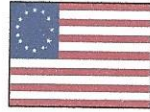


Sons of the American Revolution



Captain Barron's Bugle

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The Washington Monument

Atop the Washington Monument, are displayed Two Words.

One detail that is seldom mentioned is that in Washington, D.C. there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument.

With all the uproar about removing the Ten Commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., are displayed two words:

Laus Deo

No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know *Laus Deo's* history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America. *Laus Deo!* Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words.

Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world. So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean?

Very simply, they say *Praise be to God!*

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took forty years to finally open the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation,

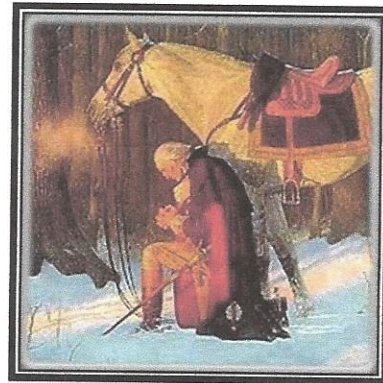
Laus Deo, "Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments.

From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north, The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was NOT, is NOT, in the Constitution. So, read on.

How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice. When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy 'One Nation, Under God.'



Have you ever read George Washington's prayer for America? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

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Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings @ 6:30

4th Tuesday - at Traditions Restaurant,
6205 S. Broadway, Tyler

January 22,

March 26. May 28, July 23

Arrive as early as 5:45 if you wish to socialize
and/or eat dinner. Meeting begins at 6:30; ends before 8:00.

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Barron Chapter Meeting

Mike Johnson, Secretary

The November meeting was a great success. Texas Society President General Tom Jackson was our featured speaker. The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was also awarded to David Swain. Officer Swain had recently retired from the Tyler Police Department after 43 years of service. Two new members were also inducted. The new members are Greg Blankannagel and Jerry Wayne Gibson. Attendance was outstanding. The January meeting will be held on January 22, 2019 at Traditions at 6:00 PM. President Fechenbach is still dealing with health issues and will not attend. In his absence, past Chapter President Dave McLeod and Chapter Secretary-Registrar Mike Johnson will co-chair the meeting. Instead of a speaker, we will hold the annual Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Following the contest, we will, as approved in the updated constitution and by-laws in September, hold our annual officers' elections. The nominating committee has recommended Mike Johnson for Chapter President, Dennis Brand for Chapter Vice-President, Allen Brown for Chapter Secretary, and Marvin Massey, who will seek re-election, as Chapter Treasurer. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Memorial and Supplementals

Mike Johnson, Secretary

The latest issue of The SAR Magazine has an article on page 14 concerning Memorial Membership applications. National has dropped their fee to \$115. There is also a State Fee and a Chapter fee. Please read the article and contact Mike Johnson, Chapter Registrar, at srt28@yahoo.com if you are interested. Mike will prepare the application for your signature.

Also Mike would like to encourage all members to consider doing a Supplemental Application for other patriots in your family. He has

contacted some members already and advised them that he can easily process their applications. He will gladly assist any member in proving and processing an application. We currently have 12 members who have done a total of 57 Supplementals. One Compatriot, who has been a member for 25 years, has done 23 Supplementals, including one for Captain William Barron. Please consider joining this group of men and submit a Supplemental on your patriot ancestor.

Capt. Barron Chapter Continues To Promote Patriotism through Contests

Dave McLeod, Past President

The Capt. William Barron Chapter is proud to host two patriotic contests for East Texas high school students:

- 1) The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, and the
- 2) Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

One of the big reasons that the SAR exists is to promote patriotism in our country. By combining our scholarship expenditures with patriotic contests, the SAR achieves its goal of promoting patriotism while at the same time helping proactive students attend college. It's a win/win.

On a national level, both contests combined will pay out more than \$28,000.

The Capt. Barron Essay Contest winner will be decided during the month of January by a 3-member judging committee, and the Capt. Barron Chapter Oration Contest winner will be decided at our 1/22/19 General Members Meeting. Both chapter champions will move on to Regional and/or State SAR competitions to earn additional scholarship money.

