



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



Minutes of the **11 December 2015**  
Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 11 December 2015, in the Garden Room of Marie Calender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ken Lynch. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were twenty Compatriots: Vice-President Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Ken Birdsall, Gene Cooper, Ron Risley, George Horne, Eric Stassforth, Louis Kreuzer, Ward White, Dick Hawley, Bob Taylor, Bill Bays, Dan Sword, Harry Copeland, Robert Laymon, Barrie Walters, Russ Ireland, John Mullen, Keith Thomas, and Peter Bueschen. Guests included Carolyn Cooper, Rosemarie Risley, Lois Lynch, Sharon Thomas, and Gail Ireland.

Member and guest introductions were made.

**Reports:**

Acting Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 13 Nov, which were read and approved.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 30 Nov, which was approved.

The Registrar's report was presented by V-P Lynch in the absence of Registrar Dick McMullen. The application for Keith Alan Thomas (VA patriot Richard Reeves) has been approved by NSSAR. The applications for Luc Anthony Bell (MA patriot Isaac Snow), Roland Richard Wiley Thompson (NJ patriot John Fulkerson), and Patryke Kim Thomas (MA patriot Titus Parker, Sr. are pending at NSSAR. The applications for Bill Beal Barrows, Thomas Jacob Hassenbein, Percy Wyly II (SAR Memorial Application), Henry Austin Reniger III, Sean Michael McGarry, David Andrew Norton, and Adam Richard Stevenson have been submitted to CASSAR (the application for Henry Reniger was returned for additional information). The applications for Bruce Gillies (NY patriot John Thompson), William Thomas Allen (CT patriot Joseph Allen), and Allen L. Messinger (MA patriot Benoni Messinger) are being prepared by the Registrar.

**Old Business:**

Chaplain's report: Bob Colbern has case of shingles and was unable to attend. Ron Risley visited Bob and reported shingles is in eyes and face.

Color Guard report: Bob Taylor noted difficulty in contacting the organizer for the local Wreaths Across America ceremonies 12 December, and noted the upcoming Massing of the Colors 14 Feb 2016. Eric Stassforth, Ken Lynch and Steve Hurst will attend, although Steve will not be part of the color guard.

Bob Taylor provided information regarding the NSSAR/CASSAR Life Member requirements due to recent interest by members of the chapter, provided a copy from the NSSAR website regarding U.S. Presidents who were/are members of the SAR, announced the availability of the CASSAR Compatriot, provided

information for the SAR Western District Alaska Cruise 13-22 May 2016 (estimated \$2870 per person), and passed along compatriot Jim Davis' greetings from his temporary duty station in Japan.

Knight Essay report: Lou Kreuzer has received one submission and is pursuing 1-2 additional contacts; deadline for submissions is 31 Dec.

Lou Kreuzer provided a list of shows regarding the American Colonial period observed on Thanksgiving and available for viewing.

**New Business:**

Ken Lynch has deferred the initiation of officers to the January meeting due to President Colbern's absence.

Following lunch, new member Keith Alan Thomas (compatriot ancestor Richard Reeves, PVT 12 VA Regiment) was sworn into the SAR and presented his membership certificate, rosette and new member package.

Bob Taylor as CASSAR Treasurer presented the silver Roger Sherman award to Richard Hawley on behalf of CASSAR President Dr. Kent Gregory.

**Program:**

Compatriot Bob Taylor presented "Colonial Christmas", describing modern Christmas traditions and comparing them with the Christmas observances of New England and the Southern Colonies.

Following the program, the annual Christmas drawing was conducted by Rosemarie and Ron Risley. All received a gift amidst much good will.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 8 January 2016, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program will be "Tracing Your Hispanic Heritage and the Revolutionary War" by Dr. Sunny Vasquez McMullen, Georgine Herd and Pat Harmon.

**Closing:**

The meeting was adjourned by Ken Lynch following the SAR Recessional and the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary