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Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



March 2013

Minutes of the February 21, 2013, Chapter meeting

Location:
Coco's Restaurant
4514 E. Cactus, Phx, AZ

The February 21, 2013, Chapter meeting was opened by President David A. Swanson at 6:30 p.m. with twenty Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Business meeting discussions: Secretary/Treasurer Scott Hewitt gave his financial report and advised that he has placed the treasurer information on Quicken Books. He also has created a BMG email account for the Chapter secretary so that in the future any new secretary will have instant availability to membership information. He is also working on a Facebook account for the Chapter.

Guests: Intermountain District Vice President General (and past NSSAR executive director) Joe Harris and his wife Gail were present as was Compatriot Chuck Stuller, currently a member of the Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado Society.

BMG Compatriot Bill O'Brien was present (always a pleasure to see him). Bill will be celebrating his 90th birthday soon. He also brought some fine O'Briens Irish whiskey for the group—happy birthday Bill!

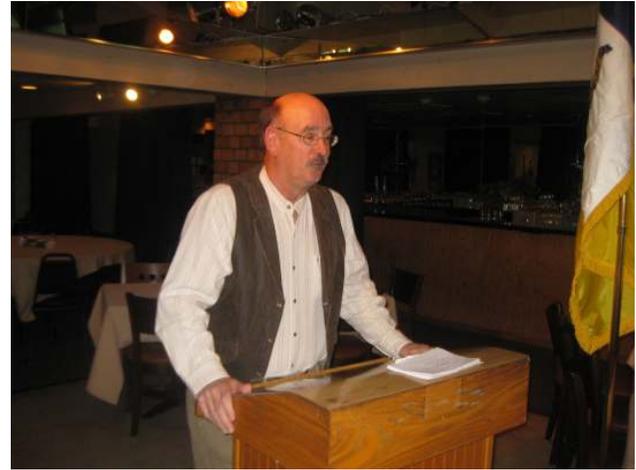
BMG Veterans Committee: Chapter President David Swanson talked briefly about this new committee as a tangible activity in which BMG Compatriots can and should be involved.

50/50 raffle: Past Chapter President John Conrad was the recipient of \$20 and so was our Chapter.

Program speaker: Patrick Grady, writer and historian of Arizona history, gave a very interesting presentation about homesteading in the Salt River Valley in the 1860's 70's and 80's and the early history of Phoenix. His talk also touched on some of the pioneer families and early law enforcement in Phoenix and the Salt River Valley.

Patrick has written two books: *Homesteading Along the Creek—Pioneer life in Cave Creek 1890-1940* and

Out of the Ruins—Pioneer life in Frontier Phoenix 1867-1881



Patrick Grady



BMG Veterans Committee

This new “umbrella” committee is responsible for overseeing our Chapter’s involvement in such areas as: ROTC/JROTC awards, Wreaths Across America, Missing in America Project, Memorial and Veterans Day celebrations, and encouraging BMG veterans to obtain and wear the SAR War service medal or the SAR military service medal. (This is just a partial list of veterans activities with which our Chapter could be involved.)

Compatriot Ed Karr is the committee chairman, Bob Young is the director of our ROTC/JROTC program and Mike Jones will handle the Wreaths Across American and the Missing in America Projects—but they can’t do it alone. **Here is a great opportunity for Compatriots to involve themselves in this worthwhile Chapter activity.**

Please contact any committee officer (information on last page of the newsletter) for more information.



Missing in America Project

On February 27, 2013, Compatriots David Swanson, Ed Karr, Mike Jones, and Bob Young represented our Chapter during the Missing in America ceremony at the Veterans cemetery in Phoenix. Some 29 urns (one was 58 years old) containing the remains of cremated, unclaimed veterans were brought to the cemetery and a fitting memorial service followed. Some of the guest speakers were; Rick Romley, Former Maricopa County Attorney and member of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society; Marshall Trimble, Arizona State Historian and member of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame; Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett (who is quite the singer/guitarist) and many others.

Hopefully, at the next service more BMG veterans and other Compatriots will attend.



