



Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution  
NEO Chapter #12  
Minutes of the November 8, 2008 Meeting

The November meeting of the NEO Chapter #12 of the Sons of the American Revolution was held on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at Chops Restaurant in Geneva, Ohio.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Compatriot Troy Bailey at 11:40 a.m. President Bailey began the meeting by welcoming the 15 members and 9 guests (including a member of the Mother Lode Chapter in California) who were in attendance.

Compatriot Jim Pildner offered the invocation. President Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

**Officer's Reports**

Secretary's Report:

Chapter Secretary Compatriot Brian Cook read the minutes of the February 23, 2008 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

President Bailey reported that the Chapter has about the same amount of money as was reported in the minutes of the last meeting (which was \$387 in savings and \$646 in checking). Dues of \$45 are now due for those who are not life members. A motion was offered, seconded, and approved to authorize payment of expenses associated with this meeting, and to reimburse the Secretary for mailing expenses of approximately \$38.

Registrar's Report:

Compatriot Tim Ward reported that we have received a number of new member certificates, and that some other applications are still pending.

In an update from the State Society, Compatriot Ward reported that the winter meeting will be held in Columbus the first weekend in February. The annual meeting will be May 1-3 at the Avalon Inn in Warren; the Saturday evening banquet is the highlight of the program. Volunteers might be needed to man the welcome table.

### President's Report:

President Bailey stated that it is time again for the Sons of Union Veterans raffle. Compatriot Gage Georgeff, a member of the SUV, explained that proceeds from the raffle are used for grave markers for Civil War veterans. Our Chapter will get ½ of the money from tickets we sell, plus an additional \$200 if we sell the winning ticket. President Bailey stated that he would like to use funds the Chapter earns from the sale of raffle tickets to purchase logs for the Fort Laurens Foundation. A motion to purchase one log and additional logs with the proceeds from the ticket sales was made, seconded, and approved.

President Bailey reported on the Oration and Essay Contest and the Poster Contest, both of which are sponsored by the National Society. The Oration and Essay Contest is open to students in grades 9 through 12, while the Poster Contest is for elementary school students. President Bailey will contact the principals of Ashtabula schools about participating, and asked that any members with contacts at other area schools do the same. Local winners will compete at the State level, and State winners will compete at the National level. Compatriot Bailey recognized and thanked Compatriots Gilbert and Pildner for their help in developing and promoting these programs. It was mentioned that the State Poster Contest winner came from our Chapter 2 years ago.

President Bailey reported that Compatriot Bill Bolinger is ill, and that Compatriot Linc Jerome and his wife Carolyn have a new baby boy. Both have been sent cards on behalf of the Chapter.

### **Induction of New Members**

President Bailey and Compatriot Tim Ward presented membership certificates to new members Don Waterhouse and Russ Hippo; Russ also accepted the membership certificate for his brother, Joe Hippo. Membership certificates were presented to new junior members Daniel Cook, Rick Palo, and Michael Palo; Rick's and Michael's were accepted by their father, Compatriot Vernon Palo. Compatriot Ward administered the oath of membership. President Bailey presented rosettes to the new members.

Compatriot **Bailey** presented a supplemental ancestor certificate to Compatriot Gregg McCullough.

### **Program**

President Bailey introduced Douglas Angeloni, a Trustee of the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation, who gave a very informative presentation on the history of Fort Laurens and excavations of the site. Located in Bolivar, it is the only Revolutionary War fort built in the State of Ohio. Following the presentation, President Bailey presented him with an Ohio Bicentennial Medal as a token of the Chapter's appreciation.

### **Unfinished Business/New Business**

There was no unfinished business or new business.

### **Closing Obligation**

A motion to adjourn was offered, seconded, and was passed. The Closing Obligation was led by President Bailey. The Benediction was offered by Compatriot Vernon Palo. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.