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# *The President's Message*

*March 2010*

*Compatriots: I am told by the membership we had another good meeting in February. However, I was also told by a majority of the membership that the London broil was too tough to chew or cut in some cases. I personally observed that more than 75% of the plates with London broil were returned to the kitchen after the meal, with most of the meat left on the plate. In addition, the Chicken Salad was reported by several people as having mostly lettuce with a token amount of chicken, but the dressing was very good. I notified the Manager who also observed the returns and received profound apologies. Then the Chef came out and he was told the same thing but it fell on deaf ears because "he did everything right." The manager is also aware of this unfavorable exchange. Hopefully, the Hotel will find some way to make up for the faux pas. We'll see. I do thank each and every one of the attendees for their patience and understanding about the meal. And---now, for the good news. The American Troubadour did an excellent job and fit right in with his lyrics and historical stories of the Revolutionary era. His rendition of the first National Anthem was complete news to me and I dare say, to most of the audience. How many of you heard of the first National Anthem? And how about the song, "Yankee Doodle"? Even though the lyrics sound kind of goofy, the way the Troubadour explained it, the words now make perfect sense. We can take this as a lesson when we read the U.S. Constitution. The words have changed over the past centuries, but that does not mean the meanings have changed. This is one of the reasons the U.S. Constitution has lost much of its potency, because the words are now being interpreted with different meanings. For example, the word "militia" should not have lost its meaning simply because the United States decided to use the words, "National Guard." Think about it. Who performs the duties of the "militia" today"? Are we ready to defend ourselves should war or conflict come to our shores when all of our troops are overseas fighting to preserve our freedoms?*

*Let me address management of our chapter of "The Sons of the American Revolution". For the past 3½ years Compatriot Charles Riegler has performed the duties of Vice President of our Chapter. In addition, for the lack of volunteers, he has also assumed the duties as Secretary when our previous 2 Secretary's left the area and as Chapter Historian because of the previous Historian who became very incapacitated for the last three years. Compatriot Charles has already been a President of the SAR in Connecticut during a past life and has said from the beginning he has no interest in moving up through the chairs again here in Florida. He only accepted the positions because no one would step forward and assume the responsibilities with a desire to improve the Chapter where we can be proud to be members. For one person to be Vice President, Secretary, and Historian at the same time is a bit much for any one person.*

*Compatriot Victor McMurry helped immensely when he accepted the position of Treasurer and has been able to keep our Chapter solvent even during our depressed economy. I believe that it is time for someone to accept training by Compatriot Victor so that he can possibly move up the chairs and use the valuable knowledge he has acquired of the chapter, to lead us into the future. If we lose Victor to, let us say, to Treasurer for the FLSSAR, then this Saramana Chapter could possibly take a nose dive as far as performance is concerned, that would make our economy look like a gentle slope. Most of the Compatriots on the Board of Governors have already gone through the chairs of the Saramana Chapter. In fact, many of the members have not only gone through the chairs but rather have held or do hold positions in both the Florida State and National Society. My term is fast coming to an end and we must have someone take the position of Vice President and be ready to take the Presidency when my term ends in December. I may not have been the best President of the Saramana Chapter but I have certainly given it my all and done the best that is possible for me. No one can ask for more from anyone who takes over in the future, which is not far off – only six more meetings and you have to elect a new President. So if you haven't received my message yet, I am appealing to all of you to step forward and start recruiting your new leadership. This Chapter of the SAR is vital to preserving and teaching our American History to the younger generation. This Chapter has long been a leading chapter in Florida and nationwide. History books today are only going back to the Civil War and they are not doing a very good job at that. Remember, it was your ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War during the most critical time of forming our communities into one liberated and free Nation, The United States of America. You all have my e-mail address and phone number so please contact me.*

*Fraternally and at Your Service*

*Karold B. Crapo, Jr.*



*God Bless America*

# *The Secretary's Report*

*March 2010*

## **Secretary's Report:**

The monthly meeting of the Saramana Chapter FLSSAR Board of Governors convened at the Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota on Wednesday February 17, 2010

Attendees were; President Harold Crapo, Lowe, Williams, Hazelton, Hunt, Mahaffey Grant, Huff, McMurry, Lancaster, McMaster, Miller and Bradley

President Crapo presiding called the meeting to order. Chaplain Eugene Bradley provided the invocation and Compatriot Robert L. Grant lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary's BOG minutes of January 13, 2010 were accepted as read on motion of Huff.