(L-R) Compatriots Ed Karr, Mike Jones, Bob Young and David Swanson



AZSSAR Color Guard (L-R) John Lyons, Steve Miller and Lou Newton

Annual AZSSAR State meeting

Compatriots David Swanson, Bob Young, Mike Jones and Bill Hearter attended the annual AZSSAR state meeting on February 23, 2013, which was one of the best attended recent meetings. Outgoing State President Rudy Byrd, who will remain as our state historian, was presented with a copy of the 1896 *Spirit of '76* article describing the first meeting of the AZSSAR by Chapter President Swanson.

AZSSAR Color Guard

Dr. Bill Hearter is currently the only BMG Compatriot who is a member of the AZSSAR State Color Guard. The Color Guard attends various functions at AZSSAR meetings, schools, parades, etc., and is a visible reminder to all about our Revolutionary War history. Some pictures and information are available on our state website: <http://www.azssar.org/> click on the color guard section.

Should you be interested in joining, (wouldn't it be nice to have our own BMG Color Guard?) please contact Compatriot Steve Miller of the Phoenix Chapter at milleronglen@aol.com. He can give you complete information about the guard, uniforms, etc—no weapon is necessary.

Purposes of our National Society Sons of the American Revolution

--By David Swanson

A few months ago officers of the Phoenix Police Department (my old employer) were encouraged to take the oath of office they took upon being sworn in on an annual basis—to reaffirm their commitment to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona. (It seems that when I was sworn in the oath had something to do with the Articles of Confederation!).

When we were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution, we each reaffirmed our “ancestor’s faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic” and pledged to “support the National Society, Sons of The American Revolution.” The officers of the Chapter, during their installation, promise and swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America (I am not sure why that is not part of the new member induction ceremony) but perhaps, like the Phx PD officers, it is not a bad idea to reaffirm our commitment—but just what is the SAR? What did we pledge to support?

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lists the “purposes” of our organization contained in the Congressional Charter of the NSSAR and its “objects” in the Constitution of the NSSAR. Both are the same and are as follows:

Purposes

The purposes of the corporation (NSSAR) are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed—

- (1) to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
- (2) to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
- (3) to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- (4) to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
- (5) to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;
- (6) to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials;
- (7) to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;
- (8) to foster true patriotism;
- (9) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
- (10) to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

All pretty well straightforward except sections 9 and 10 are perhaps a little ambiguous. Just what are the institutions of American freedom? What are the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address and how relevant are they today?

There is your homework!



Coco's Restaurant; menu shake- up

Lately your Chapter president has received some "observations" by Compatriots regarding the selection of food items at our meetings. After discussing this with his wife, he asked her to contact Coco's and see what she could come up with. Jan took the "menu by the horns" so to speak and she and Stacie (Coco's manager) came up with a larger menu selection and different menus which will not be the same month after month. So, the price is the same (which includes room rental, tax, tip and beverage), varying menus and a round of applause for Jan and another for Stacie (who was most agreeable and offered many ideas). 🙌

A little bit of AZSSAR, SAR, and Arizona history—continued

By David A. Swanson

Last month was the 150th anniversary of the Territory of Arizona and here is some information regarding Richard Sloan, the last territorial governor and AZSSAR Compatriot as contained in the *Portrait and Biographical Record of Arizona*. Chapman Publishing Company 1901 and the website Politicalgraveyard.com:

Judge Richard E. Sloan is one of the most conspicuous figures in the history of jurisprudence in Arizona. Endowed by nature with strong mental capabilities, a keen, logical power of resolving knotty problems of law, he is well adapted to his chosen field of endeavor. His career at the bar has been one of the greatest honor, and for many years, he has been known far and wide for his sterling integrity and fearless loyalty to his convictions of right and justice. . . .

Judge Sloan was born on the farm near Oxford, Ohio, on June 22, 1857, and was reared in that state. An apt student, he pursued a course in Mammoth College, where he was graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1877, and later, the degree of Master of Arts was bestowed upon him. . . . In 18678, he went to Denver, Colo., where he continued his researches in legal lore, also being employed on the "Rocky Mountain News" as a journalist. In 1879 he went to Leadville, and later became a temporary resident of the mining camp of Breckenridge. Remaining in that locality until 1882, he then concluded to return to law.

