

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Sons of the American Revolution
June 30, 2012

Call to Order: President Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM at Ryder Inn, Painesville. The theme of the meeting was the War of 1812.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Compatriot Jim Pildner in the absence of the Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance/SAR: The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR pledge were recited. Two verses of the National Anthem were sung.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: It was moved by Compatriot Pildner, second by Compatriot Bob Howe to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as were published on the website. **PASSED.**

President's Report: Compatriot Bailey introduced the following guests: Bob Larkin and his wife Diane; Tim Ward, State Registrar, Ken Boyle, Dan Matheke; Sean and Diane Gilbert (DAR member); Terry & Paulette Piper and M/M Art Woodard.

Compatriot Bailey also announced that Compatriot Jim and Mary Ellen Blake are celebrating their 53rd anniversary and that Terry and Paulette Piper are celebrating their 45th anniversary.

Compatriot Bailey noted that compatriot Dr. Z. O. Sherwood had passed away recently and passed around thank you notes that were received from University Hospitals - Geneva and from Ann Sentilles, daughter of Dr. Z. O. Sherwood, for the donation made to Geneva Hospital in Dr. Sherwood's name.

The following upcoming events were announced:

- 7/6: Naturalization program at Lawnfield, James A. Garfield's home in Mentor. Twenty-five people are to become naturalized citizens.
- 8/2: Old Fashion Day parade in Madison
- 8/11: Chapter color guard has been invited to post the colors at Our Lady of Peace Festival in Windsor, Ohio.

Compatriot Bailey announced that this year is the 225th anniversary of the signing of the U. S. Constitution and that a program is being planned. Related, Compatriot Pildner announced that next year will be the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Secretary's Report: Secretary had no report.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer was out of town and did not have a report to submit.

OHSSAR Report: Tim Ward reported that the program at Ft. Laurens is to be held on July 28th, at which time a memorial to the Unknown Soldier will be held there; He will be attending National meeting in Phoenix, AZ

Induction of new member: Compatriots Bailey and Ward inducted Dan Matheke into the Chapter. His patriot ancestor was Jacob Hinds (Hines).

Compatriot Bailey awarded Compatriot John McClellan his supplemental certificate in honor of this patriot ancestor. A memorial dedication was conducted on May 19th in Uniontown, PA with a ceremony dedicating the grave marker to his ancestor. Chapter members later visited to Ft. Necessity prior to returning home. Compatriot McClellan also mentioned the reenactment of the 230th anniversary of the battle of Upper Sandusky held 6/2.

At this point the meeting was recessed for lunch. When the meeting was reconvened the program was held and Compatriot Pildner introduced the Judge Elaine Crane, co-owner of the Ryder Inn. She spoke on the importance of the Inn during the War of 1812, as well as the War of 1812 itself. She reported that Ryder's Inn was opened 6/16/1812. This was important as then President Madison was having difficulties with the British, and that Congress was ready to vote to declare war, which they did on 6/18 and the troops needed a place to billet.

Judge Crane discussed the reasons for the War of 1812 and the importance of the Battle of Lake Erie and Commodore Perry's role in that battle. She reported that out of the war a stronger Ohio emerged and that the nation got its National Anthem, that Francis Scott Key was aboard a prison ship seeking the exchange of prisoners. When he saw the sunrise the day after the attack on Ft. McHenry in Baltimore Harbor he penned the Star Spangled Banner.

Judge Crane concluded her remarks by discussing the scholarship that has been established with Ryder Inn and the Lake County Historical Society to support history and government teachers. She announced the various upcoming events to be held at Ryder Inn:

- 7/4: Traditional Independence Day picnic
- 8/19: Tea party honoring the signing of the 19th amendment
- September: Annual Attic Sale
- Last weekend in Sept. to the end of December: "Taleful Dinners – about the resident spirit, Suzanne Ryder
- 12/31: "Period Dress" New Year's Eve party.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Compatriot Ryan Bailey made a motion to adjourn, second by Compatriot Pildner. **PASSED.**

Closing SAR Obligation: recited by the membership.

Benediction: Benediction was offered by Compatriot Pildner.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

William Howe, Secretary