**Treasurer** – Compatriot McMurry gave his report accepted subject to audit. He gave a favorable report of the growth in the Operating Trust Fund.

**Genealogist/ Registrar** – Compatriot Tarpley provided a written report on new member activity. He also submitted his Fire and Safety Committee report, stating that March is the Fire and Safety Awards month, April is Police and Law Enforcement Awards month and he has already received two nominees for the Heroism medal; April and May is the SAR JROTC Medal presentation period. Those members willing to present awards at the High Schools we serve please contact Tarpley or Crapo for assignments. May Luncheon is JROTC Best of the Best Award month.

Audit Committee Chair Charles submitted his Written Report dated 2 Feb 10 revealed the financial books are all in order. President Crapo stated that the Partners in Patriotism Report was submitted for the first time ever by our Chapter.

The Chapter Challenge Report is near completion with over 2,300 points. It will be forwarded to FLSSAR Southwest Regional Vice President for his review and addition of his authorized RVP points. He will submit our report along with others in our region to the Chapter Challenge Committee Chairman. The number of members and guests attending the February meeting was 81. The next monthly luncheon meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup> same time and place. The BOG meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, both at their usual locations.

**Publicity** – Compatriot Lowe emphasized the need for everyone to look for SAR items in the news media and save them for the Publicity Chair. This is vital to the success of the Chapter

**New Business** Compatriot McMurry reported that Eagle Scout Pamphlets are free but we must pay shipping. He also commented on giving out Certificates to all Eagle Scouts. A motion to approve made by Williams & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller. Motion carried. Compatriot Hal Miller discussed the leadership Prayer Breakfast, as done in 1776, to be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Sarasota at 7:15 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on 23 April 2010; cost is \$25 per person. The SAR Colonial Color Guard is required and other SAR members to wear Class (B) uniform. For more info call Compatriot Hal Miller. Motion moved to approve Lester Hunt for the OTF by V. McMurry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Hazelton carried. Compatriot John Williams moved to spend \$225 for a one year business card add in the Sahib Masonic Shrine Temple Newsletter; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Grant; discussion ensued; vote was one (1) yea – eight (8) no and three (3) abstain.

- Pres. Crapo opened discussion concerning awarding the SAR Service Medal to SAR veterans. Cost appeared to be prohibitive. Discussion was tabled for lack of support.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm with Chaplain Bradley giving the Benediction.

*Harold Crapo, Jr. reporting for Secretary Riegler absent & attending NSSAR Trustee meeting*

**WORDS of WISDOM**  
*Educating the People*  
Phillip H. Tarpley-Editor



*I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed...*

**Interesting quotes and bits of knowledge**

*Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately nothing will preserve it but downright force, whenever you give up that force, you are ruined.*  
- Patrick Henry

*I think we have more machinery of government than is necessary, too many parasites living on the labor of the industrious.*  
-Thomas Jefferson, letter to William Ludlow, 1824.

*"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government."*  
-Patrick Henry

**Word of the month:** Ninky hammer.                      -a fool or simpleton-late 16<sup>th</sup> Century word

**True or false:** The Constitution requires for all members of Congress to be elected for a career position in Congress and Congressmen only have to be in Congress one time to receive a pension that can be more than \$15,000 per month.

Most are now equal to being millionaires. They do not receive Social Security on their retirement because they didn't have to pay into the system while in Congress.

On the other side of serving our country; The military career people who stay in service for 20 years and muster out as an E-7, they may receive a pension of \$1,000 per month.

How thoughtful, that the very people who agreed to place them in harm's way receive a pension of \$15,000 per month without picking up a weapon or sleeping on cold hard ground. They receive more per month than a Soldier with Rank of E-7. Most Americans do-not retire on this income after 30 years of hard honest work. Maybe some budget cutting could start with cutting Congressional pensions and their many free perks.

