



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



Minutes of the **8 January 2016** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 January 2016, in the Garden Room of Marie Calender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Colbern. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were twenty-one Compatriots: President Bob Colbern, Vice-President Ken Lynch, Steve Hurst, Ken Birdsall, Gene Cooper, George Horne, Eric Stassforth, Louis Kreuzer, Martin Spann, Bill Hurley, Dick McMullen, Ward White, Dick Hawley, Lou Kreuzer, Bob Taylor, Dan Sword, Robert Laymon, Barrie Walters, Russ Ireland, Fred Dunn, Don Bennett, and Peter Bueschen. Guests included speakers Pat Harmon, Georgine Herd, and Sunny McMullen, in addition to Carolyn Cooper, Margie Kreuzer, an Unnamed guest, and Gail Ireland.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Installation of Officers:

Outgoing President Bob Colbern introduced the 2016 officers, swore them in, and passed the gavel to incoming President Ken Lynch. President Ken Lynch then presented the Past President's pin to Bob Colbern.

Reports:

Acting Secretary Bob Taylor presented the minutes for the meeting of 11 Dec, which were approved as read.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 31 Dec, which was accepted as read.

The Registrar's report was presented by President Lynch in the absence of Registrar Dick McMullen. The applications for Luc Anthony Bell (MA patriot Isaac Snow) and John Ward Willson Tunis III (MA Patriot Guile Wilson/Willson) have been approved by NSSAR. The applications for Patryke Kim Thomas (MA patriot Titus Parker, Sr.), Roland Richard Wiley Thompson (NJ patriot John Fulkerson), Bill Beal Barrows (MA Patriot Gideon Hinckley), Thomas Jacob Hassenbein (MA Patriot Gideon Hinckley), Sean Michael McGarry (CT Patriot Joseph Hawley), David Andrew Norton (CT Patriot Joseph Hawley), and Adam Richard Stevenson (CT Patriot Joseph Hawley) are pending at NSSAR. The applications for Percy Wyly II (SAR Memorial Application), Henry Austin Reniger III, and William Thomas Allen have been submitted to CASSAR. The application for Thomas Locke (PA Patriot John Locke) is being prepared by the Registrar.

Old Business:

Color Guard report: Bob Taylor reminded the chapter of the upcoming Massing of the Colors 14 Feb at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, and dinner afterwards.

Bob Taylor noted the upcoming SAR Western/Pacific Districts Alaska Cruise 13-22 May 2016 (estimated \$2870 per person),

Knight Essay report: Lou Kreuzer reported the receipt of three submissions, and will make a selection from them. He asked for interested compatriots to assist in the judging.

New Business:

President Lynch announced the CASSAR 140th Annual Spring Meeting will be held 14-16 Apr in Sacramento, and encouraged compatriots to attend.

Barry Walters noted his appreciation for the photo sent as an e-mail. There was a short discussion on the chapter's lack of a newsletter, while Bob Taylor hopes to add photos to the meeting announcement. Barrie suggested a short (5 minute) bio search by a selected compatriot as part of the meeting.

Bob Taylor noted the Chapter has a current membership of 80 compatriots; however, the current 11 drops reduces that number to 72. Expectation is some will be reinstated.

President Lynch asked if our Chapter webmaster, Alan Buckley has been honored with an award for his service, and it was suggested Alan be given a certificate of appreciation.

Dick Hawley asked if the Chapter has a bank account, and was assured it does (savings and checking account).

President Lynch was presented his neck ribbon.

After lunch, the Chapter was informed of two awards earned by the Chapter and presented at the CASSAR 139th Fall Meeting. The awards were for Partners in Patriotism (NSSAR presented at last year's Congress held in Louisville) and the CASSAR COL. Richard Locke award for medium large Chapters, which included a \$250 check.

Program:

A panel consisting of Conejo Valley Genealogy Society members Georgine Herd, Pat Harmon, and Dr. Sunny Vasquez-McMullen presented "Tracing Your Hispanic Heritage and the American Revolutionary War", describing the impact of Spain in supporting the American Revolution, and providing guidance in searching for Hispanic records and sources.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 12 February 2016, at Marie Calender's Restaurant. The program is titled "King Philip, the War, and the Chair", and will be presented by Ken Lynch.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary