

Sons of the American Revolution



Captain Barron's Bugle

Newsletter of Captain William Barron Chapter No. 25, Tyler, Texas
Davidson, Editor

The President's Message

Greetings to all Compatriots,

On behalf of myself, Dennis Brand, Marvin Massey, and Allen Brown, we want to thank you for your vote in our January election. We have some great ideas for the future of the Chapter that we will be immediately pursuing. I have restructured the Color Guard and we are in the process of obtaining firm commitments from our speakers, and working on our awards programs, including the Youth Contests and the remaining Public Safety Awards.

To expediate these goals, I have made the following appointments:

Dennis Brand	Color Guard Commander/JROTC
Dave McLeod	Youth Awards Chairman, who will be requesting assistance from the Chapter as needed
Marvin Massey, Dave McLeod, Michael Johnson,	Finance Committee
Larry Oliver	Chapter Webmaster
Jim Wimberly	Chapter Greeter/Name Tag Manager
Don Majors	Chapter Chaplain
Sam Hopkins	Chapter Assistant Chaplain
Michael Johnson	Chapter Registrar
Lois Davidson	Editor/publisher of The Bugle
Shelley Rardin	Chapter Genealogist
Rob Jones	Eagle Scout Award Chairman

At the February meeting of the Board of Managers, the \$5.00 fee collected at each meeting was discussed. A unanimous vote of the BOM eliminated that fee, effective immediately. Please continue to get your ID badge and sign the register but you will no longer be expected to pay the fee. It is important to sign the register because the annual report has a section on attendance and I'd like to be able to give an accurate accounting of our attendance.

If any former member of the Color Guard would be interested in donating or selling their uniform, please contact Dennis Brand.

I will be working with Rob Jones to recognize young men of the area who attain the rank of Eagle Scout. There is an SAR recognition certificate that we will present at the Eagle

Scout induction ceremony. We will make our first presentation on March 2, 2019 to Spencer Ray Webb.

The activities of the Chapter are only limited by the spirit of volunteerism among our members. As the year proceeds, Dave will need help with the Youth Awards. Everything from mailing out brochures to the schools, to judging the contests. We would like someone to take on the task of Communications Chairman and be responsible for communicating our activities to the news media. The local Daughters of the Republic of Texas President, Kathy Snow, tells me that the new editor of the Tyler Morning News has been very cooperative with the DRT and getting its message out, including sending a reporter and photographer to document their activities. There is also a need for a Veterans Chairman to deal with local veterans' groups, veterans' homes, and recognizing veterans among our membership. Again, we are only limited by our spirit of volunteerism.

As you know, Lois Davidson and Shelley Rardin, serve as "Friends of the Chapter." There are opportunities for other "friends" who might want to volunteer including some of the areas already mentioned. If you or a "friend" would like to volunteer to help the Chapter meet its goals, please contact any officer or person listed above. Thank you for your continued support of The Sons of the American Revolution and the Captain William Barron Chapter.

Once again, thank you for your confidence, your support, your vote, and your continued interest in the Captain William Barron Chapter. The officers and appointees of the Captain William Barron Chapter look forward to a great 2019.

Michael Johnson
President-Registrar
Captain William Barron Chapter SAR

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings @ 6:30

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

March 26

May 28, July 23, September 24

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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New Chapter Members

We welcome three new compatriots to the Barron Chapter—admitted to membership as shown.



Evrett King Cole 2/15/19
Cletus Millsap 2/15/19
Russell Walker 2/15/19

We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it - and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove-lid.

She will never sit down on a hot stove-lid again, and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one anymore. -

Mark Twain

Barron Chapter Meeting

Dennis Brand, Vice President

Our speaker for Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 pm, will be Joseph Martinez. He will present a program on the Windtalkers, who were from the Comanche tribe, and their importance during WW II in Europe. His grandfather was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, which Mr. Martinez will bring to our meeting. Joseph will be in traditional dress and will have many pieces of memorabilia.

Much of the Windtalkers' participation in the war has been classified, so very little information has been released about their role in helping to defeat Germany during WW II. The Windtalkers completely drove the Nazis crazy because they could not break the code.

I hope we have good attendance at our meeting to hear about this very important part of our history. I have received feedback from two people who have heard his presentation and they reported that it is excellent.

Hope to see you Tuesday night at Traditions.



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The Boston Massacre

The Boston Massacre, known to the British as the Incident on King Street, was a confrontation on March 5, 1770 in which British soldiers shot and killed several people while being harassed by a mob in Boston. The event was heavily publicized by leading Patriots such as Paul Revere and Samuel Adams. British troops had been stationed in the Province of Massachusetts Bay since 1768 in order to support crown-appointed officials and to enforce unpopular Parliamentary legislation.