Thank you for supporting our chapter and the patriotic endeavors, especially involving Tyler-area youth, that we conduct.



Roger Sherman

4/19/1721 – 7/23/1793

The only one of the Founding Fathers to have signed all four of the most significant documents in our nation's early history: the Continental Association from the first Continental Congress, the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution.

Roger Sherman began life as a surveyor and a cordwainer (someone who makes shoes and other items from leather) before establishing himself as a political icon of the American Revolution. He spent the last 30 years of his life devoted to public service, often simultaneously holding multiple high-profile political and judicial positions. Known for his sensibility and control over his emotions, Sherman was, in Thomas Jefferson's words, **"a man who never said a foolish thing in his life."**

He was born in Newton, Massachusetts to William and Mehetabel Sherman. William was a farmer, as well as a cordwainer, and helped teach Roger his early trade. A natural ability with numbers helped Roger teach himself surveying. When Roger was 19, William died and Roger assumed responsibility for his father's estate. He moved in 1743 to New Milford. Sherman's self-discipline with his surveyor training paid off two years later, when the Connecticut General Assembly appointed him the surveyor of New Haven County and, later, Litchfield County, a post he held until resigning in 1758. It was also at this time that he married his wife, Elizabeth Hartwell. Roger and Elizabeth wed on November 17, 1749, and had seven children. His three oldest sons would serve as officers in the Continental army. During these years in New Milford Roger began to actively participate in town affairs. He soon expanded his interests into retail, opening a store that sold household items. He also began publishing almanacs, which included entries on astronomy, religious festivals, weather, and his views on the values of colonial currencies. These pursuits did not keep his attention for long, however. Roger began spending more time surveying and also took up the study of the law. Sherman passed the bar in 1754 and the following year became justice of the peace for Litchfield County, an appointment that coincided with his election to Connecticut's General Assembly. Shortly after the death of his wife in 1760, he resigned his political post and moved his children to New Haven, giving up practicing law, as well as surveying, and once again settled into life as a merchant, opening a store of books and general merchandise located across from Yale College. In 1764 he was again elected to the General Assembly and in 1765 appointed justice of the peace for New Haven County. Shortly after, he took on the additional responsibility

of being the treasurer of Yale College, a post which he held until 1776.

The tide of sentiment that was rising in the colonies at this time did not fail to capture Sherman's interest. The increasingly restrictive policies of the British parliament resulted in the passing of numerous acts aimed at garnering revenue from the American colonies. Parliament passed these acts without colonial consent. The announcement of the 1773 Tea Act motivated Sherman to declare his belief **"that no laws bind the people but such as they consent to be Governed by."** His reputation of service to the colony, along with his strong patriot sentiment, got him elected as a delegate to the first Continental Congress.

Sherman excelled in his new work at the national level. Throughout the Revolutionary Era, he was known as a steadfast worker and an informed, attentive legislator. He is reported to have risen every morning at 5:00 a.m., begun work at 7:00 a.m., and continued working until around 10:00 p.m. Sherman was placed on the committees that drew up the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation (the new nation's first constitution). He involved himself in issues of supply purchasing, Native American affairs, and the administration of the post office. In addition, he served on the Board of War in 1776 and on the Board of Treasury. Sherman proved a capable and efficient legislator, despite what some perceived as a lack of polish in his oratory skills. His good friend John Adams described him as "one of the most sensible men in the world," possessing the "clearest head and steadiest heart," but poked fun at his manner of public speaking. "Sherman's air," Adams quipped, "is the reverse of grace; there cannot be a more striking contrast to beautiful action than the motion of his hands...it is stiffness and awkwardness itself, rigid as starched linen."

