



# THE MINUTEMAN



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## President's Message

by Dr. Gary N. Sisson

### Enough About Me

Fellow compatriots, I am honored that you have entrusted me with the Presidency of our Chapter. I applaud Mark Hansen's leadership as President and look forward to another year of growth and fellowship. Upon election as first Governor of the newly formed State of Virginia on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1776, Patrick Henry said, "I lament my want of talents". He pledged "unwearied endeavors to secure the freedom and happiness of our common country". I echo his sentiments and pledge my "unwearied endeavors" to leave our Chapter in better shape than I found it. But enough about me.

What about you? What role will you play in the next 12 months? Will you pay your annual dues? I'm preaching to the choir on this one, or you would not be receiving a newsletter. You may not be able to make every meeting, but drop by now and then. I guarantee you will enjoy the fellowship. Do you have a father, son, brother or other who qualifies for membership? Let Registrar Don Hay or any of the Officers know, and we will see to the details. If your relative claims financial hardship and you are able, offer to pay for his application and first year's dues. The same applies to reinstatements. But wait, there's more! We have a host of Contest and other Committees designed to disseminate our objects to school children and the general public. If you do not know our objects and have internet access, they are on the opening page of our National Society's web site at sar.org. Otherwise, call me or catch me at a meeting. We have a wonderful legacy to pass on and myriad tools with which to accomplish the task. The Dallas Chapter is loaded with good, talented men.

It's great to know that you are a descendant of an American Patriot. It's even fun to tell others that. But the SAR is about going even further — "I'm proud to be a Son of the American Revolution, but enough about me".

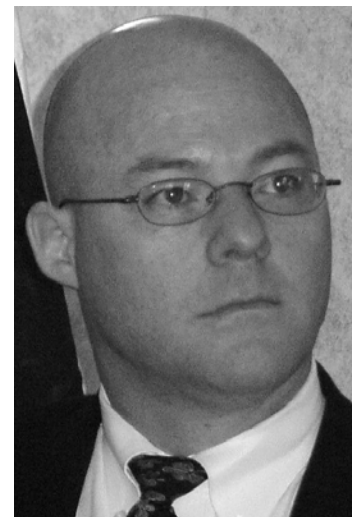
#### April Meeting

Compatriot Bill Bellomy and wife Martha will present "An Interview with George Washington's Bodyguard" at the April 14 meeting.

For future program suggestions, feel free to call 1<sup>st</sup> VP Cliff Slagle at 972-380-1500.

Dr. Gary N. Sisson contemplates the task ahead as he is being sworn in as our new Dallas Chapter President at the March 17 meeting.

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**THREE NEW DALLAS CHAPTER MEMBERS**



**Hugh McKnight**



**Chuck McKnight**



**Elvin Brown**

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*Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at Luby's Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, and meeting from 8:30 'til 9:40. Guests are welcome at our meetings.*

**MARCH CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



**L**eft: Incoming President **Dr. Gary "the Noggin" Sisson** presented a gavel/plaque to Outgoing President **Mark Hansen** who in turn presented the podium to Gary.

**B**elow Left: **Mark Hansen** gave the Americanism presentation, reading the U. S. Declaration of Independence.

**B**elow Right: **Bob Coursey** received supplemental memberships



**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Registrar's Report:**

Chapter membership now stands at 305.  
February meeting: 43 members, 14 guests.

**Don Hay**, Registrar

**Treasurer's Report:**

Regular Checking: \$ 864.96  
Endowment Funds: \$ 31,906.68

**Jack Carney**, Treasurer





Receiving “Perfect Attendance” Certificates at the March meeting were (left to right) Compatriots **Tracy Ponders**, 1 year; **Ralph McDowell**, 7 years; **Arthur Ingalls**, 1 year, and **Harold Harless**, 3 years.

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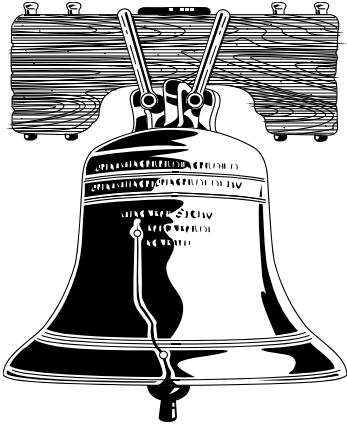


**C**lockwise from Left, the following chapter officers were sworn in for 2001-2002: **Hank Voegtle** (Historian), **Tracy Ponders** (Treasurer), **Jack Carney** (2nd VP), **Don Hay** (Registrar), **Nick Gilliam** (Secretary), and **Frank Ponders** (Chaplain). In the picture at right, Chaplain Frank Ponders is conducting the memorial service for newly departed compatriots in the past year. First VP Cliff Slagle was sworn in at the February meeting because he was out of town during the March meeting.



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**New Officers Sworn In**

**“INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON’S BODYGUARD,” APRIL 14.**



Date	Time	Event	Place
Apr. 14	8:00 a.m.	Dallas SAR Meeting. Com-patriot Bill and (wife) Mar-tha Bellomy (E.F.O.T. Chapter) will present a skit.	Luby’s Cafeteria 6221 E. Mockingbird, between Skillman and Abrams
May 8	11:30 a.m.	DAR Col. George Mason Chapter Luncheon & In-stallation of Officers (\$20)	Holiday Inn Select LBJ & Jupiter. Call 972-412-5569 for res-ervation by 4/18
May 12	8:00 a.m.	Dallas SAR Meeting. Texas Society SAR President Na-than White will speak	Luby’s Cafeteria 6221 E. Mockingbird, Dallas
May 12	9-3	DAR Workshop. \$20 in-cludes lunch	DAR House, Fair Park

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 ★NOTE: If you have ideas, ★  
 ★news or submissions for ★  
 ★THE MINUTEMAN, you ★  
 ★should contact Dr. Gary ★  
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