



**The Florida Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter**  
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## President's Message

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Greetings and Happy New Year! May 2010 be a year of health and happiness for all of our compatriots and their families.

With each passing year we drift further and further away from the American Revolution and the epic struggle fought by our ancestors. It has now been 235 years since the first shots were fired. Regrettably, the awareness of our ancestor's deeds during those times continues to erode.

A hundred years ago, George Washington was still very much heralded as America's supreme hero. His story was taught in all schools, classrooms were adorned with his portrait and his values and integrity were universally praised.

And his birthday was a national holiday. It was celebrated with enthusiasm and pride, including nighttime bonfires, costume balls and of course, cherry pies. Men dressed up as the General, the ladies as Mrs. Washington.

These days however, the birthday of the "father of our country" goes largely unnoticed and unobserved. In an age when America so desperately needs a good and decent hero to honor and emulate, we are neglecting one of history's finest.

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It is my honor to serve as your chapter president this year and I thank you for the opportunity. Our chapter has been blessed with a long string of wonderful, interesting and talented Presidents and I can only hope that some of their qualities have somehow rubbed off on me. Like all presidents, I'd love to see membership and interest in our meetings grow. It's an ongoing challenge to be sure, in this age when so many things clamor for our time and attention.

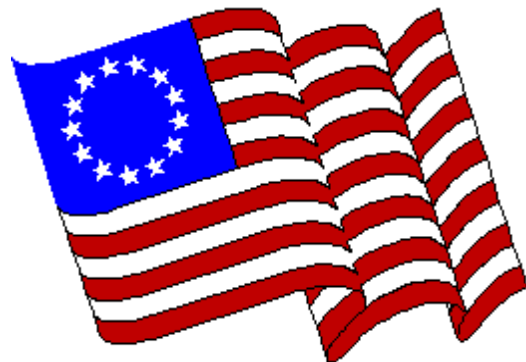
As for me? My patriot is Col. Philip Van Rensselaer of Albany, NY. My Great Grandmother joined the DAR in 1909... a whopping 101 years ago. My Grandfather joined the SAR in 1920 and my father was in the CAR as a young boy back in the 20's. So my family's involvement goes way back. Like many of us, I'm carrying on a family tradition. A very worthy, interesting and honorable tradition.

Here's to our patriots!

Sincerely,

Charlie Crowell

President, Ft. Lauderdale Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution



**NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 16, 2010**

**Colony West Country Club  
6800 NW 88th Ave in Tamarac**

### **Future Dates:**

**JANUARY 16, 2010**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

**Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon**

**Buffet luncheon - \$15.00**

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Chapter members brought toys for the Toys for Tots program.



Chapter President Lohmeyer thanks the 2009 officers for their service during the year.



Chapter President Lohmeyer presents SAR Flag Certificates to George Dennis and F.D. Flannery.



Chapter President Lohmeyer thanks State President Stevenson for attending the December 2009 meeting.

**Famous Quotes of the American Revolution**

“I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy.” -- John Adams

“Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood.” -- John Adams, 1765

”Let justice be done though the heavens should fall.” -- John Adams in a letter in 1777

“We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately.” -- Benjamin Franklin at the signing of the Declaration of Independence

“A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.” -- Samuel Adams, 1779

“They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.” -- Ben Franklin, 1759

“I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means. I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. In my youth I travelled much, and I observed in different

countries, that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer.” -- Ben Franklin, 1766

“I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.” -- Nathan Hale’s last words before being hanged by British

“There! His Majesty can now read my name without glasses. And he can double the reward on my head!” -- John Hancock after signing his name in large letters on the Declaration of Independence

“The distinctions between Virginians, Pennsylvanians, New Yorkers, and New Englanders are no more. I Am Not A Virginian, But An American!” -- Patrick Henry in 1774 after the Boston Tea Party.

“Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!” -- Patrick Henry

“The battle, Sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, Sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable; and let it come! I repeat, Sir, let it come!” -- Patrick Henry

“They tell us Sir, that we are weak -- unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs, and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak, if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature has placed in our power.” -- Patrick Henry

“Three millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Beside, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of Nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us.” -- Patrick Henry

“That these are our grievances which we have thus laid before his majesty, with that freedom of language and sentiment which becomes a free people claiming their rights as derived from the laws of nature, and not as the gift of their chief magistrate.” -- Thomas Jefferson, 1774

“Our properties within our own territories [should not] be taxed or regulated by any power on earth but our own.” -- Thomas Jefferson, 1774

“I have not yet begun to fight!” -- John Paul Jones

“I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm’s way.” -- John Paul Jones, 1778

“One of the most essential branches of English liberty is the freedom of one’s house. A man’s house is his castle.” -- James Otis, 1761

“These are the times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny like hell is not easily conquered yet we have this consolation with us, the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value.” -- Tom Paine after the Declaration of Independence

