



Ark-La-Tex Chapter Sons of American Revolution

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2023

Call to Order: President Clarence Burns called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Clarence Burns, Larry Joe Reynolds, Rodney G. Love, Danny Addington, Dennis Beckham, Bill Sekel, R.E. Woodroof, Richard Blackwood, Pat Tomberlain, Larry Chandler, Thomas R. "Butch" Owen, John Kelsey, Harold Blair

Visitors Present: Carolyn Addington, Windy Addington, Meriam Blair

Invocation by: President Clarence Burns

Pledges: The United States of America, State of Texas and SAR led by President Clarence Burns

Reading of minutes:

There were no objections to the minutes as sent out to members. A motion was made by Chancellor Bill Sekel and seconded by Compatriot Danny Addington to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion carried.

Reading of the Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Danny Addington presented the treasurers report stating we had an ending balance of \$1013.34. A motion was made by Chancellor Bill Sekel and seconded by Richard Blackwood to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Dennis Beckham presented the Registrar's report. A motion was made by Treasurer Danny Addington and seconded by Chancellor Bill Sekel to accept the Registrar's report. The motion carried. Registrar Dennis Beckham reported that an additional 30 Challenge coins had been donated to the Chapter giving us a total of 69 coins. No coins have been sold since the last meeting and the balance is \$296.60.

New officers sworn in were: Chancellor Bill Sekel swore in Vice President Larry Joe Reynolds and Secretary Rodney G. Love.

New members sworn in: Chancellor Bill Sekel swore in John Allen Kelsey and Larry Paul Chandler as new members.

Program: President Clarence Burns introduced Compatriot Harold Blair who presented "The Revolutionary War in the South" (The Southern Campaign: A First-hand Report on some of the Battlefields)

Unfinished business:

President Clarence Burns reminded members to turn in a list and information about military veterans to either him or Chancellor Bill Sekel.

New business:

Presentations:

President Clarence Burns presented Chancellor Bill Sekel with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation on the “Continental Marines”.

President Clarence Burns presented Compatriot Harold Blair with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation on “The Revolutionary War in the South”.

Chancellor Bill Sekel presented President Clarence Burns as a member of the Military Service Veterans Corps with a Certificate of Patriotism dated 9/2022 #1181.

Vice President Larry Joe Reynolds and President Clarence Burns displayed the new Chapter flag that Vice President Larry Joe Reynolds had ordered.

Chancellor Bill Sekel informed the Chapter that National SAR was changing the official logo. The word “Society” should be deleted in the future and the Maltese Cross would be only for the Executive Branch. Permission would have to be obtained to use the National logo since it was trademarked.

Vice President Larry Joe Reynolds suggested that the Chapter consider having a Newsletter, get well cards, sympathy cards, birthday cards, and Christmas cards in the future. These will be discussed at a later date.

Chancellor Bill Sekel moved that the Chapter adopt a plan of action and budget to recognize Public Servants during the month of May. Vice President Larry Joe Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Clarence Burns appointed a committee to obtain names of Public Servants (police, fireman, emergency medical workers). The committee included Compatriot Richard Blackwood(Atlanta and Queen City), Compatriot Harold Bair and Compatriot John Kelsey(Jefferson), Compatriot Larry Chandler(LA), and President Clarence Burns(Linden and Hughes Springs). The committee was charged with obtaining the names of individuals and their actions that might deserve recognition. Three medals would be given out.

President Clarence Burns encouraged each member to look at the Chapters website. Vice President Larry Joe Reynolds has made some additions to the website.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

The next meeting will be March 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

Closing Admonition: President Clarence Burns led the members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

Adjournment: President Clarence Burns entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Compatriot Dennis Beckham and seconded by Vice President Larry Joe Reynolds. The motion carried.

Benediction by: Secretary Rodney Love

Minutes submitted approval by Secretary Rodney G. Love