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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

December 26, 2008

Why would anyone in their right mind want to be President of any organization when it is much easier to be supportive and let someone else do the job? Furthermore, why would anyone want to get into an Early American Historical organization when they just hated history in high school? I didn't realize just how much I had absorbed from my History classes until my assignment to Tripoli, Libya in 1960. Tripoli was the center of three prominent cities on the Mediterranean Coastline. Sabratha was a Phoenician city located 30 miles west of Tripoli and Leptis Magna was a Roman city located 35 miles east of Tripoli. Tripolitania was the name given for the three cities combined. The Old City of Tripoli proper was known as Oea. This is where I started taking an interest in history because the whole area of Tripolitania went back to 400 B.C. Their water systems, bath houses, sewer systems and agricultural processes back in 400 B.C. far surpassed what we had in this country or even in Europe in the 1700's. Why? These are some of the basics of survival that evidently were lost over the years because new things appeared and deemed more important than history. This brings me to a follow-on subject – our own Early American History and how much has been lost while we focus our attention on the new things that are happening around us today.

If I am not mistaken, the Magna Carta (now spelled Charta for no good reason) made its debut about 1256 when the Barons in the old country began to exert their influence upon the King demanding certain rights. Then came the Mayflower Compact in November 1620 which was designed to bring the Saints and the Strangers together to work as one unit towards survival in a strange land. The need then arose for a Declaration of Independence from England because of the taxation being imposed on the settlers. This document was then followed by the U.S. Constitution which was ratified in convention on Monday September 17th 1787

The Constitution only contained 7 Articles. Consequently, the different States came up with 157 revisions to this document which subsequently was boiled down into 12 Amendments. The first 10 Amendments (Bill of Rights) were ratified December 15, 1791. The Eleventh Amendment was ratified February 7, 1795. The 27th Amendment was part of the proposed Bill of Rights on September 25th 1789. This Amendment was ratified on May 7, 1992, by the vote of Michigan.

The Declaration of Independence was the promise while the U.S. Constitution was the fulfillment. The Constitution is one of the oldest, if not *the* oldest living document today. George Washington said, "A primary object...should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty is more pressing... than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?"

Please note there is a fine thread that connects all of the above documents. When that thread is broken, then the demise of this country will begin. Therefore, we as Sons of the American Revolution have our work cut out for us. If our population forgets our beginnings and how we got to the present times, then how can our young leaders plan for the future? We are fortunate to have a living document in the form of a Constitution and Bill of Rights.

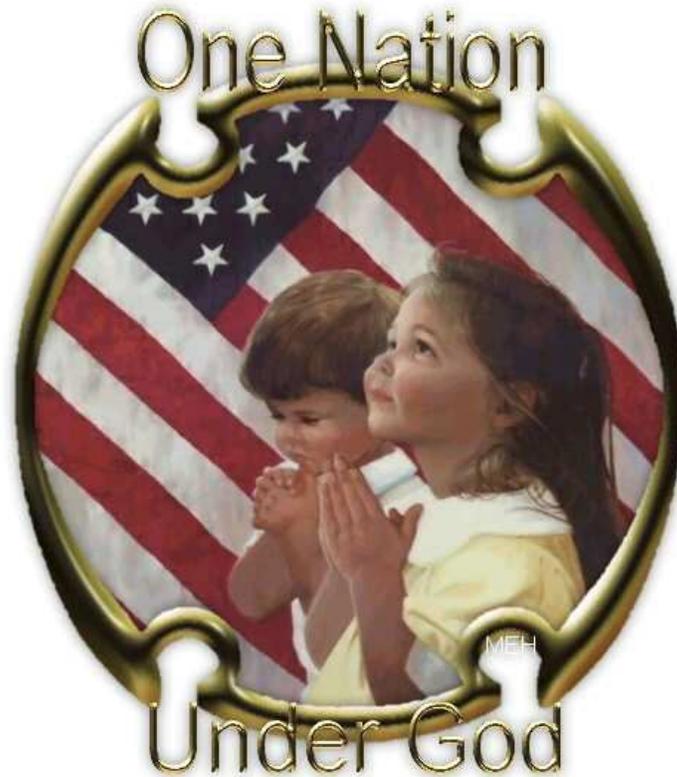
May God Bless You and God Bless America

Harold Crapo, Jr.

