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FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday, February 18, 2017 @ 12:00 PM

Union Grill

13-1/2 East Wheeling Street

Washington, PA

Phone: (724) 222-2860

DAR/SAR Members and guests welcome

Directions: The Union Grill is located on the corner of Main and South Wheeling Streets in downtown Washington, PA. Street parking is available in the vicinity of the restaurant as well as down the block at the Citizen Library lot.

Menu: Sliced Roast Beef Bordelaise or Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast. Served with Tossed salad, Red Bliss Potatoes, Winter Mixed Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Apple Pie and Beverage. **Price \$22.00 per person.**

**Reservations MUST arrive before Thursday
February 13, 2017**

Make check to: George Washington Chapter-SAR

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Program: Dr. Cassandra L. Kuba & Dr. John P. Nash, Jr. of California University, will present a program on an exploratory dig they did in Buffalo Township in the summer of 2015. They were trying to find the possible location of Jacob Wolff's Fort.

Minutes ~ Saturday, December 10, 2016

Call to Order: President Larry Ridgway called the annual Chapter Christmas party to order at Rego's Restaurant, Charleroi at 12:20PM.

Attendance: Nineteen (19) people, guests (5)
Compatriots (14) Helen Burne; **Charles D. Curry;**
Rev. Dr. Roger R. Ficher; Kathleen & **Gerry D.**
Getman; Dick Mellon; **Michael D. C. Merryman;**
Linda & **Larry L. Ridgway;** **Edward W. Schreiber;**

John C. Schreiber; Richard B. Taylor; Robert K. Taylor; William G. Taylor; G. Michael Timmons; Clarinda & **Gary W. Timmons;** & Cynthia & **Kurt Winter.**

After welcoming all, President Ridgway read a proclamation on the death of Compatriot J. Barry Stout. Gary Timmons gave a status update on the Wreaths Across America (see accompanying article elsewhere in this newsletter). Rev. Dr. Roger R. Ficher gave the Invocation. Following lunch, a time of fellowship was had by all in attendance.



Presidents Message

Greetings Compatriots! I would like to take this opportunity and time to thank everyone for their support and time given to help me accomplish my time as President over the last two years. I will continue to serve and help in any way that I can. On February 18, our next meeting we will be inaugurating our new President and Vice-President of the Chapter. This will be at the Union Grill, Washington, PA. I hope you will all join me in this wonderful and historic event of the Chapter. It has been a pleasure in serving the Compatriots of this Chapter. Again, thank you all for your support.

Your humble servant,

Larry Ridgway

Wreaths Across America 2016 Wrap Up



The 2016 wreaths campaign has been a tremendous success! We received sponsorships for 1,227 actual wreaths and with the bonus wreaths the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies received 1,864 actual wreaths under our group ID. It is official, out of 26 other groups that helped get sponsorships we are the largest. In 2015 we had a total, with bonuses, of 1,765. Thanks go out to everyone who participated in any way. Whether you helped stuff envelopes at our chapter picnic, sponsored a wreath(s), or helped place wreaths this past December. This year's campaign started at the annual chapter picnic, when those in attendance helped stuff over 300 envelopes to past sponsors requesting their participation again in 2016. Many new sponsors were due to great newspaper articles that were published in Martins Ferry, Ohio, Wheeling, West Virginia, as well as the Washington Observer-Reporter. We received donations from as far away as Iowa, Maine and North Carolina. On December 17th, in bitter cold, Compatriots from our George Washington Chapter as well as from the Ebenezer Zane Chapter (OHSSAR) met at our George Washington Chapter "boulder" in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies where we were joined with ladies from the DAR for a brief ceremony followed by a wreath laying at our marker. The main ceremony was delayed 1 hour due to weather conditions. All then joined an estimated crowd of 1,000 volunteers who attended this year's ceremony to place the wreaths. This year, 9,117 wreaths were placed and for the second year in a row, with graves already decorated by families, every grave was marked. It is truly a humbling sight. We would like to acknowledge this last list of corporations, individuals and groups that have

sponsored wreaths this season; 84 Lumber Co, Laura Adams, American Legion Post #1, American Legion Post 525, Mark Bails, Eydie Baker, Roberta Bannister, C. L. Stanley Barghauser, James Beaumont, John Bernaciak, Bethel Fife & Drum Chapter-DAR, William Boardley, Allen & Elva Boissin, Jessica Britko, Luann Allridge Browning, Buffalo Homemakers, Joyce Butterfield, Judith Cain, Peggy Craig, Dept. PA LAGAR, Duerr Packaging, First Christian Church of Weirton, Jay Frey, Ft. Steuben Chapter-DAR, Ed Gustkey, Denise Helsel, Mark & Michelle Heron, Jeanne Hicks, Liddy Hoskin, James Irwin, Jacob Ferree Chapter-DAR, Robert & Marcia Kaminski, Stan & Cindi Karoleski, Linda Keller, Cheryl Kondik, Marie Kunselman, Rosalind Laur, Kim Lorenzato, Tracey Malick, Katie Mallicote, Pat Mallicote, Karen Manni, Claudia Martinette, Nancy Matijevich, Ester McElravy, Ruth Mecera, Memorial Park Post # 764 VFW, Virginia Mickitsch, Mid Mon Valley Shipmates, Denise Miller, Barbara Nicolella, Steve Novotney, Robert & Melissa Osterman, Anna Palmer, Parkinson Ferry Chapter-CAR, Gertrude Pavlik, Polaris Lodge # 375, Donovan Powell, Frances Scott, Starkweather LAGAR, Stephen Bayard Masonic Lodge # 526, Joanne Sullivan, Joe & Nancy Tencer, Jackie Timmerson, Tri-City Classics Car Club, Elvera Ursic, Veterans of the Vietnam War Ohio Post # 1, Washington Co. Chapter-DAR, Glenn White, Dave Weaver, Womans Club of Upper St Clair and Zion Lutheran Church. With the help of these generous sponsors and the ones listed in the last couple issues of our newsletter, our George Washington Chapter gathered sponsors for nearly ¼ of the wreaths that were placed. Thanks to anyone that helped in any way and we look forward to the 2017 campaign.



*** <http://www.georgewashingtonchapter.com> ***

How many U. S. Presidents were in the SAR?

Now that the Presidential election of 2016 is history, at the Chapter Christmas party/meeting the question arose as to how many United States Presidents were members of the Sons of the American Revolution? The quick answer is 16. Let us take a look at some SAR history.

Ulysses S. Grant died before the SAR was formed but was a member of the Society of Revolution Sires.

Rutherford B. Hayes was a descent of Ezekiel Hayes

Benjamin Harrison was a descent of Benjamin Harrison

William McKinley was a descent of David McKinley

Theodore & Franklin Roosevelt were descendants of Jacobus Roosevelt

William Taft was descended from Aaron Taft

Warren G. Harding was descent of Abraham McKinley

Calvin Coolidge was a descent of John Coolidge

Herbert Hoover was a descent of Jacobus Wayne

Harry S. Truman was a descent of Lt. James Holmes

Dwight D. Eisenhower was a descent of John P. Eisenhower

Lyndon Johnson was a descent of John Johnson

Gerald Ford was a descent of Ezra Chase

James Carter was a descent of Perry Scott

George Herbert Walker and George W. Bush were descendants of Samuel Herrick

Grover Cleveland, Richard Nixon, William Clinton and Barack Obama were all eligible but chose not to join.

John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan were not eligible.

Over the years many prominent Senators, Congressman, Governors, Military leaders and entertainers were also SAR compatriots. We are truly in the company of many great people!



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