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SAR Salute



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MNSAR President Bodeau, Secretary-Treasurer Jones and new member Thomas Boos.

MNSAR 130TH ANNUAL MEETING

Minneapolis, Minnesota – The Minnesota Society, and the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution held their annual meetings at Jax Cafe on January 12, 2019. Luncheon, from the menu, was served during the meeting.

The Society was called to order by President Geoffrey Robert Bodeau, M.D. The MNSAR Color Guard presented the colors. President Bodeau led the Pledge to the US flag and read the Pledge to the SAR. Our Chaplain, Michael Scott Swisher gave the Invocation. The Minnesota Society was then recessed and the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Chapters conducted their business.

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2019 MNSAR, Minneapolis and
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MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR ANNUAL MEETING

Saint Paul Chapter

The Saint Paul Chapter was called to order by President Dennis Garvin Croonquist. A motion was made to forego reading the Minutes of the 13 January 2018 meeting as they were summarized in the Minnesota Society newsletter. Secretary-Treasurer Timothy Harris presented the Financial Report indicating assets totaling \$5,710.26.

Compatriot Harris reported that eleven area high schools participated in the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program and their students were presented with their medals the past May. Letters have been mailed to twelve Saint Paul area high schools to begin the program for 2019. The criteria for the recipient of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is Scholarship, Leadership, Character, Service and an appreciation of patriotism.

Five Saint Paul businesses were presented with a flag certificate for regularly flying the flag on Flag Day, June 14, 2018.

Minneapolis Chapter

The Minneapolis Chapter was called to order by Vice President Steven Hyde. Secretary-Treasurer Jones presented the Annual Financial Report, noting total assets of \$21,318.47 as of 31 December 2018.

Compatriot Jones reported that the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was presented in 24 area high schools in 2018, and that the Minneapolis Chapter also had a presentation at a squadron of Naval Sea Cadets. Letters have already been mailed to all schools/units for the 2019 program. The Twin Cities Squadron Naval Sea

Cadets had their ceremony on 05 January 2019. The Minneapolis Chapter was represented by Vice President Steven Hyde.

Compatriot Jones spoke of the success of fund raising projects and the giving of scholarships by the Lake Minnetonka Society C.A.R. Upon motion passed, the Minneapolis Chapter will donate \$200.00 to the Society, a sum higher than previous years.

MNSAR Membership

Secretary-Treasurer Jones reported on membership for 2018: We started 2018 with 221 members plus 6 dual members. In 2018 there were 32 new members, 1 reinstated, 4 transferred in, 4 deaths, 2 transferred out, and 2 resignations. This brings the year-end total to 250 (plus the 6 dual members).

There are fourteen unpaid members as of the printing of this newsletter. The annual report will be filed soon, and unpaid members will be dropped if they remain unpaid.

A certificate and rosette was presented to new member Thomas as Boos, and a rosette was presented to Thomas Baxter. Other new member certificates will be mailed.

Minnesota Society Financial Report and Endowment Trust Fund

Secretary-Treasurer Jones presented the Annual Financial Report. It showed net assets of \$44,936.23 as of 31 December 2018. He then presented the report of the MNSAR Endowment Trust Fund. Donations to Principal during 2018 were \$3,772.00. The Principal as of 31 December 2018 totaled \$43,819.33. The

Trustees proposed that the 2018 interest of \$465.54 be used to pay the following donation items: Minnesota Genealogical Society \$50.00, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota \$50.00, and the balance of \$365.54 to the MNSAR Veteran's Medal Project.

Minnesota Society Programs

The Eagle Scout Committee Chair, Thor Erickson, was not present and had requested that he be replaced as the committee chair. Compatriot Richard Smith volunteered to take the position and will coordinate with Thor Erickson.

Once again the Minnesota Society presented medals in all ROTC-JROTC units in the state. Letters have already been mailed to the twelve JROTC units and the seven ROTC units in Minnesota.

Compatriot Steven Hyde, Co-Commander of the MNSAR Color Guard, presented the report on the MNSAR Color Guard. He cited questions regarding insurance if muskets were used. A hat cockade of society colors will be investigated so as to give the color guard specific identity connection to the SAR.

COL Ronald McRoberts reported on the Veteran's Medal Project. Thus far 18 have forwarded the proper credentials and materials have been ordered. They will be presented at the February meeting.