WORDS of WISDOM

"The same prudence which in private life would forbid our paying our own money for unexplained projects, forbids it in the dispensation of the public moneys." A letter to Shelton Gilliam from, Thomas Jefferson, 19 June 1808

Life is not measured by the number of breathes we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.



"No disrespect should be shown to the Flag of the United States of America." -U.S. Flag Code.

*(Is there a new U.S. Flag Code written that allows the disrespect we witness to our Flag nearly every day?) Seems like it to many Americans these days, the way they treat the American Flag
The Editor*

*"The Flag stands for all that we hold dear- Freedom, Democracy, Government of the People, by the People, and for the People."
Henry Cabot Lodge, 1915*

*Freedom is only meaningful to those who will fight to keep it.
Phillip H. Tarpley, Editor*

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

December 26, 2008

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR convened on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL.

President Harold B. Crapo, Jr. having a medical issue was unable to attend. Vice President Charles W. Riegle presided and having a quorum present, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following Compatriot members of the Board were present: Dunn, Riegle, McMurry, Huff, Bradley, Grant, Lancaster, McMaster, Douglas and Miller. Compatriot Bradley gave the Invocation.

The meeting having completed all business before it adjourned at 3:15 PM

Minutes of the November BOG were presented. Motion presented and passed to accept minutes as read. Treasurer's report also presented and accepted, subject to audit.

We still have some members who have not sent check to pay their membership dues. Our paid members report to state society was sent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The new Officers were installed by FLSSAR President Ron Toops during the December 12, meeting. 52 members and guest attended. The President's budget committee reported they are preparing the 2009 budget. Necessary cuts will be made to reflect the unpaid membership dues.

The new Chapter Web Site is established under the site name of www.saramanasar.com Any members with web site experience in uploading of files, pictures and weekly update management is asked to help.

Required state reports to FLSSAR and any county, FL, US tax filings have been prepared and sent or ready to send as required.

Chapter fees were approved for SAR Jr. Membership applications and supplemental applications presented effective January 1, 2009

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vic McMurry reported the adverse effect of the stock market on our Operating Trust Fund. The President will need to present names of new Trustees to the next BOG meeting for approval and appointment to the Trust Fund. He also reported on the reimbursements still due back from FLSSAR for part of the expenses of our awards and scholarship contests. He also requested additional contacts be made to members who have failed to send in dues as of BOG report.

Past President Tarpley states he has not received any entries to Stella Knight Essay as of due off date. The students who indicated they would be contestants failed to send in an essay. The Eagle Scout Chairmen have reported one Eagle Scout Essay presented to date.

The 2009 Members Year Book is being compiled for issue in January.

Happy New Year, "*Chris*" Dunn, Secretary

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events



Chapter Officers 2009

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Sgt. at Arms, Reynolds Cushing

Color Guard Commander

Eugene Bradley

Governors

Everett Blount 2011

Duane Cornell and Peter Douglas 2012

Phillip H. Tarpley outgoing President placed the President's Neck Ribbon on Incoming President Harold B. Crapo, Jr.



Members above received Awards for Meritorious Service for their many years of service to SAR and their community. FLSSAR President Ron Toops and Saramana President Tarpley presented the awards in memory of President George Washington who passed away 209 years ago on 14 December 1799. George Washington dedicated his life to service to his Country in war and peace

NEW MEMBERS UPDATE

Three members of the Pearce Family, George, Jan and Jeffery were out of town. We look forward to their induction in January. Several applications are in the pipeline for approval or in application process.



Ronald Shankland takes the SAR Pledge as our newest member. Standing from left is Sgt at Arms Clarence Barrett and Registrar William Millman completing their last official act as they have retired from office. Photo by Billie West Lowe

DAR added 10,000 new approved members in 2008. The search for new members is very important. Please give it your immediate attention to help our chapter grow.

