

INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution
Spring
State Meeting - 19 July 2008
Host - Thaddeus Kosciuszko Chapter - Warsaw, Indiana

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President G. Thomas Schnuck. The Invocation was offered by Compatriot Dan Minear. The Pledge to the National Colors and to the SAR was led by Vice-President Steven D. Oberlin. Compatriot Ken Locke was appointed Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved. State Secretary William E. Sharp took the Chapter Roll Call and determined a quorum was present. State Recording Secretary T. Rex Legler II confirmed the report.

Attendance:	DistrictChapter	Compatriot
	1	Gen Thomas Posey George Rogers Clark Ohio Valley
		0 0 T. Rex Legler II
	2	David Benton Daniel Guthrie
		0 James Arnold Ronald Burkhart Robert Cunningham Robert Howell
		John Hay
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	3	Clarence A. Cook Benjamin Franklin Alexander Hamilton
		Steven Oberlin Wade Harshman Charles F. Bragg
	4	William Henry Harrison William Knight John Martin
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	5	Continental Thaddeus Kosciuszko
		Jack Carmichael G. Thomas Schnuck Alan Teller Bradley Antonides Wendell Horn

		Ken Locke Dan Minear Chuck Shroyer
	Simon Kenton	0
6.	Alexis Coquillard	Willard Waterson Jeff Jones
	Anthony Halberstadt	Roger Barnhart William E. Sharp
	Seth Jewel	Donald E. Gradeless

There were 7 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance who departed for their program under the leadership of State Auxiliary President Martha Barnhart. The Minutes of the 19 July 2008 meeting were approved with the amendments to state that there were 3 Silver Good Citizenship Recipients not mentioned - Stuart Hart, Steven D. Oberlin, & Mark Kreps and that a motion was made by Stuart Hart and seconded that \$400.00 be included in the 2009 INSSAR Budget for the Indiana Historical Society. The initial \$400.00 to be used in 2008 was acquired through the efforts of Compatriot Hart. It was announced that Past Secretary Jack Moore had had a heart attack. It was announced that Treasurer Charles Peters had had emergency surgery on 11 July 2008 for a malignant brain tumor and that he was to undergo six weeks of intense chemotherapy. The Treasurer's Report was presented by President G. Thomas Schnuck & acting Treasurer William E. Sharp. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The District Director's Reports were given in writing for Districts 1, 2, 3, & 6. No reports from Districts 4 & 5. The Hoosier Patriot was given in writing by Compatriot Michael Oberlin. The State Color Guard report was submitted by Compatriot Steven Oberlin, Commanding, noting that The CG participated in the National Rifle Association annual meeting in Louisville and that YTD honorariums of \$2,400.00 and total balance on hand of \$9,588.59. National Trustee Robert D. Howell, Sr gave his report on the NSSAR Annual Congress in Sacramento CA mentioning attendance at 209 Compatriots and 153 guests. Emphasis was given that 1) CAR Membership is no longer required for SAR Junior Membership and that national Junior dues are \$5.00 per year; 2) there is now a reduced fee for multiple "supplemental" applications submitted on the same line at the same time; 3) There was a significant decrease in numbers of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, EMT, & Heroism Medals included in the NSSAR Awards Program. It was pointed out by Compatriot Legler that the national chairman received a packet over 1 inch thick from national headquarters on 26 June - too late for inclusion in the program - with numerous submissions dated in January & February 2008. Finally, Compatriot Howell recognized Chuck Bragg as being elected NSSAR Treasurer General and having been awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal as National SAR Guardsman of the Year. State Genealogist Mark Kreps had no report. State Historian and 4-H Chair John G. West submitted his report in writing. Compatriot Robert Howell submitted a ROTC/JROTC Report in writing. Compatriot Jim Jackson submitted an Americanism Committee report in writing. Compatriot Jim Arnold submitted a "Partners in Patriotism" Committee report in writing. Compatriot Chuck Bragg submitted a Membership & Chapter Organization report in writing. No report from the

webmaster. Nominating Committee and Medals & Awards Committee to be named by President Schnuck prior to our state meeting in October. VPG Roger Barnhart who sits on the NSSAR national committee reported that earlier flooding in 1937 of the building was caused by coal chutes which have been removed. Compatriot Barnhart gave reassurances to the members that all aspects of "due diligence" were being followed and that the building and its contents were being protected as far as humanly possible from all perils. A new phase of fund raising for the CAAH points out that less than 20% of Compatriots have contributed. A hat was passed and \$183.00 was collected and given to the host chapter to submit to the CAAH Fund. Compatriot Willard Waterson was presented the SAR Patriot Medal. President Schnuck passed out Liberty Medals to Robert D. Howell, Chuck Bragg, and Jack Moore. He also presented streamers from national for the CAR program, Partners in Patriotism Program (INSSAR had the most chapters win this nationwide), the President/Trustees Streamer, and the Alene Grove Wilson Award for being the BEST state society in the year 2007-2008. Visiting Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter President Rodney S. Andrews from the Empire State Society brought greetings. President Schnuck then recessed the meeting for lunch.

Upon reconvening the business meeting at 2:00 PM, President Schnuck opened the floor for New Business. Compatriot Steven D. Oberlin moved that the INSSAR authorize the formation of a state level Ladies Auxiliary. Chuck Bragg seconded. The purpose was to ensure the Ladies would be covered by the INSSAR Liability insurance and tax numbers. As this would require an amendment to the INSSAR Constitution & By-Laws, the motion was only as an "interim" solution. The motion passed unanimously with the ladies given total authority to develop their own constitution & By-Laws and maintain their own treasury with only quarterly financial reports given at the INSSAR State meetings. Finally, Willard Waterson announced that good progress has been made in organizing a chapter in northwest Indiana. The group is now settling on a name - probably Casimir Pulaski and is requesting a charter be presented at the next state meeting. Compatriot Waterson is being assisted by Membership Chairman Chuck Bragg in this effort. Compatriot Dan Minear led the benediction. State Vice-President Steve Oberlin led the Recessional.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Rex Legler II, Recording Secretary
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