

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

**January 20, 2018**

Vice President Charles Lee, in the absence of President Harold Kerr, due to illness, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Color Guardsmen, Jesse Lybarger and J. Wayne Merrill presented the Colors. Chaplain Alan Hiles gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Com. Jim Lee, and the SAR Pledge being led by Com. John Coutts. Vice President Lee then called for the posting of the colors. There were 19 members and 12 visitors present. The meeting was recessed for breakfast after two were recognized as having birthdays in January.

Vice President Lee reconvened the meeting at 9:08 a.m. by introducing our speaker for the day, Dr. Maryellen McVicker, PhD, an area educator, who presented a program on Arlington Cemetery. She told us that the Arlington name came from a farm on the Eastern Shore of Virginia owned by John Custis who had married Frances Parke. John and Frances would have a son, Daniel Parke Custis, who married Martha Dandridge, and after Daniel's death, would married George Washington on June 6, 1759. Dr. McVicker explained that each of the Custis generations had offspring with Parke as their middle name as that was a requirement in John Custis' will in order for them to inherit the estate. Two of the Custis grandchildren were raised by George and Martha Washington. Mary Anna Parke Custis would marry Robert E. Lee and they would live at Arlington for a short time and probably would have lived there after the Civil War had Gen. Montgomery Migs not intervened. Migs was in charged of burial of the Civil War dead and knowing that several burials had already been made at Arlington, had 17,000 casualties of the War reburied there, making sure that the Lees would not return there. Lee's son, George Washington Curtis Lee would later seek restitution for Arlington thru the courts and received \$150,000. from the government. Dr. McVicker's program was given in a very engaging manner and very well received. She received a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin.

Following the program, the 50/50 drawing was conducted by Com. J. Y. Miller and the winner was Jack Slaughter, who received the \$20.00 reward.

Vice President Lee asked that the usual reports be given at this time. Com. J. Y. Miller moved and Com. Alan Hiles seconded that the minutes of the December meeting be accepted as printed and it was passed.

Since Treasurer Dietzel had to leave early, there was no Treasurer's Report.

The Genealogy Report was given by Genealogist Coutts who stated that four applications and two supplementals were at National and 14 applications were being worked on.

Eagle Scout Chairman, Jim Lee announced that he had received four applications and that Com. Jimmy Stephens was the chapter winner.

Vice President Lee announced that President Kerr had submitted the Americanism Report.

Under current business, Nominating Committee Chairman, Com. Jack Chance give a second reading of the slate of proposed officers: President, Com Harold Kerr; Vice President, Com Charles Lee; Immediate Past President, Com Jack Chance; Executive Secretary, Com Harold Kerr; Recording Secretary, Com Bruce Hillis; Treasurer, Com Gil Stone; Genealogist/Registrar, Com John Coutts; Historian, Com Michael Breedlove; Chaplain, Com Alan Hiles; Sgt. At Arms, Com Jim Lee; Trustee 1, Com Russ DeVenney; Trustee 2, Com J. Y. Miller; and Trustee 3, Com Jack Chance.

A final reading and an opportunity to nominate from the floor will take place at the February meeting. An election and installation of new officers will immediately follow.

It was then noted that the contract with the Courtyard by Marriott had been signed for the site of the 2019 MOSSAR Convention that will be hosted by the M. Graham Clark Chapter and the discussion of the Convention followed.

The following upcoming events were noted: Saturday, January 27, the MOSSAR Board Meeting would be held at the Boone Electric Co-op in Columbia, at 10 a.m. Com John Coutts and Com J. Y. Miller will represent the SAR at the Lineage Day in Marshall, MO, on February 24, from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. And on Saturday, March 10, at 1 p.m. there will be a Plaque Dedication at the National Churchill Museum in Fulton, MO, Commemorating Winston S. Churchill and Harry S. Truman as members of the SAR.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. following the retrieving of the Colors, the SAR Recessional led by Com Ed Thomas and the benediction given by Chaplain Hiles.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Wayne Merrill, Secretary