New Business

There was a good discussion as to how the SAR might coordinate/partner with the American Legion and VFW in promoting the groups. The MNSAR will investigate using the American

Legion state newsletter.

Compatriot Galles proposed a judicial collar for presentation and use of the Minnesota Supreme Court. A committee will be created to study the matter. Dr. Galles was appointed chairman of the committee. He will add members that are interested in the project.

Secretary-Treasurer Jones reported that in the past the MNSAR presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to the state President of the Minnesota C.A.R. and suggested we renew the practice. A motion passed to award Minnesota C.A.R. Presidents from 2013 to present and to carry the practice forward.

Secretary-Treasurer Jones auctioned off an interesting item – a bronze medallion issued in 2012 by NSSAR for the 225th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. It had been donated by COL McRoberts. The winning bid of \$50.00 will be a nice addition to the principal of the Endowment Trust Fund.

Announcement

Compatriot Jones indicated that he had accepted the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the MNSAR and the Minneapolis Chapter again and it would be his last term in office. He has held the offices for over 45 years. As such, his resignation is effective following next year's annual meeting, unless the officers determine a replacement sooner, in which case he will step down. He will assist in the transition in every way possible to assist the continuing smooth operation of the society.



NOW & THEN

Steven James Hyde has been a member of the MNSAR for six years. He is the current Vice-President of the Minnesota Society SAR and President of the Minneapolis Chapter. Steven is also Co-Commander and drummer of the MNSAR Color Guard. Steven joined the MNSAR to commemorate his Hyde ancestors, many of which were veterans, though Steven is not one. Hyde is hopeful that by joining the MNSAR, his children and future grandchildren will also join when they grow older. Steven also joined the General Society of Mayflower Descendants through pilgrim John Howland.



necticut in 1756. He married Susannah Moore from Southwick and sired 13 children. After the Revolutionary War they moved to Hampton, New York, where he died in 1834.

Other potential supplemental Revolutionary War soldier/ancestors include First Lieutenant Aaron Barney, Massachusetts; Sergeant Israel Winchester Peck, New Hampshire; Corporal Nathaniel Wheeler, a Deacon from New Hampshire; and Private Jotham Mead, Connecticut.

There is also a family legend of a Hessian soldier – name not given, but mentioned as a grandparent of one of Steven’s ancestors – who deserted the British troops and joined the Massachusetts line for seven years.

Steven has been a recognizable member of the MNSAR. It’s fun to see him tapping the drum as he and the Color Guard present the Colors preceding and following our meetings.

Steven Hyde is a native of Minneapolis. He and his wife, Theresa recently celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary. He met Theresa through work when they were employed at the Scott County Courthouse in Shakopee. A mutual friend Shelia Hyde introduced them. Shelia and Steven are not related but his theory is that they are seventh cousins. Steven and Theresa have a 23-year-old son, Nicholas, and twenty-year-old daughter, Josephine. His family currently resides in Lonsdale, Minnesota.

Steven enjoys a 30-years strong career as a software developer at Agiliti, a medical services company in Bloomington.

Steven’s patriot ancestor is Joseph Hyde, a Private from Southwick, Massachusetts. He was born in Simsbury, Con-

REMEMBERING DONALD WARREN STEINKRAUS

Long time MNSAR member, Donald Warren Steinkraus passed away at his home on October 5, 2018, surrounded by loving family. Don was the penultimate optimist. He looked for the good in people and the good in the world. For all his 97 years he loved life and lived it intensely. He was never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. He was an adventurer, a musician, and an athlete. He loved a good party and a good joke. He was a romantic. He loved his wife Odney unabashedly and without reservation. Until her death on their 58th wedding anniversary, they shared a love of music, travel and spirited discourse. Before the era when fathers were encouraged to spend time with their children, Don spent quality time with his son and daughter. He taught them that nothing can be done without hope and confidence, that laughter and joy are contagious and that giving is its own reward. Throughout his life, Don gave whole-heartedly of his time, his talents and his resources. His philanthropic legacy lives on through the many and diverse programs and people he touched. He served on the boards of Children’s Home Society and Camphill Village; he was a trustee of the E.M. Pearson Foundation, a director of the Deluxe Corporate Foundation and a strong supporter of numerous arts and educational programs. Don also had a successful 32 year career with Deluxe Check Printers where he made friends that spanned a life time. In his later years Don’s greatest joy and solace came from spending time with family and friends at his cabin on Lake Superior. He will always be remembered for his keen sense of humor, his intellect and his generosity. He leaves us rich in memories, and richer for his example.

