

**M. Graham Clark Chapter
Missouri Society
The Sons of the American Revolution
18 February 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Opening: the meeting was called to order by President Chance at 8:36 a.m. The Invocation was given by COM Merrill, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Buff Chance and the SAR Pledge was led by COM Terrill Jones.

There were 20 members present and 15 visitors present, making 35 total. Visitors of note were prospective members Garth Baker, Jack Slaughter and James Stephens. Other visitors were Jack Slaughter's wife Dottie, Garth Baker's mother Ann, James Stephens' mother, and Chris Maring.

President Chance asked for February birthdays and the following were announced: COM J Y Miller, COM Charles Lee and COM Harry Lehenbauer. When asked for information on ill members, it was noted that COM Jim Cunningham's daughter Laurie Fuemmeler recently passed away from cancer. This was truly sad news.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m. for breakfast.

Reconvened: The meeting was called back to order at 9:09 a.m. President Chance gave COM Bartlett his supplemental Certificate for his patriot Harlock Smith, a SGT In the Massachusetts Militia from Martha's Vineyard.

President Chance then asked COM Miller to announce the winner of the 50/50 drawing. The winning number was 431 which was held by James Stephens, who won \$15.00. Congratulations!

President Chance stated there were two new members available for induction but neither were in attendance so that will be done at the March meeting.

President Chance then called on COM DeVenney, the Awards Chair, to make awards announcements to the following women in attendance:

1. Linda Chance was awarded the SAR/DAR Member Referral Martha Washington Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate Columbian DAR Chapter
2. Nancy Thomas was awarded the SAR/DAR Member Referral Martha Washington Bonze Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate Margaret Miller DAR Chapter

BUDGET

President Chance then asked Com DeVenney to address the chapter on the budget, he and COM John Coutts in conjunction with Treasurer Dietzel had developed based on budgetary practices the last three years.

Income: Dues and New Members: 85 renewing +5 New Members@ \$14.00=\$1,260.00

Expenses are given as follows:

Medals and Awards	\$200.00
Youth Awards (Eagle Scouts)	\$180.00
Genealogy Expenses	\$150.00
Supplies	\$200.00
Books for Schools	\$300.00
Misc.	\$230.00
TOTAL	\$1,260.00

COM DeVenney asked if the chapter would approve this and COM JY Miller moved, COM Merrill seconded and the budget was approved.

COM DeVenney further stated he reviewed the budgets for 2012/13; 2013/14 and 2014/15 and found small discrepancies and termed the financial condition of the chapter to be GOOD. The budget will be revisited in April 2017 to assure we remain in GOOD shape.

COM JY Miller moved and COM Bartlett seconded that this be done and that the chapter give the thanks to COM DeVenney, COM Coutts and Treasurer Dietzel for their diligent work under stressful circumstances given the fact the MOSSAR Registrar position has been empty an extended time frame and Treasurer Dietzel was new to the position.

Treasurer Report: President Chance then asked COM Dietzel to give the Treasurer's Report. COM Dietzel stated that as of 21 January 2017, the Cash on Hand was \$60, the Balance of the Endowment Fund was \$12,841.80, of which \$65.18 is in available funds, and the balance of the School Book Library Fund was \$283.67. The Treasurer's report was approved as provided.

Secretary Report: President Chance asked Secretary Kerr to give the Secretary's Report. COM Kerr stated he was not present at the January 2017 meeting due to illness but that COM Merrill did a fine job taking the minutes, of which a copy was on the table. Kerr asked if there were any changes needed, and hearing none, the Secretary minutes were approved as presented. COM J Y Miller reminded the chapter that the minutes are available on the chapter website.

ROTC: President Chance asked COM Buff Chance to report on ROTC activities. COM Chance stated he has been in touch with Missouri Military Academy in Mexico MO and there are works in process for that school as well as the University of Missouri. These will be awarded in May.

Eagle Scout: President Chance asked COM Jim Lee to report on the Eagle Scout activities. COM Lee stated he sent out 58 certificates but there were no applications returned. This appears to be a problem and James Stephens' mother asked why her son did not receive the certificate. He was awarded the Eagle Scout when he was 14. There appears to be a loophole where young men are getting their Eagle younger and they don't get the information about this being available for a scholarship. Chris Maring suggested that we give the High School Counselors information about Eagle Scout contests with SAR. This needs to be followed up on. The young man needs to do this before he gets to be 18 years of age.

