PDF document. Should you have comments or suggestions regarding the web site please contact John Knoblesdorf at jcksatx@satx.rr.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

On February 6th we received \$1,434.50 representing payment of dues by 151 members of our chapter. In addition we received \$285.00 for the 30 perpetual members. Thus we have, at this time, 181 dues paying members.

If you have not paid your 2006 dues please contact George Harcourt. An update of past due memberships will be in the March news letter. Our mail list will be adjusted in April to include only paid members.

NEW MEMBER CERTIFICATES JUST RECEIVED

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January 28, 2006

Immediate Past President George Harcourt
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Dear President Harcourt:

This letter transmits to you the latest (the Fourth) revision of our SAR Chapter By Laws containing the already approved insert of new Article IV relative to the death, resignation, incapacity and removal of Chapter Officers.

I have included in this Fourth Amended And Restated By Laws several new, added or interlined provisions to make the By Laws more complete and usable as an authoritative reference and guide to virtually all issues likely to arise in Chapter affairs. Mostly all such added items serve to clarify prior-approved provisions rather than to introduce new or different principles or standards to be observed. However to be entirely safe in the obtaining of required membership approval of the revised package, I recommend taking advantage of the previously-approved Article VII (governing amendments) to bring before the membership at the next or at an early regular membership meeting, and without prior notice (except as a meeting Agenda item) a request for membership approval of the revised package.

Should you (the Executive Committee) choose to ask for membership approval, I will be glad (The Good Lord willing) to be present to explain the package and to move its approval.

This revision project was properly assigned to me (as Chapter Chancellor) during your Presidency and we hoped to have it concluded on your watch. However, due to illness and the press of priority work, I did not conclude the project until today. Accordingly, I am of a mind that you, as the immediate past President, may wish to also conclude efforts to obtain final membership approval of the package and then present it to the Chapter (making multiple copies for the purpose) for guidance now and on into the future.

Please do consult with President Parese as to how this matter will be handled so that you and he can determine timing matters and an appropriate Agenda item.

New Subject: Since a family decision has been made to move Mrs. Burnham and me to the Houston, Texas area (the Woodlands) next May or June, I must resign my Office as Chapter Chancellor effective the last day of February, 2006. Accordingly the Executive Committee should begin its collec-

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tive duty to identify a successor Chancellor. The By Laws provide guidance for this effort.

On a personal note, George, your leadership as Chapter President has been inspiring and extremely effective in revitalizing the Chapter both in its growth of membership and in its achievement of its several Patriotic endeavors. On behalf of myself as well as of all Chapter members, I hereby render to you a very smart SALUTE! We all wish you well, and send you our profound thanks.

Sincerely,



Perry H. Burnham
Chapter Chancellor

Inclosures: By Laws Package (2 copies)
Copy of Letter to Pres. Parese.

This newsletter was produced by George Harcourt - Contact him regarding submissions.

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 22ND
WEDNESDAY

Lunch - First Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m. - \$10.00

MARCH 22ND
WEDNESDAY

Lunch - First Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m. - \$10.00

APRIL 26TH
WEDNESDAY

Chapter Anniversary Meeting
Lunch - First Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m. - \$10.00

EC meeting

Feb. 16th - Thursday
11:30 a.m.

Golden Corral on IH 10 West
between Medical and Wurzbach

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