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The President's View

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I have always been impressed with how much our small chapter accomplishes. My first task as President demonstrated why. When I called members to be the Chairmen of our various Committees, nobody said "No". Everyone I called was ready, willing and able to be Chairman. Your Chairmen are the driving force of our chapter and responsible for its success. I am proud to be President of such a great chapter. Lucky for me Stephen Tanner, the out-going President, had made all the arrangements for speakers for my first meeting. All I had to do was draft the agenda and distribute it to all Compatriots, prospective members and friends of the chapter. The speaker was our District Vice President, John Thompson, who made a great presentation, Power Point and all, about Paul Revere's midnight ride. In addition, we had Alex Scheel, winner of the state Essay Contest, and his parents, Bill and Jill, as honored guests. I am sure all that attended the meeting were well pleased.



President Allen Greene, shown at the bottom left, announced the following slate of Chairmen:

President Allen Greene
District V.P. John Thompson
(Defacto member of all committees)

Chapter Duties:

Recognitions	Allen Greene
Membership	Frederick Jackson
Newsletter	Thomas Jackson
Nominations	Stephen Tanner
Program	Terry Richardson
Publicity	Stephen Tanner
Wal-Mart Grant	open

Americanism:

Eagle Scout	Randy Pearson
History Teacher	open
History Student	open
Knight Essay	Gus Mistrot
Oratory	open
Poster	Edwin Raines

Other Chapter Programs

CAR	Bobby R. Smith
Color Guard Com.	Stephen Tanner
Flag Certificate	Theron McLaren
Flag Presentation	Edwin Raines
JROTC	Stephen Tanner
Public Service	Thomas Jackson
SAR-DAR	open
Sea Cadets	Randy Pearson
Veterans	Bobby R. Smith
Wounded Warrior	open

April Meeting Highlights

Issuing Flag Certificates is what the Rankin Chapter loves to do at meetings. The Scheel Family receives one!



From left to right are Compatriot Theron McLaren, and the Scheel Family, Bill, Jill, and Alex.



Compatriot Theron McClaren, chairman of the Flag Certificate Committee, finally receives one himself! From left to right are Allen Greene, Theron, and Terry Richardson.



President Allen Greene, left, awards his first supplemental certificate as President. It goes to Ash Jackson, right. Ash, do you have 40 yet?



John Thompson, TXSSAR District 8 Vice President is shown delivering a presentation about “Paul Revere’s Ride” punctuated by excerpts from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s poem, “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere”. He was awarded a Speaker Certificate of Appreciation and the traditional Rankin NSSAR coffee mug.



These two statues are dedicated to the memory of Patriots Day, April 19. Where are they located?





From left to right, Stephen Tanner, Tom Jackson, Bill Scheel, Alex Scheel, Jill Scheel, Rankin President Allen Greene, TXSSAR District 8 Vice President John Thompson.



Terry Richardson hands a BGCM to Bill Scheel above and the Chapter Essay Contest Medal to Alex Scheel below.



Rankin Chapter Honors the Scheel Family

Alex Scheel, an 11th grade AP student at S. P. Waltrip High School won the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest conducted by the Robert Rankin Chapter. His essay was then entered into the state contest where he won first place. He received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Texas State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which will be sent to the University of his choice upon enrollment. He received a smaller scholarship award from the chapter and received with the Chapter Essay Contest Medal at the meeting. As a state winner, his essay was entered in the national competition. Alex plans to attend The University of Texas. Alex recently was named All-District as a third baseman in 21 AAAA. Alex, a right-handed pitcher, is also on the varsity swim team and is very active at First United Methodist Church.

Alex's Mother, Jill, received the Outstanding Citizenship Award for her many years of service to children and youth. She has served the young people of our community for fifteen (15) years through youth ministries at First United Methodist Church and youth baseball.

Bill Scheel, Alex's father, was honored with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. He received the award for his thirty-four (34) years of service to his church, educational institutions, fraternal organizations, civic association, political activities, and youth baseball. Bill served as President of Shepherd Park Plaza Civic Club during his nine-year tenure on the civic board. He was also on the Timbergrove Sports Association (TSA) Board of Directors for six years ending in 2010.

Bill is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and served twenty-two years in various leadership roles with the Regan Chapter of the Texas Association of the Order of DeMolay. He created the largest RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program in Texas in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institute in 1989. He was also the founder and first President of the Scottish Rite Learning Center and Dyslexia Clinic in Houston. He also served as a Precinct Judge Election for Harris County Precincts 54 and 204.

Rankin Members Recognized

Awarding the Bronze Chapter Color Guard Medal



Compatriots Stephen Tanner (left) and Thomas Jackson (right) receive their Bronze Color Guard Medal for three years of service. District Color Guard Commander John Thompson (right) has made the award.



Rankin Vice President awards a Bronze Chapter Service Medal Oak Leaf Cluster to Ed Raines, above, and Bobby Smith, below, for three years of service to the Children of the American Revolution.



Rankin Members out n About



Rankin Compatriots gather to honor Tom Green, the 69th recipient of the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal at the Paul Carrington Chapter black tie event on February 22, 2012.

From left to right, Allan Henshaw, Stephen Tanner, Tom Green, Ash Jackson, Tom Jackson.



Rankin Compatriots Allen Greene, Stephen Tanner, and Tom Jackson attended Pass in Review ceremonies at the Berry Center. Over 600 cadets from Cypress Fairbanks ISD participated in this tenth annual ceremony on March 12, 2012.

Upcoming Events:

May 9th Chapter Meeting

National Convention. in Phoenix

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Hint for the Statues: Think Lexington & Concord!