Genealogy Report: President Chance called on Nancy Thomas to give the Genealogy Report. She reported:

New Applications Approved:

Michael Breedlove - application received 22 Aug 2016 approved 10 Nov 2016

Bruce Hillis - application received 10 Sep 2016 approved 14 Dec 2016

Randall Meyer - application received 31 Oct 2016 approved 26 Jan 2017

Russell DeVenney,III - Memorial application received 03 Oct 2016 approved 09 Jan 2017

New Application at National:

Brad Harriman - application received 27 Dec Aug 2016 - at National

Supplemental Applications Approved :

Terrill Jones - supplemental received 25 Apr 2016 approved 22 Aug 2016

Bob Bartlett - supplemental received 25 Jul 2016 approved 03 Jan 2017

Jack Chance - 9 supplementals received 17 Aug 2016 approved 19Jan 2017

Floyd Strader - 2 supplementals received 01 Sep 2016 approved 10 Feb 2017

Supplemental Applications at National waiting approval:

Floyd Strader - 2 supplementals received 25 Apr 2016

Jesse Lybarger - 2 supplementals received 31 Oct 2016

Jack Chance - 1 supplemental received 30 Jan 2017

Jr. Membership Applications :

Jake Krause - received 22 Jul 2016 approved 19 Oct 2016

Stanley Collett - received 29 Sep 2016 approved 27 Dec 2016

Jeffrey Collett - received 29 Sep 2016 approved 27 Dec 2016

Lucas DeVenney - received 08 Oct 2016 approved 20 Jan 2017

Jr. Membership Applications at National waiting approval:

Axel DeVenney - received 09 Jan 2017

Cort DeVenney - received 27 Dec 2016

Jackson DeVenney - received 27 Dec 2016

Nate DeVenney - received 27 Dec 2016

Thad DeVenney - received 27 Dec 2016

Ryan Minsky - received 27 Dec 2016

Russ Minsky - received 27 Dec 2016

Riley Minsky - received 27 Dec 2016

Jimmy Stephens - received 30 Jan 2017

Totals:

1 New Application at National - waiting approval

5 Supplemental Applications at National - waiting approval

9 Junior Applications at National - waiting approval

Fogg Americanism/President General Reports: President Chance asked COM Kerr if he had any report to make on the Fogg or the Americanism/President General Report. There was no report to make.

New Officers: At this time President Chance asked COM J Y Miller, as Nominating Committee Chair, to give the proposed Slate of Officers for 2017/18: they are as follows:

COM Harold Kerr, President;
COM Charles Lee, Vice-President;
COM Jack Chance, Immediate Past President;
COM J. Wayne Merrill, Secretary;
COM Larry Dietzel, Treasurer;
COM John Coutts, Genealogist;
COM Alan Hiles, Chaplain;
COM Michael Breedlove, Historian;
COM James Lee, Sgt. At Arms;
Trustee 1: COM Russ DeVenney;
Trustee 2: COM J. Y. Miller II;
Trustee 3: COM Jack Chance

President Chance then asked if there were any nominations for any offices from the floor, there being none, COM Miller moved that the slate of officers be accepted by acclamation, COM DeVenney Seconded. The chapter voted unanimously that the slate of officers be accepted in total.

Awards to Officers: President Chance then asked COM DeVenney to come forward to present the following certificates:

COM Vice-President Loren Wayne Reynolds: Certificate of Appreciation;
COM Secretary Harold Henry Kerr II: Distinguished Service Certificate;
COM Treasurer Larry Dean Dietzel: Certificate of Appreciation;
COM Genealogist Edward Warren Thomas/Nancy Thomas: Distinguished Service Certificate
COM Historian Charles Norris Lee: Certificate of Appreciation
COM Trustee 1 Ralph Lee Woodward: Certification of Appreciation
COM Trustee 2 James Yates Miller II: Certificate of Appreciation
COM Trustee 3 Russell F. DeVenney, Jr.: Certificate of Appreciation
COM Albert Buford Chance: Certificate of Appreciation ROTC/JROTC Chair
COM James Edward Lee: Certificate of Appreciation Eagle Scout Chair

The new officers were then inducted by COM DeVenney.