Amid tense relations between the civilians and the soldiers, a mob formed around a British sentry and verbally abused him. He was eventually supported by eight additional soldiers, who were hit by clubs, stones, and snowballs. They fired into the crowd without orders, instantly killing three people and wounding others, two of whom later died of their wounds.

The Boston Massacre engraved by Paul Revere



The crowd eventually dispersed after Acting Governor Thomas Hutchinson promised an inquiry, but they reformed the next day, prompting withdrawal of the troops to Castle Island. Eight soldiers, one officer, and four civilians were arrested and charged with murder, and they were defended by future President John Adams. Six of the soldiers were acquitted; the other two were convicted of manslaughter and given reduced sentences. The men found guilty of manslaughter were sentenced to branding on their hand.

Depictions, reports, and propaganda about the event heightened tensions throughout the Thirteen Colonies.

Wikipedia

Charles Carroll

11/19/1737 – 11/14/1832



Known as Charles Carroll of Carrollton, or Charles Carroll III, to distinguish him from his similarly-named relatives. Carroll was the sole Catholic signer and last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. He possessed the highest formal education of all of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. A product of his 17-year Jesuit education in France, Carroll spoke five languages fluently.

Born in Annapolis, Maryland, the young Carroll was educated at a Jesuit preparatory school known as Bohemia Manor in Cecil County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. At the age of eleven, he was sent to France where he continued in Jesuit schools; first at the College of St. Omer, and later the Lycée Louis-le-Grand (Louis the Great College) in Paris, graduating in 1755. He continued his studies in Europe, and read for the law in London before returning to Annapolis in 1765.

Carroll inherited vast agricultural estates and was regarded as the wealthiest man in the American colonies when the American Revolution commenced in 1775. His personal fortune at this time was reputed to be 2,100,000 pounds sterling; the equivalent of \$465,000,000 in USD in 2018. Though barred from holding office in Maryland due to his religion, Carroll emerged as a leader of the state's movement for independence. He was a delegate to the Annapolis Convention and was selected as a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1776.

Carroll was not initially interested in politics and in any event Catholics had been barred from holding office in Maryland since the 1704 Act seeking "to prevent the growth of Popery in this Province". But, as the dispute between Great Britain and her colonies intensified in the early 1770s, Carroll became a powerful voice for independence. He was elected to the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. He arrived too late to vote in favor of the Declaration of Independence, but was present to sign the official document that survives today. After both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826, Carroll became the last living signatory of the Declaration of Independence. His signature reads

"Charles Carroll of Carrollton"...



to distinguish him from his father "Charles Carroll of Annapolis", and several other Charles Carrolls in Maryland. In the 1940s, newspaper journalist John Hix's syndicated comic *Strange as It Seems* published an interesting, but

apocryphal, explanation for Charles Carroll's distinctive signature on the Declaration of Independence. Every member of the Continental Congress who signed this document automatically became a criminal, guilty of sedition against King George III. Carroll, because of his wealth, had more to lose than most of his companions. Some of the signators, such as Caesar Rodney and Button Gwinnett, had unusual and distinctive names which would clearly identify them to the King; other signators, with more commonplace names, might hope to sign the Declaration without incriminating themselves. According to Hix, when it was Carroll's turn to sign the Declaration of Independence, he rose, went to John Hancock's desk where the document rested, signed his name "Charles Carroll" and returned to his seat. At this point another member of the Continental Congress, who was prejudiced against Carroll because of his Catholicism, commented that Carroll risked nothing in signing the document, as there must be many men named Charles Carroll in the colonies, and so the King would be unlikely to order Carroll's arrest without clear proof that he was the same Charles Carroll who had signed the Declaration. Carroll immediately returned to Hancock's desk, seized the pen again, and added "of Carrollton" to his name. In fact, Carroll had been appending "of Carrollton" to his signature for over a decade.

When the United States government was created, the Maryland legislature elected him to the first United States Senate. In 1792 Maryland passed a law that prohibited any man from serving in the state and national legislatures at the same time. Since he preferred to be in the Maryland Senate, he resigned from the U. S. Senate on November 30, 1792.

Carroll retired from public life in 1801, but came out of retirement to help create the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1827. In 1828 he commissioned the Phoenix Shot Tower and laid its corner stone, which was then the tallest building in the United States until the Washington Monument. His last public act, on July 4, 1828, was the laying of the "First Stone" (cornerstone) of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, laid by Carroll on July 4, 1828, now displayed at the B&O Railroad Museum.