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.” -- Tom Paine

“If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.” -- Tom Paine, 1776

“Don’t fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here.” -- Captain John Parker, 1775

“Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes! Then fire low!” -- Israel Putnam at the Battle of Bunker Hill

“Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice, and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families.” -- Benjamin Rush, 1773

“Yonder are the Hessians. They were bought for seven pounds and ten pence a man. Are you worth more? Prove it. Tonight the American flag floats from yonder hill or Molly Stark sleeps a widow!” -- John Stark at the Battle of Bennington in 1777

“Nevertheless, to the persecution and tyranny of his cruel ministry we will not tamely submit -- appealing to Heaven for the justice of our cause, we determine to die or be free.” -- Joseph Warren, 1775

“We began a contest for liberty ill provided with the means for the war, relying on our patriotism to supply the deficiency. We expected to encounter many wants and distressed... we must bear the present evils and fortitude...” -- George Washington in 1781

“Our own Country’s Honor, all call upon us for a vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fail, we shall become infamous to the whole world. Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions -- The Eyes of all our Countrymen are now upon us, and we shall have their blessings, and praises, if happily we are the instruments of saving them from the Tyranny mediated against them. Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world, that a free man contending for Liberty on his own ground is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth.” -- George Washington,

“The hour is fast approaching, on which the Honor and Success of this army, and the safety of our bleeding Country depend. Remember officers and Soldiers, that you are free men, fighting for the blessings of Liberty -- that slavery will be your portion, and that of your posterity, if you do not acquit yourselves like men.” -- George Washington, 1776

”Unhappy it is, though, to reflect that a brother’s sword has been sheathed in a brother’s breast and that the once-happy plains of America are either to be drenched with blood or inhabited by slaves. Sad alternative! But can a virtuous man hesitate in his choice?” -- George Washington in a letter to a friend

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**Fort Lauderdale Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Minutes of Meeting on December 12, 2009  
Held at Colony West Country Club in Tamarac, Florida**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by President Jim Lohmeyer. There were 19 members and guests present. The first order of business was an invocation led by Chaplain Robert Joynt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and The SAR Pledge, both led by the President.

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the monthly newsletter were accepted subject to the correction of the rank of Sergeant Major Bennett who was incorrectly identified in the minutes as a Master Sergeant.

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President Lohmeyer stated that he had no report to make. The Treasurer’s report was distributed without comment in the absence of the Treasurer who was working with one of the JROTC units; the Vice President was not in attendance and no report was submitted; and the Secretary stated that he had no report to make. Ted Duay, the Chapter Genealogist and Registrar, presented a brief overview of three membership applications that are in process.

President Lohmeyer introduced and welcomed the State President of the SAR, William R. (Steve) Stevenson, to the meeting. President Stevenson commented that the United States flag (National Ensign for naval persons) displayed in the meeting room by Colony West Country Club was mounted incorrectly, a comment that generated considerable discussion and varying opinions. President Lohmeyer presented certificates of commendation to two members (George Dennis and Franklin Flannery) who, at their residences, display the flag correctly by either unfurling it in the morning and retrieving in the evening or utilizing a lighting system when it is displayed at night. (Members interested in determining the correct method of displaying the flag can find additional information at ).

Following a recitation of the Toast to the Flag by President Stevenson, he installed the following individuals as officers of the Chapter for 2010:

President - Charles Crowell  
Vice President - Franklin Flannery  
Secretary - John Dye  
Treasurer/Sgt at Arms - Joseph Motes  
Genealogist/Registrar - Theodore Duay  
Chaplain - Robert Joynt  
Chancellor - Edward Sullivan

Following lunch, President Stevenson presented remarks concerning the National and State SAR programs. He noted that the National organization was still soliciting donations for the completion of the Center for Advancing America’s Heritage and that we need to be looking for young members to carry on the organization. He also pointed out that the only part of the State organization’s work with youth, such as JROTC and Scouting, that was fully funded was the Eagle Scouting Program and that everything else was dependent upon year to year donations. He provided President Lohmeyer with a CD sent from the national organization which (apparently) can be utilized to provide an understanding of the SAR principles and programs.

Incoming President Charles Crowell provided every member and guest present with a booklet that he had compiled, ‘The American Revolution in the News’, a gathering of recent on-line and printed articles concerning the American Revolution. He also briefly discussed with other attendees, the fact that many in our population, particularly the youth, have very little knowledge of United States history.

President Stevenson followed this with short history of what George Washington originally named the Badge of Military Merit but which is now known as the Purple Heart Medal. (The official government narrative concerning the medal can be found at and is somewhat at variance with President Stevenson presentation in that he documented 8 individuals that apparently received the badge during the Revolutionary War.)

Ted Duay reminded those who have not yet paid their annual dues to please do so and provide their payments to Joe Motes.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jim Lohmeyer at 13:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
John Dye, Secretary