



California Society of the  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the 13 January 2012 Meeting.

The regularly monthly meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr. SAR Chapter was held Friday 13 January 2012 in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hurley who gave the invocation & Pledge to the SAR. Scout Garrett Colbern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member and guest introductions were made and CSSAR VP-South Steve Hurst & CSSAR Investment Fund Trustee Dick Hawley were recognized. Those in attendance included: Mrs. Frances Spear, Bob Taylor, Bill Bays, Steve Hurst, Dan Sword, Bob Colbern, Mrs. Elaine Colbern, Gary Smith, Keith Nightingale, Ron Risley, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley, Eric Stassforth, Harry Copeland, Donald Bennett, Ward White, Bill Henry, Dick Hawley, Gene Cooper, Ken Lynch, George Horne, Mrs. Betsy Horne, Bill Hurley, Mrs. Mary Hurley, Rev. E. Wayne Kempton, Melanie Jung, Kathy Thompson and Lou Kreuzer.

Birthdays in January for Ken Lynch, Keith Nightingale, Bob Colburn, Dick Hawley, Brian Taylor, Lou Kreuzer, Paul Brown, Eric Stassforth, Eric Middleton, Garland Middleton, Michael Nightingale and Alan Buckley.

Reading of the December minutes were tabled as Secretary Gil Anema was absent.

Bill Bays presented the treasurer's report to the membership. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept it as written.

Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report.

Old & New Business:

George Horne remarked on the submission of the annual reconciliation report to CSSAR

President Hurley presented an Associate Membership certificate for Treavor Ashton to proxy Eric Stassforth.

President Hurley noted that the offices of VP and Treasurer should be handled by two people. Gene Cooper was requested to become the chapter Treasurer freeing up Bill Bays to function as Vice President. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to make Gene Cooper the Chapter Treasurer. Compatriot Bays will help with this transition. It was noted that Gene Cooper, Bill Bays and Bill Hurley should be added to the chapter's signature account at Bank of America. Bob Taylor will advise CSSAR of the change of officers.

Get well cards were circulated and signed for Compatriots Frank Budroe & Garland Middleton who are ill. President Hurley encouraged those who become aware of illnesses, family deaths, etc. to make the Chaplain aware so appropriate cards, calls and visits can be made.

Mrs. Frances Spears presented a fascinating program on "*Wives of the Founding Fathers*" while dressed in period costume. Her presentation centered on the wives of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson & Benjamin Franklin. She told of how they fell in love and how important these patriot women were to these founders of our country and the vital part the women played. Her presentation was very well received.

The next meeting will be on 10 February and will feature the return of Daniel Slosberg in the role of a fiddler accompanying the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Daniel appeared before us last year as fiddler Dr. Beanes at Ft. McHenry with Francis Scott Key).

Closing: The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and benediction by President Hurley.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Bill Bays, Acting Secretary.