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NEXT MEETING

The Annual George Washington Observance and Luncheon Meeting will be held at Jax Cafe on February 16, 2019. Our speaker will be Kevin Everett Sullivan, Vice President of the Minneapolis Chapter SAR. His topic will be “Free Masons and the American Revolution.”

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recognizes the military service of its members with an award in the form of a medal. Eighteen MNSAR veteran members will receive a medal as part of the SAR Veteran Medal Program.



2019 MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR OFFICERS

The following compatriots were nominated and elected to serve the Minnesota Society and/or their respective chapters. Congratulations to all the compatriots who accepted service to the Minnesota Society, Minneapolis Chapter or the Saint Paul Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR

President:.....Dennis Garvin Croonquist
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 Sergeant-at-Arms:Thomas Christopher Harris

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Kevin Everett Sullivan	Stephen Paul Thompson

S.A.R. Endowment Trust Fund: (three-year terms)

Trustee ending January 2020:Duane L. C. M. Galles, P.P.
 Trustee ending January 2021:Michael Scott Swisher, P.P.
 Trustee ending January 2022:John Hallberg Jones, P.P.

Nominated for Election at the NSSAR National Congress in Costa Mesa, CA, in July 2019

National Trustee for Minnesota: ..Christopher Willard Moberg
 Alternate National Trustee MN:....Dr. David Eugene Schrader

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AMERICAN EAGLE



News of Yesterday Reported Today

Monday September 28, 1778

CAPTAIN JOHN BARRY IN COMMAND OF THE RALEIGH

Penobscot Bay, Maine – Yesterday Captain John Barry, commanding the 32-gun frigate, *Raleigh*, was attacked on the Maine coast by a British squadron consisting of the 50-gun HMS *Experiment* under Captain James Wallace and *Unicorn*, 28 guns, under Captain John Ford.

Fresh from his triumph on the Delaware, Barry received a favor from an unexpected quarter. The British, as part of their preparations to evacuate Philadelphia, had burned *Effingham*, *Washington*, and several other vessels. Realizing that Barry was too important an asset to have dry-docked, Congress immediately found him a new command: the 32-gun *Raleigh*, which anchored in Boston. Barry's new command was badly in need of repair. Several of her new cannons had burst, and her hull was fouled and damaged. After strenuous efforts, Barry and *Raleigh* finally sailed from Boston on September 25, 1778.

Not long after leaving Boston, Barry spotted two British warships on the horizon. He gave them a wide berth. At 9:30 the next morning, a lookout spotted the two enemy ships drawing near: the 50-gun *Experiment* and the 28-gun *Unicorn*. *Raleigh* was outgunned by more than two to one. For the rest of the day, Barry led his pursuers on a chase, but the wind started to drop and his pursuers began to make up ground. With night coming, Barry decided to risk an attack.

If he could beat back *Unicorn*, he should be able to outdistance the heavier *Experiment*.

Barry turned into *Unicorn* and closed the distance. The frigates exchanged broadsides. On the second exchange, Barry heard a sickening crack; a well-placed shot brought a large section of his topmast crashing to the deck. For six more hours, *Raleigh* and *Unicorn* traded blows, with neither yielding to the other. Finally, *Unicorn* sheared off. Barry made for a small chain of islands off Penobscot Bay, exchanging shots with the still-pursuing *Experiment*. As *Experiment* turned to avoid the shallows, Barry and the wounded *Raleigh* ran aground. Barry disembarked his crew with the initial thought of defending the island, but the bare rocks were found to be indefensible. Barry and 85 crewmen escaped on foot. The Americans lost three dead, 22 wounded, and 135 captive, to a British tally of 10 killed.

