



April 2015

Minutes of the March 19, 2015, Chapter meeting

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

Our March 19, 2015, Chapter meeting was opened by President William Hearter MD at 6:30 p.m. with 23 Compatriots and guests in attendance.

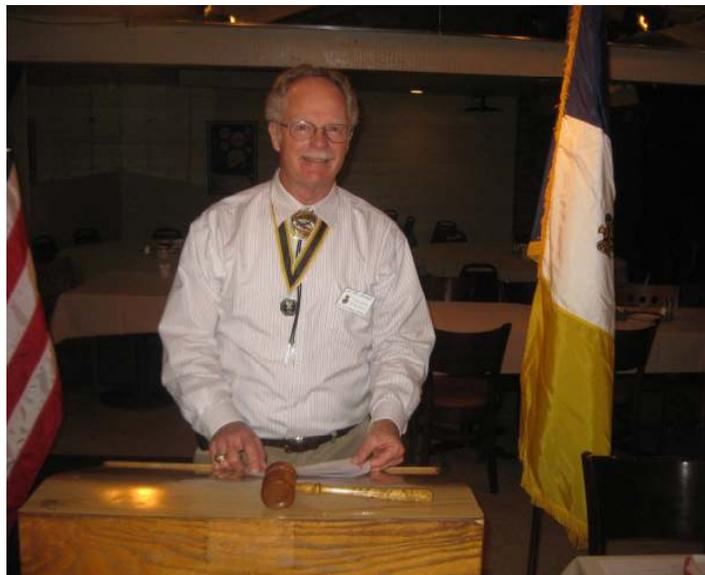
Business session

Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson gave an overview of our Chapter finances which are in great shape. *Americanism Committee* chairman Chuck Stuller gave a very through briefing on his new role as chairman of the committee and more importantly talked about the Americanism committee (see further information in the newsletter).

Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution President George Lipphardt

AZSSAR President George Lipphardt was present during our meeting. He met may BMG Compatriots and during his speech gave a very good overview of the activities and officers of our state Society.

Thanks go out to President Lipphardt for taking the time (he drove up from the wilds of Tucson) to meet with us!



AZSSAR President George Lipphardt

Program: History of the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter

Compatriot Rob Bohannon was our speaker for the evening and enlightened everyone with a history of our Chapter. Rob is the perfect person for this presentation since he was actively involved in its organization, serving as the president pro-tem in 2002 and chapter president from 2002-2004 and again from 2007-2008.

Prior to 2002 SAR members in North Phoenix and Scottsdale had to drive into Phoenix, Sun City, or Mesa to attend meetings and with the exception of the Phoenix Chapter (which met at noon) the Palo Verde and Sun City Chapters meet on Saturdays.

In the fall of 2002, a new chapter of the AZSSAR was proposed. This new chapter would meet at night during the week in the north Phoenix or Scottsdale area providing an opportunity for members for whom that time was most convenient.

The first planning meeting took place at Mimi's Café at Desert Ridge on September 17, 2002, at which time Compatriot Rob Bohannon volunteered to serve as president pro-tem. Several names for the new chapter were proposed, including names that were geographic in nature, and two names honoring prominent Arizonans: Arizona Senator and 1964 presidential candidate Barry M. Goldwater and Charles D. Poston (the Father of Arizona).

Phoenix Chapter member Bernard Schmidt, a past state president, was an avid historian and had conducted a lot of research on the life and achievements of Charles Poston and had spearheaded the development of a Poston medal which was sold during the first National Congress held in Phoenix on June 14, 1993.

The second organizational meeting of the chapter occurred on October 24, 2002, at Denney's Restaurant at the corner of Tatum and Shea. Eighteen current or prospective SAR members were in attendance. Those members constituted the charter membership of the new chapter. By unanimous vote, the chapter was named in honor of Arizona Senator Barry M. Goldwater [a member of the Phoenix Chapter].

On December 5, 2002, the Barry M. Goldwater Chapter held its first Christmas party at Coco's Restaurant 4514 E. Cactus, Phoenix, where we still meet. (Continued on page 2)

At this meeting our first officers were elected.

They were:

President: Rob Bohannan;

Vice President, Bob Young;

Secretary-Treasurer, Bob McClow;

Registrar, Bill Orr;

Genealogist, Frank Clark;

Historian, Dave Potts;

Chancellor, Bob McClow;

Chaplain, John Crossen (a prospective member);

Sergeant-at-Arms, Earl Atwood



Past Barry M. Goldwater Chapter President Rob Bohannan



Compatriot Chuck Stuller named BMG Chapter Americanism Committee Chair

Compatriot Chuck Stuller accepted the position of chairman of the BMG Chapter Americanism Committee.

