



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

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Minutes of the Meeting for
8 December 2006

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 December 2006, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura. The meeting was called to order by Chapter president Dick Hawley. In attendance were eleven compatriots: Dick Hawley, Ron Risley, Steve Hurst, Bob Cobern, Steve Cobern, Bill Henry, Frank Budroe, Ward White, Hale Hamilton, Gary Smith, and Bob Taylor; and five guests, Mrs. Willette Budroe, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley, Mrs. Fran Henry, Mrs. Bernice Smith, and Mrs. Shirley Hamilton.

The invocation was given by compatriot Budroe, followed by the pledges to the Flag and the SAR.

Reports: The following reports were presented:

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

The registrar's report was read. Bob Colbern's application has been approved by NSSAR, which was gratifying due to its difficulty. The membership application for Frank Henry of Woodbridge, VA, is pending at NSSAR. The supplemental applications for Bob Taylor (1), Dick Hawley (3), Hale Hamilton (2), and Richard McMullen (1) are also pending at NSSAR.

The minutes for the meeting of 10 November 2006 were read, corrected, and approved.

There were no chaplain's or committee reports.

Old Business: None

New Business:

New members and compatriots Bob and Steve Cobern were duly sworn into the chapter.

The chapter officers for 2007 were installed. Outgoing president Dick Hawley was presented with a certificate for his two terms in office as president. New president Bill

Henry presented his acceptance speech and plans for the good of the chapter. Among them are concerns for the active participation of the members.

Bill Henry reported on Knight essay contest. Essays are due 10 Jan 2007, and he has contacted the area high schools. He has received queries from Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Due to Bill Henry's desire to have an open forum to discuss chapter concerns next meeting, Bob Cobern has graciously deferred his lecture on Gen George Patton to Feb.

Program: The program was presented by president Hawley, titled "History of Christmas Traditions (More or Less)", and based on a sermon by Rev Roger Fritts. It proved to be very interesting as it progressed from Roman times to the present.

Following the program, the annual raffle for Christmas gifts was conducted, to the enjoyment of the chapter members. The raffle was organized by Rosemarie & Ron Risley, and gifts were donated by Steve Hurst, and Frank & Willette Budroe.

Ron Risley announced that Walt Yates, 84 and a member since about 1990, is experiencing medical problems and has brain cancer.

The next meeting will be held Friday, 12 February 2006.

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction by Gary Smith.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.