



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **14 December 2012** Meeting

(Website: <http://pattonpatriots.org/>)

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 14 December 2012, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hurley. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were sixteen Compatriots: CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, CASSAR Investment Fund Trustee Dick Hawley, President Bill Hurley, Vice President Bill Bays, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Ron Risley, Ward White, Bob Colbern, Ken Lynch, George Horne, Dick McMullen, Robert Taylor, Dan Sword, Ed Lewis, and Sam Thompson. Our eight guests were Compatriot wives Mary Hurley, Carolyn Cooper, Rosemarie Risley, Lois Lynch, Kathy Wittes (Ed Lewis), Dr. Sunny McMullen, Compatriot daughter Aurora Lewis, and Compatriot mother Mary Thompson.

Member and guest introductions were made. December birthdays were noted for Donovan Rundle (7 Dec), Gary Smith (10 Dec), Dr. Robert Jordan (20 Dec), Ward White (20 Dec) and President Hurley (23 Dec).

Reports:

Due to the absence of the secretary, Bob Taylor presented the minutes for 9 November 2012; minutes were approved as read and later amended to add Rosemarie Risley to the attendees.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Regarding dues, Gene requested recommendations towards addressing the current 24 members in arrears. Recommendation was to send a letter to those with unpaid dues, submit the required Treasurer's report to CASSAR at the end of the month, and follow up with a reconciliation report.

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report:

Application certificates have been received for Harry Copeland, Christopher Pogemiller, Brett Higby, David Armstrong, Trevor Ashton and Donovan Rundle.

Registrar is working on applications for prospective members Col Martin Spahn and Don Bennett.

Old Business:

- President Hurley reminded the Chapter the Massing of the Colors will be celebrated 17 Feb 2013 at Forest Lawn in Glendale. This is a National event.
- President Hurley reminded the Chapter the Spring 2013 Meeting of the Membership conference will require an all-hands effort, with Compatriot Steve Hurst in line to become CASSAR President.
- President Hurley further reminded the Chapter of the Massing of the Colors 4 May 2013 in Santa Barbara, sponsored by the Santa Barbara Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

- President Hurley requested the Membership Committee meet after 1 Jan 2013 to start the organization process.

New Business:

None

Compatriot Samuel Logan Thompson was sworn in as a SAR Compatriot.

The officers for 2013 were installed:

- President Bill Bays
- Vice Pres Bob Colbern
- Secretary Ken Lynch
- Treasurer Gene Cooper
- Registrar Eric Stassforth
- Chaplain Bob Taylor

The annual Christmas drawing was conducted during lunch.

Program:

Rosemarie Risley presented the annual Christmas program: “Traditions of the Christmas Stocking”, which emanated from ancient myth and is celebrated in various ways by European cultures. Rosemarie displayed various stockings she has made, and the program was informative and entertaining.

Next Meeting:

Friday, 11 January 2013 – program “Spies During the Revolutionary War” will be presented by Bill Hurley.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned by President Bays following the SAR recessional and the benediction by Chaplain Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary