

**INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Winter State Meeting - 16 January 2010**  
**Host - Benjamin Franklin Chapter - Franklin IN**

From deep in the bowels of the Indiana Masonic Home in the "Hidden Garden", the meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Steven D. Oberlin. The Invocation was offered by State Chaplain Don Counts. The colors were presented by the INSSAR Color Guard. The Pledge to the National Colors and to the SAR was led by Vice-President Robert P. Cunningham. Compatriot Jack Carmichael was appointed Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved. State Secretary William E. Sharp took the Chapter Roll Call of 27 Compatriots in attendance and determined a quorum was present. Chapter and District requirements were met. State Recording Secretary T. Rex Legler II confirmed the report.

Attendance:	<u>District</u> <u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Compatriot</u>
1	Gen. Thomas Posey George Rogers Clark Ohio Valley	Mount Vernon Vincennes Evansville	0 0 Don Counts Ken Gilkey
2	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry L. Brown Jim Harvey John Sheets
	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Ronald Burkhart Robert Cunningham Edward E. Hitchcock Robert D. Howell T. Rex Legler II
	John Hay	Salem	James Arnold
3	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	Stuart Hart Jack Moore Lowell Nichols Mike Oberlin Steven Oberlin Earl Salisbury Marcus Turner Wade Harshman
	Benjamin Franklin Alexander Hamilton	Franklin Fishers	Argil Mahan 0
4	William Henry Harrison William Knight John Martin	Lafayette Greencastle Rockville	0 0 0
5	Continental	Muncie	Dennis Babbitt Jack Carmichael Mark R. Kreps G. Thomas Schnuck
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	William E. Sharp

	Seth Jewel	Auburn	Allen L. Stout 0
6.	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend	0
	Duneland	Valparaiso	0
	Thaddeus Kosciuszko	Warsaw	Roger Barnhart
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	0

There were 12 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance including 2 former & the current Indiana DAR State regents who departed for their program under the leadership of State Auxiliary President Dixie Oberlin. There were no minutes from the Fall Leadership Meeting hosted by Continental Chapter in Muncie as the meeting failed due to lack of a quorum. The Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, held in lieu of the House of Delegates meeting were posted on the state website and not read. State Secretary Bill Sharp submitted the State Secretary and the State Treasurer's Report in writing. 2010 National dues and the Indiana State Report will be submitted to NSSAR by the 31 January 2010 deadline. There remains a significant decrease of about 20% in membership statewide with 3 chapters representing 74 members submitting no dues. Further discussion deferred until Unfinished Business portion of Agenda. Of note was that the transfer - not disbursement - of \$3,000.00 from the C/D accounts to the operating account to cover budgeted items as they exceeded projected income was not expected to be needed. Also noted was the need to formally increase the budget to cover the approved increase in Youth Program Awards for the Eagle Scout, Essay, & Orations contests with additional funding required to send the Orations winner to national competition in Cleveland. Much better coordination for support of this youth winner at national must occur. The sponsoring chapter must make travel arrangements through the state society. A Compatriot sponsor National Delegate must be secured by the State Chairman prior to the Annual Meeting of the NSSAR, and the sponsoring chapter cannot just dump the youth & parent unto the INSSAR delegation (many of whom have national committee responsibilities). Also noted was that the fledgling 4-H program seemed to be foundering. Discussion regarding combining the state offices of Registrar and Genealogist ensued. It was determined that a Constitutional Amendment would NOT be required, merely the same candidate could run for both jobs in the annual election. The District Director's Reports were given in writing for Districts 1, 2, 5 & 6. Oral report was given for Districts 3 & 4. The Trustee's Report was submitted in writing by G. Thomas Schnuck. As mentioned by Secretary Sharp, the raise in dues at both state (effective 01 JAN 2011) and national levels is emphasized. The State Color Guard report was submitted in writing by Compatriot Stuart Hart, Commanding. The NSSAR Von Steuben DVD was returned and it was announced that Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham will present a demonstration of the Von Steuben Manual of Arms to the national Color Guard Committee at the NSSAR Spring Leadership meeting. No reports were presented for Knight Essay or Rumbaugh Orations contests. It was noted that at least 3 chapters had forwarded Eagle Scout Scholarship candidates to State Chairman Randy Hillenburg. 2 candidates for the NSSAR Robert E. Burt Scout Volunteer Community Organization Award were noted with Compatriot Roger Barnhart to follow up. Compatriot Robert Howell's JROTC/ROTC Report included emphasis on several chapters in the INSSAR are sponsoring overseas JROTC units. Also noted was the need for significant increase in budget to pay for the SAR JROTC/ROTC medals currently being distributed throughout the state. Medals & Awards Chairman Robert P. Cunningham noted that there were some submissions but more were needed for state level awards. It was also mentioned that a number of officers in the Ladies Auxiliary were eligible for the Gold Service to Indiana Medal. Several chapters had submitted lists for the Bronze Service to Indiana medal for their members & ladies. Compatriot Jim Arnold submitted a "Partners in Patriotism" Committee report in writing. Compatriot Arnold is being nominated to serve as the National Chairman of this significant committee due to his efforts whereby Indiana is the recognized leader of the program. Compatriot Roger D. Barnhart gave a Membership & Chapter Organization report, noting the continuing frustration of trying to get a chapter organized in the eastern south central portion of the state around Richmond. Under Unfinished Business Compatriot Barnhart reported on the de La Balme and Petite Fort markers. Some discussion occurred as to the total funds already collected for the de La Balme project as there had been donations from individuals, chapters, and the George Washington Endowment Fund. This would be clarified at the April meeting. Compatriot Steve Oberlin noted that the Executive Committee voted to bring Compatriot T. Rex Legler II's name before the House of Delegates to be the

Indiana nominee for Central District VPG in 2011-2012 following Paul Wilke, OHSSAR. The meeting was recessed. Compatriots rejoined the ladies for our scheduled luncheon, State Chaplain Counts offered a grace, and the group listened to Ms Suzanne Dennis portray "Mad" Anne Bailey in period outfit. The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 PM. Unfinished Business was continued with discussion of chapter by chapter health and dues status led by State Secretary Bill Sharp. The following chapters were identified as thriving: Alexis Coquillard, Anthony Halberstadt, Clarence A. Cook, Continental, Daniel Guthrie, David Benton, & Ohio Valley. Moderately active were: Benjamin Franklin, Duneland, George Rogers Clark, John Hay, & William H. Harrison. Those of concern with Compatriot Sharp's written report and meeting approved actions are as follows:

**Alexander Hamilton** (Fishers): (26 members, 2010 dues NOT paid, 2 new members)

No response to request for information on activity level - meet but no one knows when or where. **ACTION:** Steve Oberlin follow-up with contact.

**General Thomas Posey** (Mount Vernon): (11 members dues paid; no new members)

No response to request for information on activity level. Recommend merge with Ohio Valley: majority of members with Evansville addresses, meet 2 times per year. Chapter is OK, Chapter Secretary Robert Hall experiencing significant family health problems but dual members report chapter healthy. **ACTION:** None.

**John Martin** (Rockville): (27 members, 2010 dues NOT paid, 1 new member)

6 meetings: January, March, May, July, August, & November. Dave Lash, President. Meet with Wm. Knight & Wm. Harrison once per year. **ACTION:** Steve Oberlin follow-up contact .

**Seth Jewel** (Auburn): (12 members, 2010 dues paid, no new members)

No response to request for information on activity level. **ACTION:** House of Delegates moved, seconded, and passed to Revoke Chapter Charter and assign members to nearest active chapter. State Secretary to notify.

**Simon Kenton** (Rennselaer): (5 members, 2010 dues paid, no new members)

"The Simon Kenton Chapter has not met in several years. The last time I tried to hold a meeting, I had Will Waterson come with a program. Will and I were the only ones in attendance. In fairness, most of our membership is elderly. We have added members in the past 4 years that have suddenly died or who have immediately transferred their memberships to other states. I have my eye on a few men who are sons or nephews of current member and former members. Wish me luck." Rob Pfaff, Secretary. NOTE: all are long time members. 4 live in Rennselaer and 1 in Missouri. **ACTION:** State Secretary will notify the chapter about House of Delegates interest in disbanding the chapter.

**Thaddeus Kosciuszko** (Warsaw); (11 members, 2010 dues paid, no new members)

"We had two meetings last year. Hope to do better this year." Ken Locke, President **ACTION:** Notify to work on increasing activity and membership

**William Knight** (Greencastle): (21 members, 2010 dues NOT paid, no new members)

"As far as meetings, I think we met a total of three times this past year. We canceled two due to lack of interest. Currently, we only have two people that can come to meetings. We lost one active member in December due to death. One other member (although retired) works at Camp Atterbury bringing back troops returning from overseas or sending them out and is kept busy all the time. Another member goes to Florida for six months. That is the extent of active members if you can call them active. Personally, I am for closing the chapter as no one wants to do anything. Thank you." Louis Baldwin, President **ACTION:** Steve Oberlin follow-up contact.

Under New Business a Committee for Hosting Meetings consisting of Compatriots Mark Kreps, Earl Salisbury, Robert Cunningham & Roger Barnhart was formed, the proposed By-law regarding merger of the State Genealogist & State Registrar was dropped as noted earlier, the Slate of Officer Nominations was presented, and the 2010 Budget was circulated.

The INSSAR Spring Meeting will be hosted by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter at Spring Mill State Park near Mitchell IN on Saturday, 03 APR 2010. Information and registration forms are on the state website. The NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting will be held in Louisville KY on 04-06 MAR 2010. Information and registration forms are on the national website. State Chaplain Counts gave the Benediction. State Vice President Robert P. Cunningham led the recessional. The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Oberlin at approximately 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Rex Legler II, Recording Secretary  
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution  
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**INSSAR Slate of Officers for 2010**

PRESIDENT	Robert Cunningham	_____
VICE PRESIDENT	David Betzner	_____
SECRETARY	William E. Sharp	_____
TREASURER	Arthur S. Bowers	_____
REGISTRAR	Robert D. Howell, Sr.	_____
CHANCELLOR	R. Carlton Brumfield II	_____
GENEALOGIST	Robert D. Howell, Sr.	_____
HISTORIAN	John West	_____
CHAPLAIN	Donald Counts	_____
NATIONAL TRUSTEE	Steven D. Oberlin	_____

**DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

District 1	J.D. Strouth	_____
District 2	Edward E. Hitchcock	_____
District 3	Wade Harshman	_____
District 4	_____	_____
District 5	Roger Barnhart	_____
District 6	Willard W. Waterson	_____

# INDIANA SOCIETY of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2010 - 2011

### INCOME

#### Item

Dues/Apps	\$	6,800
CD Interest (At EOY)	\$	400
Ladies Auxiliary Donation	\$	300
Funds Transfer	\$	2,070

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<b>Total Income</b>	\$	9,570
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### EXPENSE

#### Item

Administrative Expense	\$	1,200
Orations Contest	\$	1,700
ROTC Medals	\$	50
Eagle Scouts	\$	1,200
IN Secretary of State Filing	\$	10
State Medals and Awards	\$	400
Essay Contest	\$	1,200
Hoosier Patriot	\$	600
Council of State Presidents	\$	10
Central District Dues	\$	130
Liability Insurance	\$	1,050
Web Site	\$	120
Recruitment Literature	\$	100
Grave Registration	\$	100
4-H Support	\$	300
National History Day, HIS	\$	400
Historical Markers	\$	1,000

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<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$	9,570
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<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS TOTAL</b>	\$	-
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