

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

**November 17, 2018**

President Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. No Color Guardsman being present, the Colors were posted in advance of the meeting. Chaplain Hiles offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Jim Lee; and, the SAR Pledge was led by COM Sonny Raines. Upon completion of the opening ceremonies, President Kerr recognized the visitors that were present. There were 17 members and 9 visitors in attendance. President Kerr also called for the recognition of birthdays and anniversaries. President Kerr offered the latest known health condition of COM Coutts, who has been recently readmitted to a hospital in Omaha, during a visit there. COM Dietzel's health status was also acknowledged.

The meeting was recessed for breakfast at 8:38 a.m.

President Kerr reconvened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. and then introduced the speaker for the meeting, COM J.Y. Miller, who offered a slide presentation that chronicled the baseball career of Glasgow, Missouri's own John Wesley Donaldson. Born in 1891, John Donaldson was a pitcher and center fielder in the Negro Baseball League. He struck out over 5,000 players and accumulated more than 400 wins during his career that spanned more than 30 years. Donaldson played for the Kansas City Monarchs and it was he who suggested the name, "Monarchs". He was called "The Best Left Handed Pitcher" ever by Satchel Paige. COM Miller told the assemblage that a movie about John Donaldson, entitled "39 Seconds is expected to be released soon.

Following his presentation, COM Miller was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his program.

President Kerr then nominated Dr. William John Krause to become a "Friend" of the Chapter, pursuant to the By-law amendment, adopted at the October 2018 meeting. President Kerr's nomination included praise and thanks to Dr. Krause for his support to advance the mission of the MGC Chapter, including the solicitation of new members for the Chapter. Following the nomination, COM J.Y. Miller moved for the acceptance of Dr. Krause as a Friend of the Chapter. The motion was seconded by COM Hiles and unanimously adopted by the members present. The MGC Chapter presented a Friend of the Chapter certificate to Dr. Krause, who thanked the Chapter for the honor of being recognized as a Friend of the Chapter.

President Kerr then asked COM JY Miller to conduct the 50/50 drawing. COM Raymond Miller's name was drawn and won \$17. The remainder of the 50/50 ticket sales proceeds will be delivered to the Chapter Treasurer.

President Kerr then called on COM J.Y. Miller to report on the breakfast email RSVP system trial run and reconfirm the procedure, made necessary by our restaurant location for our January and February meetings. COM Miller gave a review of the results of the trial run and offered suggestions to make the process more accurate and efficient for the RSVP system's continued use.

President Kerr next asked that the usual reports be offered:

Recording Secretary Minutes: President Kerr advised that the minutes for the October 2018 meeting had been distributed in advance. After discussion and upon inquiry by President Kerr and hearing no call for amendments, COM Charles Lee made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by COM Robert Bartlett. The motion to approve the October minutes was unanimously adopted.

Treasurer's Report: In COM Stone's absence, President Kerr offered the Treasurer's report. President Kerr requested that any members that not tendered their 2018 dues to please do so. After discussion and without objection the report was filed for audit.

Genealogy: In COM Coutts absence, President Kerr offered the genealogy report, which included 14 applications for membership in various stages of completion.

Eagle Scout Committee: COM Jim Lee announced that the current class (October 2017 - October 2018) of Eagle Scouts were mailed applications to solicit those interested in seeking the award of the 2019 Eagle Scout Scholarship. The deadline for applicants to respond to the notice is December 15, 2018.

Books for schools: Due to the lack of response to the inquiry letters mailed to area schools for the Books for Schools program, President Kerr suggested that the program be discontinued. After discussion in which COM Loren Reynolds was complimented for his excellent work with this program, COM J. Y. Miller moved that the Books for Schools program be suspended, pending a future evaluation of interest in the program. COM Mitchell Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Americanism/FOGG Report: President Kerr announced that he continues to add points for the report and asked that anyone provide him with details of any program offered by a member that might qualify for the Americanism/FOGG Report competition.

2019 MOSSAR Convention Report: President Kerr advised the assemblage of the current status of the planning for the 2019 MOSSAR Convention that will be hosted by the MGC Chapter in April of 2019.

President Kerr announced that a grave marking ceremony for Sgt. Reuben Hatton at the Midway Locust Grove church has been tentatively scheduled for next summer.

President Kerr announced that the Chapter Officer Nominating Committee will meet immediately following today's member meeting to begin the process to identify a slate of officers for 2019-2020, to submit for consideration at the February membership meeting.

There being no further business, COM Harry Lehenbauer led the SAR Recessional, followed by the benediction by Chaplain Hiles.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Bruce Hillis, Recording Secretary