

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
March Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2018**

PRESENT: 13

John Hamlin, President and Chaplain
Pete Lenes, Registrar, DAR Liaison
Gene Shaner, Treasurer
John Loper, Secretary
Bill Mayo, 3rd Vice President
Bill Whatley
Eddie De La Houssaye
George Blanford
David Garza
Randy Clements
Bill Adriance
Hugh Fergerson, Prospective Member*
Liz Strassner, DAR and CAR Registrar*

* Guest

CALL TO ORDER

President John Hamlin called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chaplain John Hamlin led the invocation.

PLEDGES

Compatriot Bill Adriance led us in reciting the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and their guests.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President John Hamlin provided a briefing on protocol for reciting the pledges, and then called for placement of our Patriot Ancestor Biographies streamer awarded at the State Board of Managers Meeting on behalf of the National SAR on our Chapter Flag.

SPEAKER

There was no speaker, so all attendees were asked to say something about themselves in a round table discussion.

LUNCH

PRESENTATIONS

- Member Awards
 - Compatriot Gordon Robinson was awarded a 45-year service pin in absentia
 - Compatriot Bruce Roberts was awarded a 15-year service pin in absentia
 - Compatriot David Shwartz was awarded a 5-year service pin in absentia
- CAR Registrar Liz Strassner presented a check for \$700 for the Bernardo de Gálvez statue fund, representing receipts from a fundraiser the CAR held at Kendra Scott Jewelers. She also presented an additional check for \$100 toward purchase of a brick for the fund as a personal contribution from her family.

STATUE REPORT

Chairperson Bill Adriance thanked the CAR for their fundraising efforts and reported that he had joined the following organizations to advance support for the statue fund:

- Texas-Spain Chamber of Commerce for Spanish companies doing business in Texas
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Chairperson Adriance further reported that he had received correspondence from the municipality of Macharaviaya in Spain (birthplace of Gálvez) indicating they would like to support our statue effort. They plan to provide a painting of Gálvez to be auctioned for sale. A similar effort in Pensacola, FL raised over \$100K.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the February 17, 2018 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Compatriot Eddie De La Houssaye, seconded by Compatriot George Blanford and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gene Shaner presented his Treasurers Report to the Chapter. President John Hamlin asked that the Treasurer write personal thank you notes to all statue fund contributors.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar Pete Lenes presented the Registrar's Report indicating that our membership level stands at 65 compatriots. Six membership applications await approval at TXSSAR, and he is presently working on two 2 new applications.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

No report. Everyone is encouraged to purchase a uniform and join our Chapter Color Guard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board of Managers Meeting will be held April 6 – 8 in Richardson, TX. Compatriot Bill Whatley will receive the Patriot Medal, the highest award given by the TXSSAR. Anyone planning on attending can register on the State web site and should do so promptly to ensure a room reservation.
- Advertisements/notices for our SAR Chapter Meetings have been placed in the SAR Magazine Traveling Section as well as local news publications.
- We had one entry for the Knight Essay Contest from Ms. Caroline Chessher. She will receive a \$100 award recognizing her contribution at our May meeting. A motion was made by John Hamlin, seconded by Eddie De La Houssaye and passed unanimously to reimburse Ms. Chessner \$0.20/mile for her travel expenses from Beaumont, TX.
- Our April 2018 Chapter Meeting will highlight First Responders.
- Chapter shirts and hats and challenge coins are still available for sale.
- There will be a mandatory Executive Board meeting on April 20, 2018, and the April Chapter Meeting will be convened on April 21st. The April meeting will focus on First Responders, and local members of police, fire and emergency services management departments will be attending. Everyone with a uniform is asked to wear it that day.
- As of March 18, we have 8 members who have not yet paid their dues. Please make sure your dues are up to date.
- Volunteers are still needed for the National SAR Congress being held in Houston July 12 through 19, 2018. Please contact President John Hamlin if you can help out.

RECESSIONAL

The Recessional was recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary