

M. GRAHAM CLARK CHAPTER
MISSOURI SOCIETY
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

March 18, 2017

President Kerr called for the Presentation of the Colors at 8:33 a.m. to open the meeting. Color Guardsmen Lybarger and Merrill presented the Colors. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Hiles, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Com. Ed Thomas, and the SAR Pledge was led by Com. Jack Chance.

There were 18 members and 8 visitors present for a total of 26. President Kerr asked for March birthdays and two were recognized. He then asked for reports concerning members not present and Com. DeVenney reported that Com. Jim Cunningham's daughter, Laurie Fuemmeler of Mexico, Missouri, had recently passed away and that we should remember the Cunningham's in our prayers. The meeting was then adjourned for breakfast.

The meeting reconvened at 9:08 a.m. President Kerr called on Com. DeVenney to introduce our guest speaker, MOSSAR President Dale Schmidt, a retiree of the Missouri Highway Patrol Department. President Schmidt started by reminding us of his goals for MOSSAR that he introduced when he took office last April: That of increased membership and the education of the students in our Missouri schools. He then proceeded to tell us of the state of our organization at the present time and how we need to push forward in reaching the goals set forward. Following President Schmidt's presentation, President Kerr presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Two new members were called forward by President Kerr to be inducted into our chapter: Randall Meyer and Michael Breedlove. Following their induction, they were presented with their Certificates of Membership in the NSSAR and their rosettes. They then each spoke briefly concerning their patriot ancestor that they traced their lineage from. Com. Breedlove, who has agreed to accept the office of Historian for the 2017/18 year, was then sworn into office by MOSSAR President Schmidt. President Kerr then called on Com. J. Y. Miller to give a brief history of the NSSAR and of the M. Graham Clark Chapter for our new members. Following his remarks, he was asked to draw for the 50/50 drawing. The winner was COM Hiles who received \$16.50. COM Hiles donated \$10.00 back to the Chapter.

President Kerr presented the February minutes as the out-going Secretary and Com. Merrill moved that they be accepted as published and Com. Miller seconded the motion. There was no Treasurer's report due to the illness of Treasurer Dietzel. The Genealogy report was given by Nancy Thomas and Genealogist Coutts reported 12 new applications at National which includes Junior members and three at State. There were five supplementals at National and two at State. President Kerr reported that he had discovered on eBay a letter written by Josiah Fogg, the man that the MOSSAR Josiah Fogg Award is named for, and decided to buy it. It was a brief letter and so he read it to us.

Under "Old Business", the William Harvey Grave Marking, scheduled for July 1, 2017, near Armstrong was discussed. President Kerr had received word that the marker is being prepared for placement and all should be ready for the event.

Under "New Business", we were reminded of the MOSSAR State Convention being held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, April 28-29. President Kerr had copies of the registration form and noted that they could also be found on the MOSSAR website.

There being no further business, President Kerr called for the Retrieving of the Colors. The SAR Recessional was led by Com. DeVenney and the Benediction was given by Chaplain Hiles. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Wayne Merrill, Secretary