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APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday, April 13, 2019 @ 12:00 PM

Century Inn

2175 East National Road
Scenery Hill, PA. 15360
Phone: (724) 945-6600

DAR/SAR Members and guests welcome

Directions: From I-70 East of Washington take Exit 25 (Old exit 9) to Route 519 South. Follow 519 until intersection with flashing red stop light (Rt-40). Turn left Route 40 (National Road) goes into Scenery Hill. Century Inn is on the left.

Menu: Your choice – Turkey Club w/roasted potatoes and fresh fruit. **OR** Grilled Chicken Salad w/ House Vinaigrette, Tomato, Cucumber, Red Onion, Baguette. **BOTH** come with Dessert Coffee or Tea. **Please specify your choice.**

***** \$21.00 per person *****

Reservations MUST arrive before

Saturday, April 6, 2019 After that date NO reservations will be accepted.

Please Mail Reservations To:

Larry L. Ridgway, Treasurer
Box 355 - 113 Railroad Street
Stockdale, PA 15483-0355
Phone: (724) 938-2197

Program: Debra Davis will present a program on the history of the Century Inn.

NOTE: Reservations MUST arrive before Saturday, April 6, 2019. Compatriots have been calling in reservations and saying that they will pay at the door then do not show up. The chapter has to pay for however many reservations it calls in and we have to absorb the cost out of our Treasury. Please pay in advance. Also, any beverage other than Coffee, Tea or water will be paid by the individual not the chapter.



At the February meeting Compatriot Ed Schreiber presented a first person account of Patrick Gass who served on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Minutes ~ Saturday, March 23, 2019

Call to Order: President Kurt J. Winter, Esq. called the meeting to order at the Citizen Library in Washington at 10:15 AM. After welcoming all, President Winter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

Attendance: Twenty four (15) people, guests (5) **Compatriots (10)** Dave Budinger; Rachel & Hon. Thomas D. Gladden; Kenneth E. Gorton; Michael D. C. Merryman; Ronald E. Miller Larry L. Ridgway; Edward W. Schreiber; John C. Schreiber; Ralph Busha; Trudi Busha-Smith; A. J. Swerbensky; Gary W. Timmons; Kurt J. Winter, Esq.; Daniel Zajdel.

Program: Long time Bradford House volunteer and Board Member Rachel Gladden introduced Dave Budinger who gave an interesting talk on the life of David Bradford and his home in Washington. Bradford was a lawyer and prominent citizen in the city and was active in the Whiskey Rebellion.



Dave Budinger presented program on David Bradford

Presidents Report: President Winter asked for and received a motion and second to approve the February 16, 2019 chapter meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Secretary Report: Chapter Secretary Gary Timmons reported that he received a check from PASSAR for their 2019 Chapter dues in the amount of \$832.72. This amount includes 79 paid regular members (no junior members) \$68.00 in donations, minus \$183.28 (or \$2.32/member) for insurance.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ridgway reported the Chapter balance contact Treasurer for report.

Committee Reports:

Genealogy: VP & Registrar Michael Merryman reported that currently there are 2 applications at National and he is working on 6 other applications.

Merryman also asked Compatriots to submit any Patriot Bios to him for inclusion in the ongoing Patriot Bios program at National

Old Business: Compatriot Ridgway brought up that he had been in contact with several local high schools to make them aware of the oration contest that the SAR sponsors. But no interest was shown.

New Business:

Compatriot Timmons inquired how many people were able to sign checks for the Chapter checking account. Both Larry Ridgway and Edward Schreiber are authorized signers.

Trudi Busha-Smith brought up the possibility of several joint DAR/SAR fund raising opportunities. A question on the caterer for the June & August chapter meetings was raised. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded and approved that Alterio's Catering would do both.

Good of the Order: Two upcoming events were mentioned. W & J College is hosting a night with Alexander Hamilton at 6:30 PM on Friday March 29, 2019. Also on Sunday April 3, 2019 at 3 PM there will be a presentation on children's clothing from infancy thru young adult.

Adjournment: President Winter led all in the SAR recessional and gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Did You Know?

In the old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old!

President's Corner



Compatriots!

I believe that now more than ever, in this time of extreme political division and special interest group demands, do we as American citizens need to take the time to pause and focus on the constitutional principles of freedom and liberty promoted by our founding fathers in establishing our great country. The SAR is an effective platform to facilitate education and service towards the preservation of these ideals and goals.

Quoting from George Washington's Farewell Address from September 19, 1796:

The unity of government which constitutes you, one people a main pillar in the edifice of your real independence, the support of your tranquility at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize. But ... it is easy to foresee that, from different causes and from different quarters, much pains will be taken, many artifices employed to weaken in your minds the conviction of this truth; This is the point in your political fortress against which the batteries of internal and external enemies will be most constantly and actively (though often covertly and insidiously) directed.

Your humble and obedient servant,
Kurt Winter



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