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Newsletter of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter
Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution



June 2014

Minutes of the May 15, 2014, Chapter meeting

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

Our April 17, 2014, Chapter meeting was opened by President David A. Swanson at 6:30 p.m. with 23 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

New Chapter Compatriot inducted

Brannon M. Bartley was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution and the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter by Chapter President David Swanson. Compatriot Bartley's 9th generation Patriotic Ancestor is Ebenezer Putnam, Minuteman.



(L-R) First line signer Bill Orr, Compatriot Brannon Bartley, and Chapter President David Swanson

Welcome to our Chapter and the NSSAR!



50/50 raffle

The winner of our 50/50 raffle was Barbara Fought, Compatriot Bill Orr's sister. She and the Chapter are each \$37.00 richer!

BMG Compatriot Charles M. Smith—Lamplighter Award

Compatriot Charles M. Smith received the NSSAR Lamplighter Award and Medal for his generous support of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.



Compatriot Charles M. Smith receiving his certificate and medal from Chapter President David Swanson

Program speaker—Dr Bill Hearter gave the Chapter members present a very picturesque and informative presentation regarding the "Covered Bridges of Pennsylvania." He covered such topics as types of construction, reasons for such bridges, and many other interesting points of information. Great presentation!



Compatriot Dr. Bill Hearter giving his presentation

BMG Annual fundraiser

Just an early appeal! Later this summer we will be having our annual Chapter fundraiser and tickets will be mailed to all BMG Compatriots. You could win a chance to have supper on the space station—but I doubt it. Support your Chapter!



Next Chapter meeting is on September 18th

Please join your fellow BMG Compatriots at our next meeting at Cocos on September 18, at 6:30 p.m.

As a reminder we do not have meetings during the months of June, July, and August—but you know that!



Succinct history of the membership badge of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution

Here is a short history of our badge which is contained in the long form SAR new member induction ceremony:

Our insignia, adopted in December 1889, is based on a proposal submitted by Major Goldsmith Bernard West, Vice-President for Alabama.

The S.A.R. Badge consists of a Maltese cross, the same size as Chevalier's Cross of the Legion of Honor of France, of four arms and eight points, with the arms enameled in white and a medallion in the center bearing a profiled bust of General George Washington. Surrounding the bust is a blue enameled ribbon containing the S.A.R. Motto – “Libertas et Patria.” A laurel wreath encircles the medallion, midway between it and the points of the cross. The reverse is the same, except that the center medallion bears the figure of a Continental soldier, and is surrounded by a blue enameled ribbon, inscribed in letters of gold, “Sons of the American Revolution.” The cross is surmounted by a golden eagle and suspended from a ribbon of the Society’s colors –blue, buff yellow and white.

The Maltese cross used in the S.A.R. Badge draws its inspiration from the cross used by the Order of St. Louis of France. The wreath symbolizes the laurel wreaths presented to worthy individuals by the Roman Republic. Major West selected the Cross of St. Louis as his basis for our decoration because King Louis XVI of France, the Grand Master of the Order of St. Louis, provided badly needed aid to the fledgling continentals. In choosing this cross, the National

Society intended to recognize the French contribution to American independence.

History shows that the Maltese Cross was used by the Knights of St. John, a brotherhood of warrior Crusaders who represented all walks of life who banded together to fight for freedom and against oppression. The Knights of St. John, and other Crusaders, adopted the Maltese cross as their insignia because its eight points represented the eight Beatitudes prescribed in the Sermon on the Mount: blessed are (1) the poor in spirit, (2) the meek, (3) the pure, (4) the merciful, and (5) the peacemakers, (6) blessed are they that mourn, and (7) seek righteousness, and (8) blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake.

Although the Maltese cross had a religious origin, the Knights of St. John also made it their battle standard for the liberation of all men, women and children who suffered oppression. The principles freedom and justice, for which the Knights of St. John crusaded, paralleled the principles our Patriot forefathers pledged themselves to, when seeking independence from Great Britain. These principles are no less applicable today.



NSSAR Badge



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

This continuation will be continued in the next Chapter newsletter!

No Summer Meetings
Just a reminder, we have no meetings
during June, July, or August.
Have a great summer!

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Compatriots, here is an opportunity for your involvement in your Chapter. None of these activities take a great amount of time. All committees need more assistance. Please call or email David Swanson or any officer or committee member to volunteer.

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