Adding your sons and grandsons as Junior Members is easy. Telling people about SAR is just as easy. Ask your DAR friends if they have husbands, brothers, sons and grandsons that are eligible to join SAR. Your help recruiting new members will help keep Saramana as one of the largest chapters in FLSSAR. We have lost several members by death, illness, transfers of membership out of state, etc. for 2009.

The 2009 yearbook is in process of edit for printing. Members having changes for address, e-mail or telephone etc. are asked for any updates or corrections to the member's file.

We are asking members to make donations to the SAR Center for Advancement of American History. Please make donations of \$5.00, \$10.00 or more. Our chapter would like to present a check from our members of at least \$1,000 or more to this most worthy project. Your Tax Accountant can advise if tax deductible.

Contact our Treasurer, Vic McMurry 941-966-0493 for full details. We will provide letter receipts if requested for IRS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO COMPATRIOTS:

Arden August Bartz, Harold "Burt" Crapo III, Charles Richard Dixon, Robert L. Grant
William T. Robbins



METV Board of Directors on December 4 welcomed Saramana Compatriots to speak From left Frank Hodalski, Mgr. Mr. Clapsaddle, President Tarpley and Chairman Harold Crapo

Myakka DAR held the Chapter's Christmas Luncheon Saturday December 20 Several Saramana members attended including Past President Phillip H. Tarpley, James Crandall and Frank A. Hassell. Jacaranda Trace's Banquet Room was elegant. The meal and service was top notch.

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD UNIT

Bronze Color Guard Medals



FLSSAR President Ron Toops presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal To above Color Guard Members who have qualified by at least 3 or more years of service as required. From the left is Compatriots William V. Millman, Charles W. Riegle, Jack B. Ashcraft, Commander Eugene L. Bradley, FLSSAR President Ronald E. Toops Capt. Clarence A. Barrett and outgoing President, Phillip H. Tarpley Frank X. Hodalski was on a cruise and not available to receive his medal and Certificate Photo by Billie West Lowe

Chapter Meeting Notice

January 9, 2009 11:45 A.M. is our next chapter luncheon
THE SARASOTA HOTEL AND MARINA

January 14, 2009 is the next BOG meeting
Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota

January 30-31 is next FLSSAR Board of Management meeting

Members you are invited to the Osceola DAR Silver Tea 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Saturday
January 31 at the home of Lenore and Jackson Horner; 7405 Links Court, Sarasota
Wives and guests are welcome. RSVP - 941-355-0294

Luncheon Notice and Meal Selection

Friday January 9, 2009

Luncheon Meeting Reservation information

12:00 Noon and Cash Bar available 11:30 AM

Please leave home early to arrive by 11:45 AM

Sarasota Hotel and Marina 7150 Tamiami Trail,

About 2.5 miles north of University Blvd. on the left

Call Tuesday January 6, 2009 by 3:30 PM the cut off time for luncheon reservations

Late reservation cause problems but showing up without making them causes more problems with the hotel kitchen preparing and wait staff serving everyone on time

NEW AND FASTER RESERVATION SAVES POSTAGE

We now prefer you call Secretary James "Chris" Dunn for your reservations

Cell 941-400-9457--- or --- E-mail your reservations to him

tamiamidrmn@yahoo.com

Please leave your message and phone number if Chris is not available

Then you pay at door on your arrival -- Please give Chris names of your guests

Please indicate your entrée selections:

_____ Chicken Veronique with white wine Sauce - \$20 = _____

_____ Beef Tip Bourguignon over noodles - \$20 = _____

_____ Vegetarian - Entrée Size Salad or Fruit Plate - \$20 = _____

All entrees include beverage, salad 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 before the Friday Luncheon or you are responsible and billed for your meals. The chapter has to pay when your meal is ordered whether you come or not. Your full cooperation is very important.

James "Chris" Dunn, Secretary