

Meeting Minutes
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
October 15, 2022
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Dr., Davie, FL

Attendance:

Members: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Allen Manning, Vice President; Pete Stevenson, Secretary & Parliamentarian; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Steve DePaul; Martin Hollick; Rick Kidder, John Lohmeyer; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Mark Snider. **Guests:** Robert Bowling; Collier Bowling; Tim McLane; Barry Moss.

Call to Order: Chuck Adams gave the meeting to order around 12 noon. **Introductions:** Chuck welcomed everyone and asked members and participants to introduce themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**. Jim Lohmeyer gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes: Chuck Adams asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes of September 17, 2022. Motion by Pete Stevenson and seconded by Steve DePaul to approve the meeting minutes. Unanimously approved by the members present.

Officer's and Committee Reports:

- **Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams welcomed the new applicants present including Barry Moss, Tim McLane, Robert Bowling and his son, Collier Bowling. Chuck noted that since the last meeting both Earl Higginbotham and Daniel Kvarnberg have transferred into the Chapter. This has been offset by the transfer out of William Purdy, and unfortunately, the passing of John Copanos. He stated that Mark Snider is changing his dual member status to designate the Florida Society/Fort Lauderdale, Chapter as his primary association.
- **President:** Chuck announced several upcoming events:
 - January 14, 2023. The Chapter will host the SE Regional meeting in lieu of its regularly scheduled meeting. The change to the second Saturday in January is done to accommodate the attendance of the FLSSAR President General.
 - May 19 & 20 is the Spring BOM to be held at the Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South at Kissimmee. He said that Steven DePaul will give a report later on his experience in attending the October BOM meeting.
 - July 13 – 20, 2023 is the 133rd National Congress being held in Orlando. Florida will be the host society, and this will be a great opportunity for our members to attend a national event. Chuck urged any member planning to or thinking about attending to make your hotel room reservation now. There is a 5-day cancellation policy so if in doubt – register anyway. The FLSSAR has now posted a draft agenda and has a lot of information about the event. He will send a link to everyone.
 - The NSSAR Genealogist General has been hosting weekly Zoom training for State and Chapter Registrars and Genealogist. Chuck explained the increased emphasis on minimizing common mistakes on application submission and the elimination of all undocumented entries, including non-bloodline spouses, in order to reduce staff review time. In his opinion, some of the new or clarified rules emphasizes expedited lineage reviews at the sacrifice of good genealogical

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practices Most new applicants are not knowledgeable enough to fully document an acceptable application placing the burden on the local registrar/genealogist to volunteer their time in order to qualify new members into SAR.

Chuck stated that all members have received the October 2022 issue of the Chapter Newsletter which includes a member profile on Joe Motes. All members are encouraged to submit their profile as well.

Executive Committee Report on 2023 Election of Officers: Chuck Adams reviewed procedures for the 2023 Election of Officers as provided in Article 9 of the Chapter Bylaws. The election of officers shall be held at the November 19, 2022, Chapter meeting. The Executive Committee met on October 9, 2022, and recommends the following candidates: Chuck Adams, President and Registrar/Genealogist; Steven DePaul, Vice President; Mark Snider Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer and Historian/Editor; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin. Nominations from the floor may be made prior to the vote by members in attendance on November 19th. He stated that the elected officers are the members of the Executive Committee which in accord with our bylaws also includes the immediate past president (currently Tom Shepherd) and at least one member-at-large appointed by the President.

- **Secretary:** Pete Stevenson reported that the Chapter News has been published in both the summer issues of the SAR Magazine (on page 31) and the Florida Patriot (on page 10).
- **Treasurer & Historian/Editor:** Joe Motes stated that the checking account balance is currently \$4,777 including a \$500 donation from the estate of John Copanos. Joe stated that the current high checking account balance reflects the receipt of National, State & Chapter dues for 2023, and the balance will be reduced once the National & State dues are paid out by the end of December 2022. He asked Chuck Adams to explain the savings account balance.

Chuck stated that the savings account balance was \$16,944 on September 30, 2022. In his capacity as managing trustee of the Chapter's Trust fund, he has subsequently invested \$6,600 in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds. The current savings account balance is now \$10,344 of which \$844 is Chapter savings. The balance of \$9,500 is uninvested Trust Fund monies which will be invested in the next few months. In addition to the \$844 in Chapter savings, the Chapter also holds \$3,000 in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds.

Joe Motes stated that at the next CAR meeting, he will present a SAR Medal of Appreciation to Katy Peterson for all the work she has done and for her years of service to the Swamp Fox Chapter.

- **BOM Delegate/Representative:** Steve DePaul reported on the October 7-8, 2022, FLSSAR BOM meeting held at Lake Buena Vista, Kissimmee. Steve said the meeting atmosphere was very welcoming and that he would definitely attend again. He gave updates on the upcoming 133rd National Congress and stated there is work being done on updating the FLSSAR Bylaws.

Old Business/New Business:

Chuck Adams stated that our next lunch meeting will be held on November 19, 2022. Allen Manning said he will arrange to have a guest speaker at that meeting.

Closing Ceremonies and Adjournment: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Benediction**, and Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**. Chuck closed the meeting at around 1:25 p.m.

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11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, October 15, 2022
Outback Steakhouse
2725 So. University Drive
Davie, FL 33328**

Call to Order and Introductions

Opening Ceremonies:

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- SAR Pledge

Approval of Minutes: 09/17/2022

Officer's and Committee Reports

Old Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 11/19/2022)

Closing Ceremonies

- Benediction
- SAR Recessional

Adjournment

PLEDGE OF THE SAR

We descendants of the Heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

RECESSIONAL OF THE SAR

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.