Once inducted, new chapter President Kerr presented Past President John Hardin Chance his Past President's Certificate, after which President Kerr gave the following short remarks:

I thank you, and I am humbled, by the faith you have placed in me to bestow on me the honor of being the President of the M Graham Clark Chapter.

In addition to the officers you have just witnessed be sworn into office, I have asked the following men to attend to the following committee chairs:

Nominations	COM Jack Chance
Retention/Mentor Program	COM J Y Miller II
Veterans	COM Stephen Foltz
Flag	COM Jack Chance
Awards	COM Russell F DeVenney, Jr
Eagle Scout	COM James Lee
ROTC/JROTC	COM Albert "Buff" Chance
Public Service/Heroism	COM John Coutts
Audit	COM Russell F DeVenney, Jr.
Co-chair:	COM John Coutts
FOGG	COM Harold H. Kerr II
Web Page	COM J Y Miller II
Color Guard	COM J Wayne Merrill
Americanism/President General	COM Harold H. Kerr II
Books for Schools	COM Harold H. Kerr II

As you see, most of the chairs are filled by chapter officers. I would like to see if anyone would be interested in filling these in the future.

COM Miller will chair the Mentor Program and I will address this in a bit. It also is a VITAL position and is meant to provide guidance to new members.

We have one Open Chair: War Graves Registrar—would anyone be interested in this? I will be glad to talk to anyone after the meeting. Loren Reynolds has done quite a bit in this regard.

I have the following goals for 2017:

1. Getting the Mentoring program off the ground. JY is heading this and I am pledging to be a mentor to any new member who would like this. It is vital everyone buy into this important program;
2. The Books for Schools Program needs to be revitalized. In that vein, I am appointing myself the Chair of the committee. I would like the members who were on the committee before to stay to help out further. I have asked COM Buff Chance to be on the committee as well, as he has been contributing to this cause and he has agreed to be on the committee.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO DO REPORTS

These things also need to be reported to me for the Fogg Report Form, and/or the Americanism/President General Form:

- a. Any time there is something in any publication regarding a member's activities;
- b. The times member(s) provide speeches to schools, public meetings, etc.;
- c. Who attends CAR meetings, DAR meetings;
- d. ROTC/JROTC medals awarded and to whom and what program;
- e. Parades attended, other grave markings attend besides the William Harvey marking mentioned above;
- f. Attendance at special observances;
- g. Attendance at National, District or State meetings;
- h. Monetary contributions to National SAR (I do not put names on the form);
- i. At all meetings listed above, please tell me who went in uniform or colonial clothing.

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3. I would like to see us give at least one Public Service/Heroism Award. I am thinking September is a good month to do this, since that is 9/11 month. The award would be presented to a worthy law enforcement, EMT, Fire Service, or outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger
The chapter did give an award along these lines to Corey Morris, a student at Hickman High, who attempted to save a boy drowning in the Missouri River. That was in 2009. Since then there was a police woman in Columbia who died in the line of duty as well as a fireman.
These were opportunities to give the award that we missed. I never thought of it at them time of the fireman, so I am not pointing fingers here.
4. Grave marking for William Harvey at the Lee-Harvey Cemetery in the Armstrong area. This is scheduled for July 1st, a Saturday.
5. Steve Foltz, who does the Stark Award form for our chapter, has asked that I mention the following:
That those that who attend events representing the chapter (Funerals, grave markings, visiting Veterans, parades, etc.) to email Steve at buffalo47@cvalley.net and let him know so he can have a more accurate tally for the Stark Award at the end of the year.

In that vein, I am handing out activities that you may participate in which I will need to know about to report. (NOTE: This list is appended to the end of these minutes)

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Again, I thank you for your faith in me and I will do the best I can to show your faith has not been misplaced.

Closing: Once remarks were finished, President Kerr called upon COM Thomas to lead the SAR Recessional and COM Hiles to give the Benediction.

I now call this meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is on Saturday, the 18th of March 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold H. Kerr II, Outgoing Secretary
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