*Monthly History Lessons*  
*This Month in Early American History*



*Civility and class among men then to outright lying to Americans Today*

*Please meet two of our favorite Founding Fathers*

On this Date March 27, 1775

**Jefferson elected to the Continental Congress**

Future President Thomas Jefferson is elected to the second Continental Congress on this day in 1775. Jefferson, a Virginia delegate, quickly established himself in the Continental Congress with the publication of his paper entitled;

"A Summary View of the Rights of British America"

Throughout the next year, Jefferson published several more papers, most notably "Drafts and Notes on the Virginia Constitution."

In June 1776, Congress put together a committee to draft the Declaration of Independence. After much discussion, the committee chose Jefferson to compose the document. At just 33 years old, Jefferson finished writing his draft of what is considered the most important document in the history of democracy in just a few days. After a few minor changes, the committee submitted the draft, titled "A Declaration by the Representatives in General Congress Assembled," to Congress on June 28, 1776. After some debate, the document was formally adopted by Congress on July 4, 1776, under the new title;

"The Declaration of Independence"

In the following years, Jefferson drafted other historical documents including, in 1777, a bill establishing religious freedom that was formally enacted by Congress in 1786. He served as Virginia's governor from 1779 to 1781, minister to France from 1784 to 1789 and the first U.S. secretary of state under President George Washington from 1790 to 1793.

Jefferson served as vice president under President John Adams from 1797 to 1801 and afterwards was elected the third president of the United States, a position he held for two terms from 1801 to 1809. After his presidency ended, Jefferson retired from public life to his home, Monticello, in Virginia. Jefferson died on July 4, 1826--50 years to the day after the signing of The Declaration of Independence. He was 83 years old.

On This Date March 15, 1783

### **General George Washington puts an end to the Newburgh Conspiracy**

On the morning of March 15, 1783, General George Washington makes a surprise appearance at an assembly of army officers at Newburgh, New York, to calm the growing frustration and distrust they had been openly expressing towards Congress in the previous few weeks. Angry with Congress for failing to honor its promise to pay them and for its failure to settle accounts for repayment of food and clothing, officers began circulating an anonymous letter condemning Congress and calling for a revolt.

When word of the letter and its call for an unsanctioned meeting of officers reached him, Washington issued a general order forbidding any unsanctioned meetings and called for a general assembly of officers for March 15. At the meeting, Washington began his speech to the officers by saying,

"Gentlemen: By an anonymous summons, an attempt has been made to convene you together; how inconsistent with the rules of propriety! How unmilitary! And how subversive of all order and discipline..."

Washington continued by pledging, "to exert whatever ability I am possessed of, in your favor." He added,

"Let me entreat you, gentlemen, on your part, not to take any measures, which viewed in the calm light of reason, will lessen the dignity, and sully the glory you have hitherto maintained; let me request you to rely on the plighted faith of your country, and place a full confidence in the purity of the intentions of Congress."

When he finished, Washington removed a letter from his breast pocket that he had received from a member of the Continental Congress. He hesitated for a moment as he looked down at the letter before fumbling to retrieve a pair of spectacles from his pocket. Before reading the letter, Washington, in an almost apologetic tone said;

"Gentlemen, you must pardon me. I have grown old in the service of my country and now find that I am growing blind."

The eyes of most of his audience filled with tears. The content of the letter became irrelevant as the assembled officers realized that Washington had given as much or more in the service of the new nation as any of them. Within minutes, the officers voted unanimously to express confidence in Congress and their country.

In a letter to the Continental Congress dated March 18, 1783, Washington wrote to assure the body that the unrest of officers was over, writing, "The result of the proceedings of the grand convention of the officers, which I have the honor of enclosing to your Excellency for the inspection of Congress, will, I flatter myself, be considered as the last glorious proof of patriotism which could have been given by men who aspired to the distinction of a Patriot army; and will not only confirm their claim to the justice, but will increase their title to the gratitude of their country."