In 1784, Sherman returned from Congress and was elected the first mayor of the newly incorporated city of New Haven. Three years later, while still mayor of New Haven and a judge of the Superior Court in Connecticut, he was sent to represent Connecticut at the Philadelphia Convention. At the convention, Sherman was integral in shaping the country's new constitution. In addition to being a vocal supporter of Alexander Hamilton's proposal for federal assumption of states' debts, he is credited with fathering the Connecticut Compromise, which ultimately led to the formation of a bicameral legislature (with the size of representation in the House being based on a state's population, but the size of each state's representation in the Senate being equal).

Fisher Ames, a leader in the House of Representatives, once remarked that if he [Ames] was ever absent from a debate, when it came time to vote on the issue, he "always felt safe in voting as Mr. Sherman did; for he always voted right."

By Gregg Mangan Connecticuthistory.org

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George Washington's Prayer

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love MERCY, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Laus Deo!

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Report on President Sam Fechenbach

Sam is recovering in Park Place Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. His overall health is improving and they have him up and walking. No estimate on when he might return home. We look forward to the safe and healthy return of President Fechenbach.

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In Memoriam

It is with much sadness we inform you of the passing of Capt. William Barron Chapter former member Tom Copeland. He was living in Keller and was a member of the Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR. As a member of our Chapter, he was active in the Color Guard and the Chapter School Program. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Tom's family.

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The SAR Longview Chapter has sent along the message that Past Chapter President Mack Bonds, and Liz Hedges, wife of Chapter President Carl Hedges, have passed. Our prayers and thoughts go out to their families.

Facts

DID YOU KNOW? As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view...it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW? As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

DID YOU KNOW? As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW? There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW? James Madison, the fourth president, known as 'The Father of Our Constitution' made the following statement: 'We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.'

DID YOU KNOW? Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

DID YOU KNOW? Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW? Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law - an oligarchy (the rule of few over many).

How then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

Let's remember what this great country was built on. It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore, it is very hard to understand why there is such a mess about having the Ten Commandments on display or 'In God We Trust' on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Why don't we just tell the other 14%
to Sit Down and SHUT UP!!!

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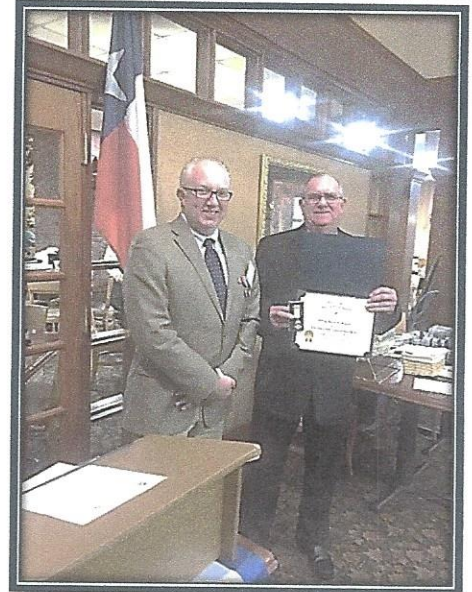
Initiation of New Members at November 27, 2018 Meeting



Texas SAR President Thomas Jackson, Compatriot Jerry Gibson, Compatriot Greg Blankennagel, and Capt. William Barron Chapter Registrar Mike Johnson.



President Tom Jackson at the 11/27/18 Capt. William Barron Chapter General Members Meeting.



Capt. Barron Chapter Immediate Past President Dave McLeod and Tyler Police Officer David Swain (Retired) at the 11/27/18 Capt. Barron Chapter General Members Meeting. Officer Swain was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his 43 years of service to the people of Tyler, TX.



Capt. William Barron Registrar Mike Johnson and Texas SAR President Thomas Jackson at the 11/27/18 Capt. William Barron Chapter General Members Meeting.

The graduate with a Science degree asks,

“Why does it work?”