What is this? Let's see what the Americanism score sheet says: "The President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Streamer Award recognizes chapters and state societies for their efforts to achieve the administrative goals of the SAR and who contribute to the success of the NSSAR. The Americanism Awards (Allene Wilson Groves Award for state societies and the Liberty Bell Award for chapters) recognizes the societies and chapters that participate in outreach education efforts and who acknowledge community leaders for their efforts to perpetuate the goals of the SAR. The President General's Cup recognizes the chapter that best achieves the goals of both the President General's and Americanism Awards.

Beginning in 1978 (last revised in 2014), chapters and state societies compete by accumulating points awarded for participation in various SAR activities.

The competition runs from January 1st to December 31st."

So in a nutshell, Compatriot Stuller will be tracking and reporting our Chapter's activities—which is a good thing! One thing to keep in mind is this: If you do *anything* in the name of the SAR or our chapter please let Chuck know.



The Barry M. Goldwater Chapter is now listed as a sponsor for Honor Flight Arizona

Several years ago our Chapter started supporting Honor Flight Arizona by both the activities of Compatriots J. Michael Jones and Ed Karr, and by Chapter donations.

If you have not visited the Honor Flight website in a while to see what that organization has accomplished here it is: <http://honorflightaz.org/>



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

By David A. Swanson

Throughout the last few years we have traced bits and pieces of our Arizona Society, Sons of the American Revolution's history from various sources and now, with the exception of new discoveries and odds and ends, this column like its contents is history!

But before we go, here is a little history of the publications from the NSSAR.

In 1890 the *Republic of America* was made the official organ of the Society but only lasted a few months. (You would win a trivia contest with this.)

From the first year of its publication in 1894 until 1906, the *Spirit of '76* magazine was the official or unofficial (depending on the source) organ of the NSSAR.

The *National Society Year Book* was published from 1890 to 1921 and contained information about the national SAR congresses and various state proceedings.

In 1906 *THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN* was authorized by the 1906 Annual Congress and was published four times per year.

In 1923 *THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN* had a name change to *THE MINUTEMAN, OFFICIAL BULLETIN, NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION* and finally in 1931 that became *THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MAGAZINE* which, with various cover changes, is what you are reading today.

Calling all NSSAR/Master Masons

By Mike Jones

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution purchased the Fulton Conway building (an 1850 era tobacco storage building) on West Main Street in Louisville, Kentucky to relocate their Library and HQ. As a member of the “inspection” team to evaluate the building, I was looking for a cornerstone in the building. It did not have one! President General and Brother Master Mason David Appleby and I formed a plan to have a Symbolic Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Fall 2009 Leadership meeting. Implementation of the ceremony would include:

- Invite Grand Master and his line officers of Grand Lodge of Kentucky Free & Accepted Masons plus all NSSAR Master Masons and Master Masons of Louisville Lodge No. 400
- George Washington’s gavel from Potomac Lodge
- George Washington’s trowel
The trowel used by George Washington when he laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol in 1793 was permitted to be taken from the archives of Alexandria-Washington Lodge
- Commemorative Masonic aprons for all Masons to be purchased at a profit for CAAH

Fast forward to 2015:

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M. is being contacted about the possibility of forming a new Masonic Lodge in Louisville, KY that **only** NSSAR/Master Masons can join. I quote Brother & Compatriot Les Foster “By having this lodge, Historical Lodge George Washington and Masonic Founding Fathers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M., it would be an asset to both The Grand Lodge and the NSSAR.”

We are in the process of updating the 2008 list of NSSAR Master Masons and Past Masters as the foundation and Charter Members of the new Lodge. SAR members have been asked to seek other Master Masons in their chapters. There are over 200 men on my current list but I’m sure there are many more who qualify. We are also adding new members to the NSSAR chapters and to lodges across the country. Wouldn’t you like to be a member of such an elite group? There are many details to work out but I’m confident it will happen. If interested please contact me:

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Campaign 1776 update

The BMG Chapter supports Campaign 1776, as do many individual members and here is the latest update.

“Campaign 1776, a new national initiative by the Civil War Trust to preserve Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields, is off to an exciting start. The response to our November 11 announcement was all that we hoped for, and more – in just four short months, thousands of Civil War Trust members, preservationists and history enthusiasts have flocked to the colors in support of Campaign 1776.

We are also pleased to report that we have successfully met the goal for our first fundraising endeavor – \$25,000 to help the State of New Jersey, local governments and the Princeton Battlefield Society protect 4.6 acres on the Princeton Battlefield. This historic property played an important role in the early and late phases of the battle. The acquisition is expected to close this spring, after which begins the process of restoring the landscape to its wartime appearance.

The cause of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 preservation was further advanced in December by the enactment of legislation that expands the existing federal Civil War Battlefield matching grants program to include Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields. For the first time ever, matching grants will be available for the protection of hallowed grounds associated with these conflicts.

Thank you for your interest in, and support for, Campaign 1776. With each passing week, we continue to explore future preservation opportunities associated with Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 battlegrounds. We look forward to working with concerned citizens such as you to protect these living memorials to our nation’s founding era.”



BMG meeting topics—to discuss or not discuss

Over our 12 ½ years of existence, our chapter has had some really great speakers and some who should keep their day jobs; however, I don’t recall any topic that strayed from that which is allowed by the NSSAR. Yes, there are guidelines for chapters which regulate what can and can’t be discussed. Obviously, we would not want to turn our meetings into political or religious camps—Reagan supporters to the right, Obama supporters to the left—that is not why the organization exists but, that does not preclude us or our speakers from talking about or discussing many other public issues. (Continued on page 4)

Here is what the *NSSAR OFFICIAL HANDBOOK VOLUME III*, page 7, has to say about the issue:

“SAR is a Non-Political Organization

“Pursuant to Internal Revenue Service tax-exempt guidelines, the SAR is a non-political organization. State Societies and Chapters must never endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor may meetings include the discussion of merits or demerits of such candidates. The merit of any public question involving the social, economic, moral or physical welfare of the people may be fairly and intelligently studied and discussed at a meeting for the enlightenment of those attending. SAR may take a position on any bill or measure which may be submitted to a vote of the elected representatives of the people or to the vote of the people.”



The Stamp Act

The Stamp Act was passed by the British Parliament on March 22, 1765. The new tax was imposed on all American colonists and required them to pay a tax on every piece of printed paper they used. Ship's papers, legal documents, licenses, newspapers, other publications, and even playing cards were taxed. But was it ever repealed?

Let's see what History.com has to say:

“After four months of widespread protest in America, the British Parliament repeals the Stamp Act, a taxation measure enacted to raise revenues for a standing British army in America.

“The Stamp Act was passed on March 22, 1765, leading to an uproar in the colonies over an issue that was to be a major cause of the Revolution: taxation without representation. Enacted in November 1765, the controversial act forced colonists to buy a British stamp for every official document they obtained. The stamp itself displayed an image of a Tudor rose framed by the word “America” and the French phrase *Honi soit qui mal y pense*—“Shame to him who thinks evil of it.”

“The colonists, who had convened the Stamp Act Congress in October 1765 to vocalize their opposition to the impending enactment, greeted the arrival of the stamps with outrage and violence. Most Americans called for a boycott of British goods, and some organized attacks on the customhouses and homes of tax collectors. After

months of protest, and an appeal by Benjamin Franklin before the British House of Commons, Parliament voted to repeal the Stamp Act in March 1766. However, the same day, Parliament passed the Declaratory Acts, asserting that the British government had free and total legislative power over the colonies.”

BMG Chapter meeting notice

The next meeting of our Chapter will take place on April 16, 2015, at Coco's Restaurant, 4514 E. Cactus.

Our speakers will be Bill and Sandi Wilson. Bill is a former member of the Clarence Cook SAR Chapter in Indianapolis, IN and currently a member of the Goldfield Gunfighters and the Mohave Muleskinners, 19th Century Arizona re-enactors. Sandi is the current ASDAR State Treasurer and a member of the ASDAR State Speaker's Staff. They will be in costume and we are sure to have a great program!

Arizona Society SAR Board of Managers meeting

The next AZSSAR Board of Managers Meeting will take place on April 18, 2015. ***These meetings are open to all Compatriots and you are encouraged to attend!*** Come out and meet Compatriots from throughout the state.

Here is what our website has to say about the meeting:

“AZSSAR BOM Meeting. At The Property, 1251 N. Gila Bend Hwy, Casa Grande. 9:00 – 10:00 Arrival & Check In; BOM meeting 10:00 – 12:00; Lunch 12:00 – 2:00.

Our speaker for this meeting will be Marilyn Ridgeway. She is a member of the Casa Grande Valley Chapter, DAR, and has recently taken a leave after 20 years as a board member, volunteer, and researcher at the Casa Grande Historical Society. Her topic will be “Far from Home, the Making of the Kino Legend: Father Kino's exploration and settlement of central Arizona.”

More information including the registration form will be included in the April edition of the *SAR-IZONA* newsletter.

Compatriot’s ancestor information—wanted for publication in our newsletter

If you would like to see your Revolutionary War ancestor’s information printed in this newsletter (your Chapter certainly would—and so would the millions of readers throughout the free world) send it to the newsletter editor. Please limit your material to one double sided page or less.

Changed your phone number, address, or email address? Please contact our secretary/treasurer so that everything can be updated

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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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Barry M. Goldwater Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, April 16, 2015**

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 David Swanson S/T 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 David Swanson at: swanson1854@yahoo.com or telephone him at (480) 515-2798 on or before April 13, 2015.

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)

Thanks. See you at the meeting!

David A. Swanson, Secretary/Treasurer
Barry M. Goldwater Chapter AZSSAR



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

Agenda April 16, 2015

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

Bill and Sandi Wilson members of the Goldfield Gunfighters and the Mohave Muleskinners, 19th Century Arizona re-enactors.

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.