*Members Bulletin Board and Special Events*  
*Happy Birthday to Compatriot's born in March*

Daniel A. Carlton, Eugene L. Bradley, Reynolds P. Cushing, Cullen G. Finley, Frank Arnold Hassell  
Carl K. Hoffmann, Billie West Lowe, John C. Manson, Coleman William Riegle

**Events During the George Washington Birthday Luncheon**  
**Awards well deserved**



**Victor McMurry Chapter Treasurer Receives the Meritorious Service Medal by President Crapo**  
Photo by Debra McMurry



**Charles Riegle also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal stands with Elaine Crapo after he read about the many hours of service she has provided to our Chapter & State SAR Society and our local Veterans over the last few years under term of Past President Phillip Tarpley & the current term of President Crapo She was then awarded the Martha Washington Medal And joins an elite group of women who have received The highest SAR award presented to a woman.**

Photos by Billie West Lowe

Peter Douglas Received the Certificate for Meritorious Service for his work as Chairman of the Rumbaugh Scholarship Committee  
Awards presented to others were the Bronze Good Citizenship Medals.  
Barbara Hodalski: for her work on the Support our Troops Program with her husband Frank.  
Peggy Dornsife, Regent Allapattah DAR Chapter and Dee Kermode, past Regent of Osceola DAR Chapter



Photo by Billie West Lowe

The program consisted of songs and verbal dialog from the 18th Century by "The American Troubadour" **Bill Schustik**, a resident of Sarasota, Florida. He accompanied himself using a banjo, a guitar and a tambourine. Schustik claims he was influenced by his parent's love of history which resulted in more than 25 years of following his dreams of accomplishment and adventure. His performances as an American Troubadour have carried him from the heeling deck of a salt sailing square rigger to command performances with the Boston Pops Orchestra and at the White House. He has performed for three U.S. Presidents, appeared both on and off Broadway and has written a show about the American Civil War ("Shiloh Hill") which was produced by Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. He travels all over America gathering songs and sowing legends. The tools of his trade include his magnificent baritone voice, a keen sense of drama, a colorful array of folk instruments and a deep abiding love for traditional American folk lore.

### ***NEW MEMBERS REPORT***

**Submitted by**

**Registrar/Genealogist Phillip H. Tarpley**

The Registrar reports names of our pending new SAR members.

Those New members with applications awaiting final approval from NSSAR HQ are Robert Cheney, Dean Pettit, Robert Grant, Jr., John Mange and Paul Longstreet. Others in process of document research are Wm. Brady, Wm. Van Duzer, George Sparks, John Fitzpatrick, Gordon Charlton, Steve Howlett, Jim Stainbrook

### **Eagle Scout Scholarship Program**

*Allen Hegener Chairman- Eagle Scout Award Dinner planned to be held on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Lido Beach. It should provide monetary support for our chapter efforts, as well as honor the active Eagle Scouts and recognize the adult Eagle Scouts involved in our community is in progress. His plan includes all aspects of the dinner. More information will follow next month including costs, audience numbers and how you can help. Please Contact Allen or Lester Hunt, Eagle Scout Chairman*

*JROTC Award presentations will be coming in April and members willing to present the SAR medals can contact Harold Crapo for Manatee County and Phillip Tarpley for Sarasota County schools.*



**SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD CAMP  
of the  
SONS OF LIBERTY - FLORIDA SOCIETY BRIGADE  
Color Guard Captain Eugene Bradley**



Annual Port Canaveral Last Naval Battle the Revolution is March 6, 2010  
Memorial Day Parade is next major Color Guard event  
New Color Guard member Donald Wood Campbell  
Harold Crapo has an extra Colonial Uniform for sale to a chapter member.

**OTF Chairman - Phillip H. Tarpley, Notice to members:**

**AMENDMENT TO THE TRUST AGREEMENT  
DATED the 11Th DAY OF AUGUST 1992**

Notwithstanding any other provision in the said trust agreement,  
The Trust agreement is amended as follows;

In the event that the trustees shall vote to sell all or substantially all of the equities, bonds or other Securities held by the trust, that decision shall be subject to review and approval by the Board of Governors of the Saramana Chapter. A simple majority plus one vote shall be necessary for approval.

Compatriot and Past President General Carl Hoffman wrote this proposed Amendment to our Operating Trust Fund.

The SARAMANA SAR OPERATING TRUST FUND, has on page one of the Trust Agreement its statement of purpose. Listed below is the Statement of Purpose.