In 1903, the state of Maryland added a bronze statue of Charles of Carrollton to the United States Capitol's National Statuary Hall Collection. It is located in the Crypt.

Excerpts from Wikipedia

Great Message! Don't Widen the Plate!

In Nashville, Tennessee, in January, 1996, more than 4,000 baseball coaches descended for the 52nd annual ABCA convention. While I waited in line to register with the hotel staff, I heard other more veteran coaches rumbling about the lineup of speakers scheduled to present during the weekend. One name, in particular, kept resurfacing, always with the same sentiment — "John Scolinos is here? Oh, man, worth every penny of my airfare." Who is John Scolinos, I wondered. No matter, I was just happy to be there.

In 1996, Coach Scolinos was 78 and five years retired from a college coaching career that began in 1948. He shuffled to the stage to an impressive standing ovation, wearing a string around his neck from which home plate hung — a full-sized, stark-white home plate. Seriously, I wondered, who is this guy?

After speaking for twenty-five minutes, not once mentioning the prop hanging around his neck, Coach Scolinos appeared to notice the snickering among some of the coaches. Even those who knew Coach Scolinos had to wonder exactly where he was going with this, or if he had simply forgotten about home plate since he'd gotten on stage. Then, finally ... "You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate around my neck.," he said, his voice growing irascible. I laughed along with the others, acknowledging the possibility. "I may be old, but I'm not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people what I've learned in my life, what I've learned about home plate in my 78 years. "Several hands went up when Scolinos asked how many Little League coaches were in the room. "Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?" After a pause, someone offered, "Seventeen inches?" "That's right," he said. "How about in Babe Ruth's day? Any Babe Ruth coaches in the house?" Another long pause. "Seventeen inches?" came a guess from another reluctant coach. "That's right," said Scolinos.

"Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?" Hundreds of hands shot up, as the pattern began to appear. "How wide is home plate in high school baseball?" "Seventeen inches," they said, sounding more confident. "You're right!" Scolinos barked. "And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?" "Seventeen inches!" we said, in unison. "Any Minor League coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?" "Seventeen inches!" "RIGHT! And in the Major Leagues, how wide home plate is in the Major Leagues?" "Seventeen inches!"

"SEV-EN-TEEN INCHES!" he confirmed, his voice bellowing off the walls. "And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can't throw the ball over seventeen inches?" Pause. "They send him to Pocatello!" he hollered, drawing raucous laughter. "What they don't do is this: they don't say, 'Ah, that's okay, Jimmy. You can't hit a seventeen-inch target? We'll make it eighteen inches, or nineteen inches. We'll make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can't hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches.'" Pause. "Coaches ..." Pause. "... what do we do when our best player shows up late to practice? When our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? What if he gets caught drinking? Do we

hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him. Do we widen home plate?

The chuckles gradually faded as four thousand coaches grew quiet, the fog lifting as the old coach's message began to unfold. He turned the plate toward himself and, using a Sharpie, began to draw something. When he turned it toward the crowd, point up, a house was revealed, complete with a freshly drawn door and two windows. "This is the problem in our homes today. With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids. With our discipline. We don't teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We widen the plate!"

Pause. Then, to the point at the top of the house he added a small American flag. "This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. We are allowing others to widen home plate! Where is that getting us?" Silence. He replaced the flag with a Cross. "And this is the problem in the Church, where powerful people in positions of authority have taken advantage of young children, only to have such an atrocity swept under the rug for years. Our church leaders are widening home plate for themselves! And we allow it."

"And the same is true with our government. Our so called representatives make rules for us that don't apply to themselves. They take bribes from lobbyists and foreign countries. They no longer serve us. And we allow them to widen home plate and we see our country falling into a dark abyss while we watch."

I was amazed. At a baseball convention where I expected to learn something about curveballs and bunting and how to run better practices, I had learned something far more valuable. "If I am lucky," Coach Scolinos concluded, "you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: if we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard; and if our schools and churches and our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to ..." With that, he held home plate in front of his chest, turned it around, and revealed its dark black backside. "... dark days ahead."

Coach Scolinos died in 2009 at the age of 91, but not before touching the lives of hundreds of players and coaches, including mine. He was so much more than a baseball coach.

His message was clear:

"Coaches, keep your players—no matter how good they are—your own children, your churches, your government, and most of all, keep yourself - at seventeen inches.