The graduate with an Engineering degree asks,

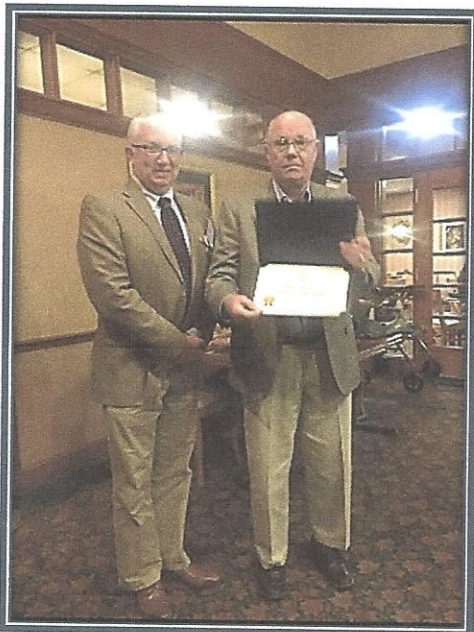
“How does it work?”

The graduate with an Accounting degree asks,

“How much will it cost?”

The graduate with a Liberal Arts degree asks,

“Do you want fries with that?”



Capt. Barron Chapter Immediate Past President Dave McLeod and Rifle Raffle Chairman Mike Everheart at the Capt. William Barron Chapter General Members Meeting on 11/27/18.



Capt. Barron Chapter Immediate Past President Dave McLeod and Texas SAR District 10 VP Bill Sekel at the 11/27/18 Capt. Barron Chapter General Members Meeting. Dave was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Liberty Medal.

**Minutes – November 27, 2018
Capt. William Barron Chapter #25,
S.A.R.**

The Chapter met at Traditions Restaurant on South Broadway in Tyler and was called to order by Secretary-Registrar Mike Johnson at 6:30 PM. Chapter President Sam Fechenbach was unable to attend due to medical issues. In his absence, the meeting was co-chaired by Mike Johnson and immediate Past President Dave McLeod. Chapter Chaplin Don Majors gave the invocation. Dennis Brand led the Pledges to the flags. Mike Johnson led the assembly in the Salute to the SAR. A motion was made by Sam Kidd and seconded by Allen Brown to approve the minutes for the July 2018 and September 2018 meetings. The motion was passed by voice vote. Mike Johnson introduced the guests. They were retired Tyler police officer David Swain, SAR District 10 VP Bill Sekel, and Texas SAR State President Tom Jackson. Mike Everheart held the annual rifle raffle drawing. This year's winner was Compatriot Jeff Austin. Dave McLeod presented Mike Everheart with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service as the Chair of the Rifle Raffle. Dave McLeod presented David Swain with the SAR Law Enforcement Award recognizing his recent retirement after 43 years of service to the Tyler community. Dave then introduced SAR District 10 VP Bill Sekel. Bill presented Dave with the SAR Liberty Award for being the first line sponsor of 10 applications. The Liberty Award is a National Award and was presented to the Texas Society at the SAR Annual Congress in July 2018. Bill had an award for Compatriot Dan Leedy for his volunteer work at the SAR Annual Congress. Dan was not present at the meeting and his award will be forwarded to him. Dave McLeod then introduced Texas SAR State President Tom Jackson to the group. President Jackson inducted our two newest members – Greg Blankennagel and Jerry Gibson. Following the inductions, President Jackson gave a presentation in which he discussed the past SAR Annual Congress, which was held in Houston, and the teaching of the American Revolution in Texas

public schools. Following his presentation, Mike Johnson presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for visiting our Chapter. Mike Johnson told the group that the January meeting would consist of the annual election of officers and the high school oration contest. He also reminded everyone that their SAR dues must be paid by December 31, 2018. Mike Johnson led the group in the SAR Recessional. Chaplain Don Majors gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Johnson, Secretary-Registrar

Barron Bank Balance – December 2018 \$9,158.54

Barron Membership – 113



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SAR Websites

National SAR www.sar.org

State SAR www.txssar.org

Captain Barron Chapter

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~txwbc/sar/>

SAR National Congress – 2019

The registration for 2019 SAR Congress is now open.
The hotel is the Hilton Costa Mesa.

<http://group.hilton.com/nssar2019>

Group Name: NSSAR 2019

Arrival Date: 03-Jul-2019 Departure Date: 12-Jul-2019

Or call Matthew Fisher 714-513-3448.

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