

Sons of the American Revolution
M. Graham Clark Chapter
Columbia, Mo.
September 15, 2012

Opening

Chapter President Miller opened the meeting at 8:30a.m. with 15 members and 10 guests. The M. Graham Clark Chapter Color Guard presented colors. Those color guardsmen were: COM Merrill, COM Bradford, and COM Lybarger.

At this time President Miller had a drape the charter ceremony for two of our departed chapter members, Alan Burdick, and Jack Kennedy. Chaplain Cunningham led the ceremony, with a prayer and a moment of silence to honor Kenney and Burdick.

President Miller asked for any birthdays. There were two birthdays, Mrs. Cunningham, and Al Jones. President Miller then closed the meeting and broke for breakfast.

President Miller reconvened the meeting at 9:15a.m.

President Miller announced that since our speaker for this month's meeting had another place to be today, that we would have the program first and then the business meeting.

Program

President Miller asked Nancy Thomas to introduce our speaker. Nancy introduced David Synder and gave a little bio on David and what he does.

David Synder owns a company called "Jacobs Ladder". David gave a presentation on his company and all that he does. If a cemetery has a problem with headstones, like falling over, broken, fungus growing on them, etc. David goes in there and does what needs to be done. David went over several areas in which helps to improve the stone. Just to mention a few, David talked about Stone Leveling. This is where the base of the headstone is either in need of repair or the headstone has fallen in the ground and needs to be reset and leveled.

David talked about and had slides on Stone Reconstructing. They go in and try and put it back the way it was when it was first set. A few other areas that he talked about were Resealing, Stone Cleaning, Base Replacements, and Grave Witching. With Grave Witching, you use an old coat hanger and break it in half. Then with one end, you bend it for your hand as a handle. You then walk through the cemetery. If there is a grave where you are walking, the wires will move apart and or criss cross. David Synder mentioned that only about 90% of people it will work for and the other 10% it wouldn't work for. At the end of his presentation, David took on questions from the group.

Reports

Secretary Bradford read the minutes from the May 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Coutts gave the financial report and it was approved as read.

Awards

Sergeant of Arms Lybarger escorted Nancy and Ed Thomas to the front. Ed Thomas received the Liberty Bell medal and certificate for the amount of new members that Ed Thomas has sponsored with Nancy's help.

Sergeant of Arms Lybarger then escorted Loren Reynolds to the front. COM Reynolds being the chapter genealogist received the Liberty medal and certificate. COM Reynolds received this award for the many new members he has sponsored into M. Graham Clark Chapter.

Both of these gentlemen need to be thanked for all the hard work that they have done for the M. Graham Clark Chapter.

The Chapter received the Stark Award with a streamer for the flag for service to veterans.

Old Business

President Miller gave an update on the Lemon Grave Dedication that will be happening on October 6, 2012 in the Lemon Cemetery off of Creasy Spring Road in Columbia, Mo. President Miller went over certain details that needed to be done or asked for help from people for the dedication. On the same note, COM Chance has descendants who are buried in the same cemetery.

New Business

COM Bradford made an announcement that on September 27, 2012 at 7:00p.m. he will be installed as the new Sons of the American Legion Squadron Commander, for Post 202 in Columbia, Mo..

COM Lybarger talked about his experience at Washington's Tomb. He also had pictures to show, with COM DeVenney, Jr. in them.

Programs

Nancy Thomas- October

COM Cunningham- November

These are the people who will be in charge of the program that month. There are several months that are open if you are interested in having a program. Let President Miller know if you are interested.

Good Of The Order

COM Cunningham talked about the new SAR magazine that came out. He mentioned of the picture with several "Kilroy's" in them. It was a picture of a grave dedication for Al Pari's ancestor. Those that attended from M. Graham Clark were: COM Merrill, COM DeVenney, Jr., COM Bradford, and COM Lybarger. COM DeVenney, Jr., still holds the title as "Kilroy".

Closing

President Miller asked the Color Guard to retrieve the colors.

Chaplain Cunningham gave the closing prayer.

COM Thomas gave the SAR Recessional.

President Miller closed the meeting at 10:45am

Respectfully Submitted

Bryan P. Bradford, Secretary