Author unknown-Seventeen

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**Capt. William Barron Meeting
January 22, 2019**



The newly-elected Capt. Barron Chapter Officers for 2019

Marvin Massey (Treasurer), Mike Johnson (President)
Dennis Brand (Vice-President), and Allen Brown (Secretary)



President Mike Johnson, Dave McLeod and Jim Wimberly.
Dave, Jim and Rick Featherston were members
of the 2018 Capt. Barron Chapter Nomination Committee.

AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
**May God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



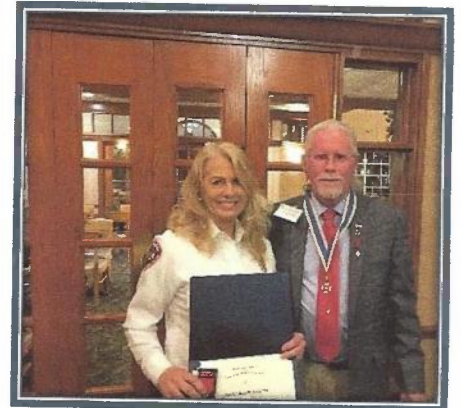
Oration
Contest
Medal



President Mike Johnson, Capt. Barron Chapter Oration
Champion Jose Romero (John Tyler H.S.),
and Oration Contest Chairman Dave McLeod



Fire Safety
Commendation
Medal



Smith County Fire Marshal Connie McCoy-Wasson
and Capt. Barron Chapter President Mike Johnson

**Fire Marshal McCoy-Wasson was awarded both
the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal and
the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.**



Law Enforcement
Commendation medal
presented 1/23/19



**Minutes – January 22, 2019
Capt. William Barron Chapter 25,
S.A.R.**

The Chapter meeting was held at Traditions Restaurant and was called to order at 6:30 PM by Michael Johnson, Chapter Secretary-Registrar. Due to health issues, President Fechenbach was unable to attend. Chapter Secretary Michael Johnson and Past-President David McLeod co-chaired the meeting. Dave McLeod gave the invocation, Dennis Brand led the pledges to the flags, and Michael Johnson led the meeting in the Salute to the SAR. Michael gave an update on the health of President Fechenbach. Michael then recognized the members and guests who were members of other heritage groups.

Sam Kidd made a motion to approve the Minutes for the November meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The guests were introduced. They were Jose Ramiro, our 2019 Oration Contest entry, April Caldwell from John Tyler High School, Jose's mother, new applicant Charles G. Morton and his wife Pamela, and Smith County Fire Marshal Connie McCoy-Wasson. Sam Kidd was acknowledged for submitting a Memorial Application and for having eight approved supplementals.

Dave McLeod, Chair of the Nominating Committee, conducted the Chapter election. Elected with no opposition were Michael Johnson as Chapter President, Dennis Brand as Chapter Vice-President, Allen Brown as Chapter Secretary, and Marvin Massey was re-elected as Chapter Treasurer. Dave inducted the new officers. Newly elected President Michael Johnson announced that he would deliver past President Fechenbach's Past President's Pin and Certificate on Wednesday January 23, 2019.

Dave introduced Jose Ramiro as our Oration entry. He recited his speech. Dave awarded him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$300.00. Jose will represent the region at the 2019 State Convention in April.

Dave presented Jim Wimberly and Rick Featherston (absent) with Certificates of Appreciation for serving on the Nominating Committee. Newly elected President Michael Johnson then presented Dave with a Certificate of Appreciation for Chairing the Nominating Committee and the Youth Awards.

Michael then presented Smith County Fire Marshal Connie McCoy-Wasson with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Award and the Fire Safety Commendation Award. Fire Marshal Wasson is both a certified Texas

Police Officer and a Texas Firefighter. Marshal Wasson then spoke to the meeting about her career and duties. Michael led the meeting in the SAR Recessional. Dave gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Michael Johnson
Secretary

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Barron Bank Balance – February 2019 \$9,713.42

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Barron Membership – 111

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**The Sons of
The American
Revolution**

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the War for Independence.

As an historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit corporation organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.

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SAR Websites

National SAR www.sar.org
State SAR www.txssar.org
Captain Barron Chapter
(Temporarily not in service)

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SAR State Congress – 2019

The registration for 2019 SAR State Congress is now open.

www.txssar.org/reg_apr19.htm

The hotel is the Omni Hotel Southpark, Austin, Texas.

**www.omnihotels.com/hotels/austin-
Southpark/ meetings/texas-sons-of-the-
american-revolution-group**

03-April-2019 - 7-Apr-2019
Room rate \$135 per night plus taxes.