

Minutes for Chapter Meeting via ZOOM
April 10, 2021
Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR



10:00 AM

President Mike Connelley called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. The pledges to the American, Texas and SAR flag were given in addition to an opening prayer. Guests at the meeting were District Vice President Ted Wilson and J B Lilley, the winner of the Chapter Knight Essay Contest for 2020.

District Vice President Ted Wilson swore in the slate of new chapter officers for the year April 2021 to March 2022. Present for the induction was President and Chapter Secretary Mike Connelley, Vice President Jim Hobdy, Chapter Registrar Jim Akers and Sgt. At Arms Johnny Loomis; absent was Treasurer Chris Strauss and Chaplain Bill Rowell.

J B Lilley, the Knight Essay winner for 2020, was introduced to the attendees. Lilley is a junior at Coram Deo Academy in Flower Mound, Texas. Lilley currently holds a GPA of 4.64 on a 4.00 scale. Lilley read his winning essay and took questions from the attending members. His Essay was entitled "The Continuing Revolution". It was suggested by **vice president Jim Hobdy** that Lilley be invited again once we meet "in person" in order for more members to hear the reading of his Essay.

The Treasurer report and the Secretary report for both the January 2021 and March 2021 meetings are posted on the website and were accepted, as written, by unanimous vote.

The Chapter Treasurer was not present at today's meeting. President Connelley stated that he had received an email from Strauss indicating a conflict for being at today's meeting. Strauss said in the email that the current balance in the chapter account is \$2,084.84 with no outstanding bills.

New Business: There was no new business discussed at today's meeting. **District Vice President Ted Wilson** stated that he hopes to see the Denton chapter along with others in his District to continue to issue Flag Certificates, present Public Service Awards and participate in Partners in Patriotism activities. {Partner in Patriotism is a program involving working with other groups in connection with some Patriotic event- other groups include Veterans organizations, DAR, Wreaths across American, etc.} VP Wilson does want to be copied on any reporting of these activities. **President Connelley** mentioned to VP Wilson that the Denton chapter intends to become involved with the Public Service award during the year 2021. **VP Wilson** also mentioned that he is trying to figure out how to reach prospective members in the Frisco, Texas area and is open to any suggestions on reaching this geographic area for membership.

President Connelley mentioned that a new section will be added to the chapter newsletter beginning with the May issue. It will be a section devoted to our chapter member's Patriot ancestor. Each member is asked to send in a photo of the grave marker / headstone of their Patriot ancestor along with a short BIO of who it is / when and where he lived / where served in the Revolution and where he is buried. The goal is to put 2 or 3 of these writeups in upcoming issues of the chapter newsletter. Everyone is asked to pull up the information on your ancestor and send this to President Connelley who will then get them in the chapter newsletter. Our new editor for the newsletter is chapter member Bill Surles.

The SAR annual Convention is coming this next week and attendance is recommended. President Connelley said the chapter currently has 6 members attending the convention which is close to 20% of our chapter membership. No other discussion was noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11AM with the attendance noted to be a total of 11 attendees, 9 chapter members and 2 guests.

Closing prayer was led by chapter president Mike Connelley.

L. Michael Connelley, chapter secretary, Denton Chapter #23, Denton, TX

April 12, 2021