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MNSAR MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Since the Constitution Day Luncheon the MNSAR has enrolled the following new members and welcomed members transferring from other state societies:

NEW MEMBERS:

Name	Patriot
William Carlton Thomas	Thomas Carlton, Sr.
Thomas Clement Boos	Stephen Franklin
Steven Russell Lehr	Daniel Davis
Avery James Lehr	Daniel Davis
William Henry Lehr.....	Daniel Davis
Dale Richard Wilde	Micah Wild
Donald James Jurgens	Conrad Spohn

MEMBERS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER SOCIETIES:

James Edward Stone.....	William McSwain
Donald Thomas Irwin.....	Luttwick Braunmiller

AMERICAN EAGLE

News of Yesterday Reported Today

Tuesday September 29, 1778

BRITISH MASSACRE SLEEPING AMERICAN TROOPS

Old Tappan, New Jersey – In the early morning hours of September 28th, General Charles Grey advanced upon a detachment of 100 sleeping Third Continental Dragoons under Lieutenant Colonel George Baylor. Grey ordered his men to remove their flints and rely solely upon cold steel. At 2:00 a.m. six infantry companies surrounded the barn where Baylor's men were sleeping and attacked relentlessly.

Colonel George Baylor, a native of Virginia who had short military service as an aide to General George Washington, was twenty-six years old in the summer of 1778. He commanded a regiment of dragoons alternately known as the Third Continental Dragoons, the Third Light Dragoons or Lady Washington's Guards. Baylor's lightly armed regiment carried out few patrols; their duties consisted mostly of reconnaissance and escort, and they were accordingly lightly armed with sabers and some few pistols. The major distinction in his career thus far was when he was awarded the privilege of delivering the news of Washington's victory at Trenton and the captured Hessian flag to the Continental Congress in Baltimore.

On 22 September 1778, the British sent a foraging expedition of about five thousand men from New York to the area between the Hackensack River and the Hudson River, where it was felt they would be best defended from an American at-

tack. Five days later, Baylor's regiment, which consisted of about 120 officers and men, was ordered to take a position between the main American army and the British foraging parties. With Major Alexander Clough, an experienced soldier and horseman, as second in command, the regiment moved to Harrington, New Jersey. Baylor and Clough made their headquarters at the house of Cornelius Haring, a known Tory. His officers boarded at four nearby houses, while his men stayed in six other out-buildings along the road. To the east, Baylor posted a guard at the bridge over the Hackensack River and sent out small patrols.

General Charles Grey, in command of one of the British foraging parties, learned of Baylor's position and prepared to move on the regiment. General Grey had earned a fierce reputation for taking no prisoners in a massacre of American troops at Paoli in Pennsylvania a year earlier. Among his tactics was the removal of the flint from the weapons of his soldiers to prevent any accidental discharge and preserve the secrecy of his attack. This forced his men to rely on close-quarters fighting and their bayonets. Since an attack from the west was most unlikely, Grey proceeded up the Kinderkamack Road to attack from that direction. Under Grey's command were the Second Battalion of Light Infantry, the second Battalion of the Grenadiers, the

33rd and 64th Regiments of Foot, and a small detachment of cavalry. Grey ordered his Light Infantry to attack from two directions.

Major John Maitland with six companies advanced along the road to the patrol stationed at the bridge. Major Turner Straubenzee was led by Tory guides from the west to Baylor's location. Between one and two o'clock in the morning of 28 September, the attack began. The sleeping Americans were completely surprised. Some of Baylor's dragoons attempted to defend themselves with pistols or sabers, while others tried to hide under the hay in the barns. The British soldiers used their bayonets effectively, and also used their muskets as clubs to beat some of the American soldiers. When Baylor and Clough heard the noise, they attempted to hide from the British by climbing into the chimney of the house where they were quartered. Both men were bayoneted multiple times by the British.

Of the 120 Americans, the British killed eleven on the spot, while taking thirty-nine prisoners, eight of whom were wounded. The British left behind seventeen wounded Americans, four of whom later died. Only thirty-seven Americans escaped unharmed. Some of the Americans, were run through with bayonets a dozen times or more. Private Julian King was reported to have been stabbed sixteen times, while two others received twelve wounds. Major

Clough died of his wounds the following day, though Baylor lived on. The British only lost one man, who was shot by an American dragoon.

The British retreated to Tappan with their prisoners and supplies, and the Bergen County militia was sent out to locate survivors. The militia found six men killed at the bridge and others near the barns, but fearing a return of the British troops, they hastily buried the men in three abandoned leather tanning vats near the site of the massacre by the Hackensack River.

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