



Agenda

William Hightower #35 TXSSAR

10 Mar 2016

President: Stuart G. Hoyt

Treasurer: Terry Hardeman

Vice President: Steven R. Polk, LG

Registrar: Patrick D. Hollis, Dr.

Secretary: Open

Chaplain: Jerry M. Bullock

Parliamentarian: Clifford L. Caskey

Thursday, 10 Mar 2016, regular meeting at the Granzin's Bar-B-Q, 660 West San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Whereas most of the American colonies were huddling with their backs to the cold north wind and looking forward to the first signs of spring, the folks in Boston were generating their own form of heat by harassing the British soldiers who had been sent from England to control the unrest that was brewing in that area of the colonies. Trouble had been astir since the British Parliament had taken it upon themselves to require the colonies to pay for the cost of quelling the French incursion during the French and Indian war of 1750 to 1757. It didn't help that Britain had its own war with the French called the Seven Year War. They were quite in debt and were looking for any help that would alleviate the stress on their economy. The backlash from the Stamp Act caused Parliament to rethink that proposal but not the desire to make the colonies pay through some other form of taxes. Some of the colonies were more vocal than others but the folks in Boston kindled by a man named Samuel Adams and a little Rum, decided to take it out on a poor British guard and the Custom House on a cold evening on March 5, 1770. He was able to turn the other cheek to the spitting and name-calling but the icy snowballs were a little too much. He called for assistance and soon Captain Thomas Preston had eight soldiers there to back up the weary snow covered guard. No amount of encouragement by the Captain was able to overcome the crowd tainted by anger and spirits. Even though those eight soldiers heard the command to hold fire, the constant enticing, and snowballs, caused one of them to squeeze the trigger and others soon followed. There were five men on the ground before Captain Preston could get his soldiers under control. Today, we know the incident as the "Bloody Massacre on King St". Ironically, Samuel's cousin John Adams would be called on to defend those soldiers in a trial that next October. Two would receive branding on the cheek as a convict rather than hanging. The battle was on.

Social Hour: 6 to 7PM

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Business meeting: 7 to 8

- I. Call to order: President Hoyt
- II. Invocation: Chaplain: Jerry Bullock
- III. Pledges to the Flags
 - a. U.S. Flag
 - b. Texas Flag
 - c. S.A.R. Flag
- IV. Introductions:
 - a. Special Guests
 - b. Chapter members
- V. SAR Awards Presentation:
 - a. Veterans/War awards
 - b. New member induction
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of Feb 2016 minutes.
 - b. Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Mar
 - c. Historian: history update and newsletter.
 - d. Registrar's Report
 - e. Committees: Essay, Oratory, ROTC, Color Guard, Events and Flag.
- VII. Nominations Committee report:
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. President's Comments
 - b. First qtr. By-Law requirements
 - i. Audit Committee Results and Approval
 - ii. Approval of the budget for the 2016/17 session
 - iii. Approval of the goals for the 2016/17 session
 - iv. Recognition of the Officers for 2016/17.
 - v. Recognition of prior achievements by Awards
 - vi. President's Notes
- IX. Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Bullock
- X. Recessional
- XI. Adjournment: next meeting is 14 Apr 2016 at Granzin's.