



## **Chapter Minutes: 19 February 2022**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

By Chapter President Bobby Gresham at 9:30 A.M. The February meeting was held at the Rock Springs Cafe in the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens.

- **INVOCATION**

By the chapter chaplain Ralph Smith.

- **PLEDGES**

- **US Flag**
- **Texas Flag**
- **S.A.R.**

The pledges were led by the Color Guard Commander, Vann Cunningham.

- **WELCOME GUESTS / VISITORS**

The Chapter President Bobby Gresham welcomed 17 members and 2 guests.

- **PRESENTATIONS**

- **INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

President Bobby Gresham and Registrar Gerry Gieger inducted new Compatriot Tanner Allan Smith. Additionally, Registrar Gieger presented Tanner with his father's (Allan Lee Smith) certificate and rosette to present to him at a later time. Tanner and Allan are descended from Thomas Smith who was born before 1743 in Virginia. Thomas signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence on July 5, 1777, at Wilkes County. He served as a private in the Georgia Troops under the command of Colonel Elijah Clarke.

- **AWARDS**

President Bobby Gresham presented Ron Turner with the Past President Award. An Award was presented to Vaughn Oliver for his past service as Chapter Treasurer. Bobby Gresham was given the president's ribbon.

President Bobby Gresham presented Compatriot Bob Jacobs with a Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the Display of The Flag of the United States of America.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **OFFICER REPORTS**

- **Registrars Report**

Gerry Gieger reported one new member application was in work and four supplementals were at National for approval.

- **Secretary's Minutes**

January's Meeting Minutes were sent to the chapter members for review.

- **Chaplain's Report**

Chaplain Ralph Smith noted the passing of Bob Truitt and sent a sympathy card to Bob's family from the chapter. Chapter members spoke about Compatriot Bob Truitt who passed away on January 15, 2022. Bob was a past chapter president who was known for his organizational skills and great leadership of the chapter.

➤ **Treasurer's Report**

	Beginning Balance:	Expenses:	Deposits:	Balance:
Operating Funds -	<b>\$11,183.02</b>	\$93.00	\$981	<b>\$12,071.02</b>
		SAR Awards \$93	\$405 WAA Refund	
			\$550 WAA Refund	
			\$26 Another Deposit	
Pray TCU Awards Fund -	<b>\$3,259.63</b>		Interest:	<b>\$3,759.66</b>
		Cunningham Donation \$500	\$500.03	
Goodman Youth Fund -	<b>\$1,937.93</b>		\$500.02	<b>\$2,437.95</b>
		Cunningham Donation \$500		
Grand Total				<b>\$17,493.63</b>
November-20	\$11.2, \$3.2, \$1.9, \$16.4			
January-16	\$11.2, \$3.2, \$1.9, \$16.4			
February-19	\$12.0, \$3.8, \$2.4, \$17.4			
Future Expenses:				
	April: Knight Essay Award (\$300)			
	April: CAR Essay Award (\$300)			
	April: Eagle Scout Award (\$300)			
	May: TCU History Award (\$1000)			

• **NEW BUSINESS**

➤ **Life Saving Awards to Fort Worth Police Officers**

The chapter will award Lifesaving and Heroism awards to seven Fort Worth police officers on 2-22-22.

On 8/23/2021 at 2AM in the morning officer Carlos Almaraz received a radio message to respond to a car wreck with two injuries and the car on fire. He and other responding officers arrived and observed a car down an embankment, upside down and on fire with two screaming occupants trapped in the burning vehicle. He and other officers grabbed fire extinguishers and

raced down the hill to put out the fire and to remove the trapped occupants. Almaraz and the other officers physically turned the car back in upright position then began to smash at the windshield to reach the trapped occupants.

The car was locked and the side windows had to be broken to reach to two occupants as the flames intensified in the vehicle. The two victims were quickly and safely removed from the vehicle and escaped without any burns to their bodies although they sustained other injuries. The two female occupants were trapped in the vehicle and would not have been able to escape alive without the quick action of officer Almaraz and the other responding officers.

➤ **Future Awards for Flag Certifications and Army / Air Force Junior ROTC**

Compatriot Bob Jacobs has done research for businesses in the Azle area for potential flag certification awards. Compatriot James Alderman reported the Army / Air Force Junior ROTC awards will be in April and early May 2022.

➤ **Program**

Compatriot Kevin Shellman gave a presentation on the Declaration of Independence which was actually adopted on July 2, 1776 and printed on July 4.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

➤ **Chapter Meeting**

The next chapter meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Rock Springs Café in the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens. 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

➤ **2022 Texas Society State Convention**

It was announced that this year's state convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Dallas – Richardson area. The event will held

from March 31<sup>st</sup> thru the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Benediction**

- Chapter Chaplain, Ralph Smith led the benediction. With the Benediction being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

- **Final Notes**

- There will not be a program for the March 19 chapter meeting. At that meeting, we will be giving out three medals:

- 1) The Police Officer of the Year Award [SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal] will go to Officer Oscar Moncada.
- 2) Children of the American Revolution [C.A.R.] Essay winner Brooke Walker.
- 3) Eagle Scout Award to Preston Davis who also placed 3rd in the State Contest.

