

**Annual Banquet Meeting Minutes  
Mount Vernon Chapter SAR  
February 2022**

**Meeting Date and Time:** February 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Past president Bill Floyd and his wife Carey hosted our annual banquet meeting at Indian Hills Country Club located at 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30068. Honored attendees included Past president general of the Sons of the American Revolution Larry Guzy and his wife Karin, Past President of the Georgia SAR Bob Sapp who currently serves as the Georgia Brigade Commander of the Descendants of Valley Forge, Ron Redner, Atlanta District Vice President for Georgia SAR and his wife Leah, and Eagle Scout Donald Eberly, winner of the Chapter's Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout competition, and his parents. A total of **53** attendees were present at the meeting, including **21** members and dual members plus a total of **32** visitors, including spouses, potential members, and guests.

The 21 members and dual members present were: John Bivins, Tom Chrisman, Bill Floyd, Ted Fricke, John Galt, Ross Glover, Shep Hammack, Don Hart, Tom Hewett, Tom Hughes, Dr. Paul Keim, Richard McCrary, Hamilton McDonald, Daniel Morgan, Chuck Olson, Randy Pollard, Tom Pye, Chuck Rann, Gene Ray, John Wassell, David Wellons.

**UNIFORMS PRESENT:** A total of 6 attendees were present in uniform, including 5 compatriots and an Eagle Scout honoree.

**6:00-7:00 - Social hour and Banquet.**

**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 President Tom Pye at **7:00** p.m.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Chaplain John Galt

**Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant at Arms Chuck Olson.

**CHAPTER BUSINESS:** President Tom Pye Called the business portion to order at 8:00 PM.

**Registrar's Report:** Registrar and Genealogist Tom Chrisman reported that Larry Edy has been reinstated after a sabbatical due to having to take care of some family matters. Three potential new members are in the membership process.

**Annual Banquet Recognitions:** President Tom Pye recognized Past President Bill Floyd for coordinating the Banquet and Bill further recognized the valuable assistance of Montez Hammack and Peggy Galt for their help with table decorations.

**Chapter President Remarks:** President Tom Pye briefly recapped the challenges and high points of the past year which began on February 9, 2021, with his being sworn in as President of the Mount Vernon

Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution via a Zoom meeting due to the Covid Pandemic. Covid and Restaurant restrictions limited us to hybrid chapter meetings for a couple of months before regular meetings were resumed in May 2021. President Pye recognized the extraordinary efforts of Past President Chuck Rann who has diligently worked to maintain our award-winning chapter web site on which our chapter accomplishments are summarized and who was instrumental in helping coordinate our Zoom meetings. In July our chapter participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Dunwoody with a float, and the dedication of the Flagpole donated to the City of Dunwoody for the Donaldson Bannister House. Our annual picnic at Lost Corners in July was an enjoyable and successful BBQ. At the August meeting Chapter members honored our friend and faithful Vintage Pizzeria server Kaitlyn who moved to Panama City, Florida. President Pye noted that despite Covid restrictions we were honored to have ten excellent speakers who provided us with educational and entertaining insights into various topics of interest. The chapter leadership insured that our military members were recognized with certificates acknowledging their service. Due to the diligent efforts of our chapter leadership the chapter received flag streamers for participating in several patriotic events.

President Pye noted with regret that Bill Ramsaur of the Marshes of Glen Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in Brunswick, Georgia died on February 19, 2022. He established Frederica Patriots Day, and the Fort Morris and the Come and Take It Celebration and worked diligently for the SAR until his passing. He called upon Shep Hammack for an update on Compatriot Tom Owens who remains hospitalized at Northside Hospital with serious illness although he has improved significantly over the past couple of weeks. Shep also regretfully notified us of the passing of Compatriot Jim Spencer on February 24, 2022. His memorial service will be held at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Sandy Springs, Georgia on March 5, 2022.

**Eagle Scout Recognition:** Sergeant-at-arms Chuck Olson who is leader of Troop 463 Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, presented Eagle Scout Donald John Eberly as the winner of the Mount Vernon Chapter Arthur M. and Berdena King Competition. Donald earned top awards in Cub Scouts, and he earned his Eagle Scout in May 2021 at the age of 16 and has earned 32 merit badges, well in excess of the 21 merit badges required for the Eagle Scout designation. Donald has successfully served in numerous scout leadership positions. He is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ben Franklin Academy and maintains a 3.9 GPA. In addition to the Mount Vernon Chapter Arthur M. and Berdena King Award Certificate and Eagle Scout patch as well as a monetary recognition gift.

**Member Awards:** Past President Shep Hammack Chairman of Awards Committee and President Tom Pye presented awards to outgoing officers for faithfully performing their duties during the past year.

- **Chapter Awards** – Streamers for Battle of Kettle Creek attendance and support; Membership Award for 2021 and Distinguished Chapter Award for 2021
- **First Lady of Mt. Vernon** - Leslie Pye - Lydia Darragh Award
- **Vice President - Richard McCrary** – Distinguished Service Medal
- **Recording Secretary - David Wellons** – Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
- **Corresponding Secretary - Chuck Rann** – Winner of National Award for Chapter Website
- **Treasurer - Ted Fricke** – Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
- **Registrar/Genealogist** - Tom Chrisman
- **Chaplain - John Galt** – Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
- **Sergeant-at-Arms - Chuck Olson** – Certificate of Appreciation

- **Photographer - Tom Hughes** – Certificate of Appreciation

**Induction of Officers for 2022:** Past President General of the SAR Larry Guzy inducted officers of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for 2022.

- President Richard McCrary
- Vice President David Wellons
- Recording Secretary John Galt
- Corresponding Secretary Tom Hughes
- Treasurer Ted Fricke
- Genealogist Tom Chrisman
- Chancellor Tom Pye
- Sergeant at Arms Hamilton (Ham) McDonald
- Chaplain Don Hart
- Historian Shep Hammack

**Recognition of Outgoing President** – Larry Guzy, Richard McCrary

- **President - Tom Pye** – Certificate of Appreciation

**Presentation of New Chapter Flag** – Shep and Montez Hammack presented a flag the memorializes the 250<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of our Nation.

**Next meeting date:**

The next Mt. Vernon Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Vintage Pizza. Guest Speaker is Sue VerHoef. Zoom is not scheduled as an option

**Recessional:** The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Ham McDonald

**Benediction:** The benediction was given by Chaplain Don Hart

**Adjournment:** The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **9:05 p.m.** by President Richard McCrary

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Galt, Recording Secretary  
February 28, 2022