**PURPOSES:** This Trust Fund is created and shall be administered and operated exclusively for the benefit of the operating budget of Saramana SAR, as may be from time to time required to carry out the goals and purposes of the Saramana SAR. To that end, upon the written request by the Board of Governors of the Saramana SAR, the Trustees are directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Saramana SAR such amount of the income of the Trust Estate, exclusive of capital gains, as may be requested and/or available - whichever is the lesser. Under no circumstances shall the Trustees invade the principal of the Trust Fund, or payout any portion thereof for this income distribution, with the exception to the above, that in recognition of the possibility of the Trust Fund receiving bequests or gifts from donors making a donation that provides payment of interest and/or principal from the gift of the donor, that the Trustees may make whatever payments are required as part of the terms of the donor's gift. (Amended April 14, 2000)

Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, this Trust Fund shall conduct or carry on only those classes of activities that are permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization which is tax exempt or by an organization, donations to which are deductible from Federal or State taxable income to the extent allowed by the provisions of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code and other applicable legislation and regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.

**Saramana Chapter Monthly Meeting Notice**  
**Fire and Safety Awards Luncheon Friday March 12, 2010 11:30**  
**March 17, 2010 2:00 PM**  
**Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota**  
**Chapter Meeting location**

Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach on the Beach, 233 Ben Franklin Drive, 7th floor dining Room.  
The ramp into the building goes directly to the express elevator to the Seventh floor. Our  
welcome and check-in table is there by the dining room.

**New and better directions to avoid St. Armand's Circle heavy traffic:**

1. Turn onto John Ringling Blvd from US 41 and go 2.1 miles (about 4 minutes)
2. Turn left at S. Washington Drive and go 0.4 miles (about 2 minutes)
3. Take the 3rd left onto South Boulevard of the Presidents and go 0.1 miles
4. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto South Polk Drive and go 0.3 miles (about 1 minute).
5. The Holiday Inn Lido Beach parking lot is in rear of hotel.

**Luncheon Meeting Reservation information**

11:30 and Cash Bar available 11:30 AM

Please leave home early to arrive by 11: 30 -11:45 AM

**Call Victor McMurry only for phone reservations - 941-966-0493**

**If not available, leave Vic a message of your menu selections #1, #2 or #3 and give names of guests. Leave your phone number for a call back if needed**

**E-mails only:** Phil Tarpley [mp18pht@verizon.net](mailto:mp18pht@verizon.net) to make your reservation

Provide meal selection # 1, #2 or #3 Please pay at door on your arrival -- Please give all names of your guests and meal selections in the e-mail. I will confirm your order.

**Call or e-mail to make reservations by 4:30 PM Tuesday afternoon March 9, 2010**

Note; this is the cut off time for this luncheon's reservations. Late reservations cause problems but showing up without making them causes more problems for the hotel kitchen preparing and the wait staff serving everyone on time. The hotel is firm on no changes to increase or decrease meals after 2:00 PM Wednesday.

**Meal Selections-**

**#1**\_\_\_ Gorgonzola Steak Salad - \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

\*Flame –Grilled, Marinated Flank Steak, Crisp Romaine, Kalamata Olives, Gorgonzola Cheese, Haricot Verts, Tomato, Broccoli, Mushroom and Onion Stack.

Served with Roasted Shallot Vinaigrette

\*Served with cup of soup as starter

**#2**\_\_\_ \*Chicken Parmesan - \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

\*served with cup of soup as a starter

**#3**\_\_\_ Vegetarian - Entrée Size Vegetable Salad \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

\*Served with a cup of soup as starter

All entrees include beverage, rolls, cup of soup and dessert

PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE AT DOOR. WE DO NOT HAVE A CHANGE FUND.

Vic McMurry, Treasurer

**To cancel your reservation;** It must be done by calling the Secretary by 9.30 AM Wednesday morning prior to the Friday Luncheon or you are responsible and billed for your meals. The chapter has to pay when your meals are ordered whether you come or not. Your full cooperation is very important.



**YOUR SAR KEEPS MARCHING  
FORWARD!**



**The new NSSAR Library is on schedule to open by this Summer  
Major Events are in our future at the Library  
Be a part of this effort**