

Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date: December 12, 2023

Meeting Location: The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of 31 individuals were present at the meeting, including 19 members and a combination of 12 guests/spouses. Among the guests were Matt Cohen, Tom Loftis, Robert Kabel and our speaker, Bill Kabel. Members present were, Kevin Baker, Tony Crowe, Bill Floyd, Ted Fricke (Beth), John Galt (Peggy), Ross Glover (Marie), Tom Hewett, Sunny Lee, Richard McCrary (Katherine), Ham McDonald (Judy), Warren McPhillips, Bob Pile, Tom Pye, Chuck Rann (Patsy), Gene Ray, Lyman Smith (Becky), Dave Tharp, John Wassell (Beth) and David Wellons.

6:00-7:00 Social hour

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 David Wellons at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplin Gene Ray.

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant at Arms, Hamilton McDonald

Guest Speaker: Chapter Vice President John Galt welcomed back Bill Kabel, a fellow SAR member and Past President of the Piedmont Chapter. Bill shared the very first lecture he researched and wrote for SAR engagements, **“A Revolutionary Christmas”**. Bill spoke about the many Christmas traditions during Colonial times, highlighting the “Twelve Days of Christmas” that was celebrated between Dec 25 and Jan 6. Many of our Christmas traditions were influenced by the Germans, Norwegians and French, including Santa!

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter Vice President John Galt presented Bill with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

2024 Officer Election: The following were officers were presented to the membership for 2024:

President.....John Galt
Vice President.....Tom Hewett
Treasurer.....Bill Floyd
Recording Secretary.....Kevin Baker
Corresponding Secretary.....Chuck Rann
Genealogist.....Tom Chrisman
Registrar.....Warren McPhillips
Chaplain.....Gene Ray
Historian.....Shep Hammack
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Charles (Sunny) Lee
Chancellor.....Tom Pye

A motion was made by Bill Floyd to accept the slate of officers and seconded by Ham McDonald. All members were in favor. The new officers will be inducted during the annual banquet in Feb.

Vote to Adopt New Chapter Bylaws: Having complied with all notification requirements, and with the comment period closed, a vote to adopt the new Chapter Bylaws was required. Tom Hewett made the motion to adopt the new Bylaws and it was seconded by Bill Floyd. The motion passed with a unanimous vote from the membership.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Registrar's Report: Registrar Tom Hewett advised that Matt Cohen's application has been received by National. Tom Loftis' application will be submitted this week.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Floyd reported that as of Nov 30, 2023 the Chapter continues to have a positive balance. A detailed financial report has been submitted and filed.

Wreaths Across America: Chuck Rann reminded everyone that wreaths will be placed at the Marietta National Cemetery this Saturday, Dec 16. Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Passing of Member Don Hart: Bill Floyd gave a review of the funeral service for Don Hart that took place Saturday, Dec 9, 2023. Several members (in uniform) formed an honor guard at the service. Don was a charter member of our Chapter.

Americanism Report: John Galt reminded everyone that the Americanism Report is our primary communication tool to National for recording what we do to support the many causes of SAR. It is imperative that we communicate any activities associated with SAR goals and objectives to John before year end. John will send a reminder email out to the membership.

President's Remarks:

Annual Banquet: Saturday, February 3, 2024, 6:00 pm at Olde Town Athletic Club. Cost is \$60 pp, with registration in advance. Walkins cannot be accepted. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and meeting program, including installation of officers.

Flag Certificate update: A certificate will be presented to the Sandy Springs City Council at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, Dec 19th. David Wellons will make the presentation on behalf of the Chapter. An additional certificate is scheduled for the SS Veterans Park Flag and it is possible that will be presented at the same time. That will give us a total of 5 certificates presented in 2023. David requested that members please continue to seek out candidates for certificates.

December Birthdays: Sunny Lee, Bill Floyd, Hamilton McDonald

Activity Updates:

Next meeting date: The next Mt. Vernon Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm (fellowship time starts at 6:00 pm) at Vintage Pizzeria. Speaker Ham McDonald will speak and his topic will be "Honored to Serve".

Recessional: The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald

Benediction: The Benediction was given by Chaplin Gene Ray

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by President David Wellons

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren McPhillips, Recording Secretary
December 13, 2023