



# Germany SOCIETY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GERMANY SOCIETY

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### **Minutes of Germany Society Meeting, March 2, 2024 at Brown Hotel**

President Bredenfoerder called the meeting to order with 33 members present at 8:30 AM Chaplain Jessel led an Invocation, followed by V.P. Carr leading the Pledge of Allegiance; Treasurer Spray led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Bredenferder gave opening comments and then: 1) announced the presentation of Silver Henry Knox Medals to Ashley Null & Chris McLaren of the Von Steuben Chapter. These will be Passed on at the meeting in Germany next month. 2) presented Silver Henry Knox Medals to; VP Carr, Secy Gunn, Tres Spray, RegGen Perkins & Chap/Trustee Jessel.

Treasurer Spray reported we have \$4,000 in the bank.

Registrar Perkins reported that since 2021 we've added 4 new Primary Members who reside in Germany. Currently, there are 8 different applications being worked on.

#### Old Business:

~ Sgt in Arms Spray accepted two Streamers from David Jessel for his attendance at the Battle of Kettle Creek & the SC Hornets Nest where he represented the Germany Society.

~ Ashley Null reported the Von Steuben Chapter had it's 1<sup>st</sup> applicant for the Eagle Scout Contest. On April 28<sup>th</sup> the Transatlantic Council will gather about 3000 campers at Omaha Beach, 750 French Scouts will attend to witness the presentation of the Eagle Scout Award.

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### New Business:

- 1) Fall Meeting Minutes. ~ A motion to accept
- 2) the Minutes of the Fall Meeting as they were presented on the Newsletter Section of the Website; Moved to accept by Mike Keyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elwin Spray; passed unanimously.
- 3) A Proposal to change our By-Laws to add another VP position was presented by a committee chaired by Chancellor Fulwiller. A vote to approve was passed unanimously. We will hence have an Exec.VP and VP position in the forthcoming election.
- 4) President Bredenfoerder called for nominations from the floor, with none made, Dave Perkins moved nominations be closed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Kelly, VA. Motion Passed unanimously.
- 5) Nominations/ Declarations for 2024-2025:
  - a. President/ Alt. Trustee (elected at Congress) John H.Bredenfoerder
  - b. Executive VP (per approval of 2) above Kevin Carr
  - c. VP (per approval of 2) above John Ashley Null
  - d. Secretary Michael B. Gunn
  - e. Treasurer Elwin Spray
  - f. Registrar/Genealogist David Perkins
  - g. Chancellor John F. Fulwiller
  - h. Chaplain/Trustee (elected at Congress) David G. Jessel
- 6) Election From the Above Slate Followed, with acceptance & approval by acclamation.
- 7) New Officers were Sworn In by Dereck Brown.
- 8) Ashley Null gave attendees a brief update of Von Steuben Chapter activities.
- 9) President Bredenfoerder added he endeavors to keep the Website up to date and the newsletters will serve to inform members who cannot make the meetings.
- 10) Kevin Carr brought up the idea of Life Memberships in the Germany Society. Much more needs to be considered before movement on this issue may occur. Michael Aycock, NC; David Perkins, CT and John Fullwider, MS will help with this subject as the attendees were receptive to the topic.

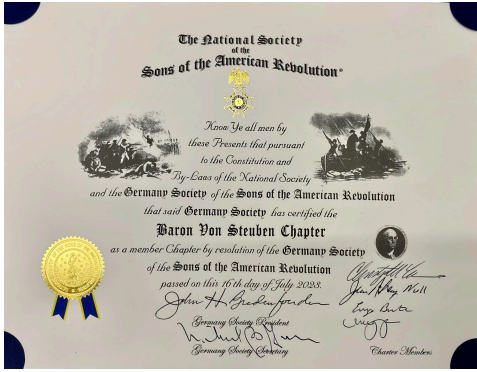
### Announcements & Events:

- ~ Kevin Carr, NM; Pat Kelly, VA and Pat Suree, PA all shared information about German ancestors and/or visits to Germany.
- ~ President Bredenfoerder showed a copy of the Von Steuben Charter signed by the Charter members.
- ~ there was an Opportunity drawing where Compatriots Wyrosdick, Osborn & Winke benefited.

### Closing Ceremonies:

- A Benediction led by Chaplain Jessel
- SAR Recessional led by President Bredenfoerder

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## The Von Steuben Chapter of the Germany Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's Charter



### Germany Society Members Gather after the Central District Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring six of our Patriot Ancestors in Goshen, OH

Pictured from left to right:  
 Don Miller, President OHSSAR, Gordon Stokely\*, Michael Gunn, Secretary Germany Society, Jacob Vink INSSAR, Larry Collins\*, John H. Bredenfoerder, President Germany Society, Historian General T. Brooks Lyles, President General John Dodd, Gary Duffield President Highlander SAR, Bruce Bennett CincinnatiSAR\* The wrong photo was published in the recent SAR Magazine.



### Germany Society Treasurer Elwin Spray Presented a Wreath at this Grave Marking in Connecticut last Fall

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**Five Members of the Germany Society Attend the Veterans Day Grave Marking in Washington Park, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

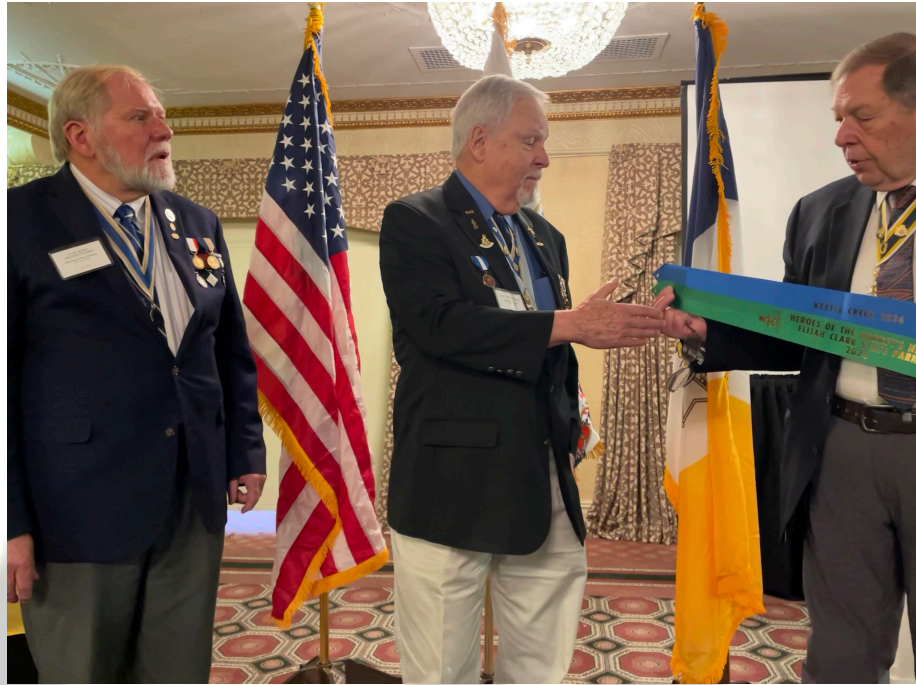


**New Officers Sworn in by Derek Brown at Spring Leadership Meeting**



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**David Jessel Presents Streamers From events he placed Wreaths to Sgt of Arms Elwin Spray**



**John Ashley Null receives recognition from President Bredenfoerder**