

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

April 21, 2018

President Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Color Guardsmen, Jesse Lybarger and J. Wayne Merrill presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Bob Bartlett. COM J.Y. Miller gave the invocation, followed by the SAR Pledge led by COM Richards. The Colors were then posted by the Color Guardsmen. There were 20 members and 10 visitors present. Visitors and those attending with birthdays in April were recognized. President Kerr inquired of any known health issues for chapter members. None were offered.

The meeting was recessed for breakfast at 8:41 a.m.

President Kerr reconvened the meeting at 9:09 a.m. to introduce the speaker for the meeting, Bob Priddy, retired news director of the Missouri net and creator and longtime voice of Across our Wide Missouri. Mr. Priddy is current President of the Board of Trustees of the State Historical Society of Missouri, where he has served as a trustee since 1985.

Mr. Priddy's presentation focused on the Center for Missouri Studies and new home of the State Historical Society of Missouri, currently under construction. The thirty five million dollar facility, located at Sixth and Elm, on the north side of the University of Missouri campus, is scheduled to open its doors to the public in 2019. The Center for Missouri Studies will, as quoted by Mr. Priddy, "tell the stories of Missouri, warts and all".

Mr. Priddy explained that upon completion of construction that it will take three months to relocate the 20,000 pieces of historical art, the fifty four million pages of newsprint on microfilm and other historical assets from the basement of the Ellis Library to their new home, where existing collections of the State Historical Society as well as future additions will be better preserved and protected and more easily accessible to all Missourians.

Following a warm acknowledgment of appreciation by attendees and a session of Questions and Answers, Mr. Priddy was presented the Good Citizenship Award by President Kerr.

President Kerr then asked that the usual reports be offered:

March minutes: After hearing no request for amendments or additions in response to the inquiry by President Kerr, COM J.Y. Miller made a motion for the adoption of the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded by COM Charles Lee and adopted.

Treasurer Report: COM Stone offered the Monthly Treasurer's Report, which had been previously distributed.

Genealogy Report: President Kerr, due to COM Coutts having to leave early due to a family emergency, offered the April Genealogy Report. The report advised that David Bartlett's

application had been approved. In addition three new applications plus two supplemental applications are at National, pending approval. Four additional full applications and one supplemental have been submitted to the State Genealogist and eleven other applications are in various stages of progress.

Eagle Scout Committee: No report

ROTC/JROTC Committee: In COM Buff Chance's absence, President Kerr made mention of a Pass in Review Ceremony scheduled for May 4, 2018 by the University of Missouri ROTC.

Books for Schools Committee: No report

Americanism/Fogg Report: President Kerr reminded attendees that he continues to "collect points" for the next report.

Chapter Website Report: COM J.Y. Miller advised that collection and posting of replacement member bios is still in progress and requested attendees that have not already done so to re-submit bios lost when the host of the prior web site discontinued support of our Chapter website.

Following the Chapter reports the 50/50 drawing was conducted by COM J. Y. Miller. The winner of \$23 was announced to be COM Jimmy Stephens.

President Kerr then offered a brief report on the March 24th Genealogy Workshop in Boonville conducted by COM Coutts and President Kerr.

President Kerr also explained that members of the M. Graham Clark Chapter would be meeting on Sunday, April 22nd with members of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter SAR, host chapter for the 2018 Missouri State Convention, to solicit planning and organizing ideas for the M. Graham Clark Chapter's use in planning and hosting the 2019 MOSSAR Convention.

President Kerr reminded attendees of the upcoming 2018 MOSSAR Convention to be held in St. Charles April 27th and 28th and the scheduled tree dedication by the DAR Conservation Committee at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday April 28th at the Boone County History and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa St., Columbia, MO.

There being no further business, the color guard retrieved the colors, COM Jimmy Stephens led the SAR Recessional, followed by the Benediction by COM J. Y. Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Bruce Hillis, Recording Secretary