Matriculating in the Cincinnati (Ohio) Law College, he was graduated there in 1884 and started on an extended trip through the west and northwest. In the autumn he located in Phoenix, Ariz., and remained there about two years. He

then removed to Florence, and in the autumn of 1886 was elected district attorney of Pinal county. In 1888, he was honored to the election of the fifteenth general assembly of Arizona and in that session served as chairman of the judicial committee and was a member of several other committees. In October, 1889, under the appointment of President Harrison, he was installed as associate justice of the Supreme Court; with his headquarters at Tucson he presided over the first judicial district which then embraced the territory now comprised in Pima, Cochise, Graham and Santa Cruz counties.

June 1, 1884, after he made a splendid record on the bench, Judge Sloan stepped down into the private walks of life, owing to the change in the administration. Having carefully considered the matter, he decided to make Prescott his place of future residence, and arriving here, at once embarked upon a practice which steadily increased in importance. In July, 1897, he was again honored by the chief executive of the United States, and under appointment assumed once more the arduous duties of an associate justice of the supreme court for Arizona. Since that time he has served in the fourth judicial district which embarrasses the counties of Yavapai, Mohave, Coconino, Apache and Navajo. He belongs to the Territorial Bar Association. Naturally, the extensive mining interests of this territory have engaged his earnest attention, and besides making investments in mining property, he made a special study of laws relating to the subject. In politics, he is an ardent Republican, as was his father before him. Like him, reared in the Presbyterian faith, he adheres to its principles, though he attends the Congregational Church of this city.

In Hamilton, Ohio, Judge Sloan married Miss Mary Brown, one of the native daughters of that place. . . . Mrs. Sloan possesses qualities which render her presence a great addition to the best social circles, and her education was completed at Vassar College. Three children have been born of this union: Eleanor, Richard E. and Mary Caldwell.

Richard E. Sloan was the last territorial governor of Arizona, elected in 1908. In 1933 he accidentally fell on a public side walk in Phoenix, struck his head, suffered a skull fracture and died three days later on December 14, 1933. He is interred at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix.



Richard E. Sloan



Chapter meeting information for March 21 2013

This is our next regularly scheduled meeting which will take place at Coco's at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Martha Jones, Regent of the Anasazi Chapter DAR, who will give us a presentation on the history of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

 **Fly the Arizona state flag and encourage others to do the same. It's a beautiful flag that represents a beautiful state!**

Past Chapter Presidents

- Robert H. Bohannan 2002-2004
2007-2008
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- Carlton V. Phillips 2009
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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2013**

Location: Coco's Restaurant
4514 E Cactus Road
Phoenix, AZ (602) 953-9155

Compatriots, wives, prospective members, and guests are cordially invited to attend this and all meetings.

Dinner will be ordered from a menu specially prepared for us. There will be a choice of several different entrees, so there will be something for everyone. The cost is \$15.50 per person, which includes: dinner, soft drinks, tea, coffee, tax and gratuity.

(Please bring your check made out to BMG Chapter AZSSAR or have correct change and please give it to S/T Scott Hewitt before the beginning of the meeting or at the latest, the dinner portion of it.)

The meeting agenda is contained on the following page. (Please copy and bring it).

If you plan on attending, please notify our Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Scott Hewitt at BMGSAR@gmail.com or telephone him at (480) 203-5054 on or before March 18, 2013.

Just a reminder, we have chapter meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. (No meetings during June—August and December)

Thanks. See you at the meeting!

David A. Swanson, Chapter President
Barry M. Goldwater Chapter AZSSAR



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

Agenda March 21, 2013

Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

SAR Pledge

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

Business Session

Treasurer's Report
Other officer reports or remarks
New member inductions (if any)

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

Our speaker will be Martha Jones, Regent of the Anasazi Chapter DAR —topic—the History of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Benediction

God Bless America

SAR Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.