

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR Minutes of meeting 20 March 2021

The meeting was preceded by breakfast, which was served by buffet. There were 13 members and five guests present plus one present via Zoom (see appended list) 18 meals were provided

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 9:10 for those present and via Zoom video for those not present. The Zoom Meeting was operated by Linda Coutts. This was the second time a Chapter meeting has been available via Zoom to those not present COM Wayne Merrill attended the meeting via Zoom.

A prayer was offered by COM Garland Lessley

The pledge was led by COM Jim Lee. The SAR pledge was led by COM Charles Lee.

Birthdays were recognized: COM Russel DeVenney and COM Jim Lee.

Members who were sick were remembered. They include COM Harold Kerr, who is doing better.

President David Bartlett introduced COM Alan Hiles who gave a presentation on George Washington, based on the book, *Return of Washington*, which focused on Washington's life between 1783 when he resigned his commission as General of the Continental Army, the Constitutional Convention, and 1788 when he was elected President.

Washington, in retirement, rehabilitated his neglected estate at Mount Vernon. Washington was drawn into the post-war political issues and the Constitutional Convention and elected first President of the United States. Washington's first act after being inaugurated was to "bow to the people" in contrast to European heads of state who expected the people to bow to them.

President Bartlett thanked COM Hiles for his presentation.

President Bartlett reported on Awards and Recognition regarding 4 police officers and 2 civilians who saved the life of a small child in a house fire in Boonville. Com Charles Lee reported the certificates have been framed and are ready. He has been in contact with the Boonville Chief of Police. Presentation of will be done in Boonville at a City Council meeting rather than a Chapter meeting due to the ongoing pandemic.

There were no new inductees.

COM Charles Lee recognized those who had helped him during his tenure as president of the Chapter. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to: COM Russ DeVenney as Treasurer; COM John Coutts as genealogist; COM Jim Lee as Eagle Scout Chairman, Sgt. At Arms and caretaker of the flags and memorial wreaths; COM Miller as Trustee and Webmaster; COM Alan Hiles as Chaplain; COM David Bartlett as Vice-President; and COM Harold Kerr will receive a certificate for his service as Secretary and performance of multiple tasks; and Jack Chance as Trustee; COM Mike Breedlove as historian and work on the convention two years ago.

President David Bartlett presented COM Charles Lee with a Certificate of Appreciate for his contribution as President of the Chapter.

COM J. Y. Miller presented an amendment to the by-laws formally establishing the office of Trustee. In the past, Trustees were named and served on an informal basis. The proposed

Amendment to Article Six of the Bylaws will on the webpage and emailed on the Chaoter mailing list for voting on next meeting.

COM J. Y. Miller conducted the 50-50 drawing and COM John Court won \$9.

COM Mitchell Moore reported that the minutes of the last meeting had been posted on the webpage and copies were on the tables. He thanked COM J. Y. Miller for editing the minutes. COM Miller moved that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Com Charles Lee. Motion passed.

COM Russ DeVenney reported on the financial status of the Chapter and distributed printed copies. COM Miller moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. COM Hiles seconded. Motion passed.

COM John Coutts reported that one application had been approved Terry Duckett, who will likely be inducted at the May meeting. Three additional applications for new members are in the works: Samuel Thomas, Stephen Moss, and Brett Matthews. Harold Kerr has 3 supplements in at National; and there is one for Floyd Straighter and two memorial applications. An application by a DAR applicant for her son will soon be sought.

President Bartlett reported on our SAR ROTC/JROTC recognition and progress made for this year. NROTC MIDN Cole R. Sheetz and AROTC MSIII Cadet Pat Griffin will be recognized.

President Bartlett reported that COM Harold Kerr submitted a FOGG report to State and National, which is an accounting of time doing Chapter work in the public. COM Kerr has always encouraged reporting of activities. The webpage states what activities qualify as points and they are as broad as reporting membership in the SAR on a member's Facebook page.

COM J. Y. Miller warned of scams that may have used member information on the MOSAR webpage to target intended victims. COM Miller warned members of a "gift card purchase" scam. COM Miller has made it more difficult for member addresses to be used and warned members of such scams.

President Bartlett opened discussion of future business. For the April 17 meeting, John Coutts will present on the Germana Colonies For the May 15 meeting, COM Miller will present on American Military Chaplains. COM Charles Lee is preparing a presentation on the design of the seal on the one-dollar bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 after the SAR Recessional led by Com Garland Lessley and a closing prayer by Chaplain COM Garland Lessley.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Secretary

NAME	MEALS	ZOOM
Bartlett, David	1	Merrill, J. Wayne
Bartlett, Robert & Priscilla	2	
Coutts, John & Linda	2	
DeVenney, Russell	1	
Hiles, Alan & Wayne	2	
Jones Terrill & Debbie	2	
Lee, Charles	1	
Lee, Jim	1	
lessley, Garland	1	
Miller, J.Y	1	
Miller, Ray & Ruth	2	
Moore, Mitchell	1	
Whatley, Paul	1	

Proposed amendment to the MGC By-Laws.

Insert the new Article VI as written below.

Change Article numbers of current articles VI through XII to VII through XIII.

ARTICLE VI

Trustees

The Trustees of the M. Graham Clark Chapter will consist of the three most recent Past Presidents of the Chapter, who are available to serve.

The most recent Past President will be designated as Trustee (3) and will serve until the installation of a new President.

The previous Trustee (3), will then be designated as Trustee (2) and the previous Trustee (2), will be designated as Trustee (1). The previous Trustee(1) will have completed his normal service as Trustee.

If any of the Trustees are unwilling to serve or becomes unable to serve for any reason, the next most recent available Past Chapter President will be named as Trustee(1).

If there should be no Past Presidents available to serve, the Chapter President will appoint a Trustee from the general membership, with the majority vote approval of the membership, who will become Trustee(1).

The “replacement” always becomes Trustee(1) which may require a renumbering of existing Trustees.

The primary duties of the Trustees are to:

- (a) Provide advice and assistance to the current elected Chapter Officers.
- (b) Be the overseers of the M. Graham Clark Chapter Endowment Fund.
- (c) Represent the M. Graham Clark Chapter at Missouri Society State meetings as well as all SAR National Society meetings when the Chapter President or Vice President are unable to attend.