



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1

FIRST QUARTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the first quarter of the year ends, I wish to welcome our newest members. Our Registrar has been very active in assisting individuals with their applications for membership in the SAR. I wish to thank those of you who have volunteered to serve as chairmen in various areas. Jay Creech has volunteered to chair the Veterans program, and Matthew Hewitt has volunteered to chair the ROTC/JROTC program. Bob Adams has volunteered to serve on the 250 Committee. I will be looking for others to assist in other areas such as the Eagle Scout Honor Courts, Youth Awards and First Responders. If asked, please serve on a committee. Ideally, it would be nice for every local member to serve on a committee. Any suggestions and ideas that you have to assist the chapter in meeting its responsibilities are always welcome.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

This is your Newsletter! Please provide any articles, information or photographs you would like to see in the newsletter to Secretary John Loper at jloper@lopergroup.com. If you have any suggestions for improving the Newsletter, please let me know. Our meeting attendance has improved this year, and we hope some of our new members will begin to play a more active role in Chapter activities.

CHAPTER MEETING PRESENTATIONS

During the January 2024 meeting, Flem Rogers gave an excellent presentation on Colonial Weapons. He brought his personal collection of flintlock rifles and weapons, as well as several knives and swords for “show and tell.” All of the weapons are still usable.



During the February meeting, Color Guard Commander Frank C. Steele gave an excellent presentation on our need for more Committee participation. Using Google forms, he has set up a website at <http://tinyurl.com/BdGcomm> that describes all Chapter Committees and provides an opportunity for each Chapter member to select a committee(s) they may want to serve on, including possible leadership roles.



During the March meeting, Athanasius McKinley, Chapter Winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest presented his essay titled *Born to Equal Rights: Adams & Jefferson on Equality*.



AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

During the January 2024 meeting, Compatriot Robert Adams was presented a Certificate of Appreciation. Compatriots Guy Taylor, Jr. and Frank Steele were presented Texas Chapter Service Medals.



During the February Meeting, Zoe Del Bosque, a fifth grader at Odyssey Academy, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$75.00 for being our Chapter Winner of the Americanism Poster Contest. Her poster will be submitted to State for further consideration at the upcoming State Convention.



During the March Meeting, Athanasius McKinley, our Chapter Winner for the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, was presented with a \$200.00 check and Medal to recognize his excellent work.



Webmaster Clark Wright was also presented an Emeritus Membership Certificate at the March Meeting to recognize his 50 years of membership in our Chapter.



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During our January Meeting, Roger L. Dimick was inducted as a new member. In February, we inducted four new members: Sean D. Weissinger, Matthew D. Hewitt, Aries L. Hewitt (Junior Member) and Evan M. Phillips. In March, Jonathan D. Burdette was inducted as a new member. All new members were sworn in and presented with their new member packets.



New Member Roger L. Dimick



New Member Jonathan D. Burdette



New Members Matthew D. Hewitt, Aries L. Hewitt, Sean D. Weissinger and Evan M. Phillips

CHAPTER GROUP PHOTOS



February Chapter Meeting



March Chapter Meeting

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