**SAR meeting Minutes**

**East Fork Trinity**

**Chapter No. 47**

**Regular Meeting 7-8-21**

**Soulman’s BBQ**

**7:00 PM**

**Call to Order** – Stuart O’Conner 6:59

**Invocation** – Jason Gray

**Pledge to the American Flag** – Will Perry

**Pledge to the Texas Flag** – Leslie Anderson

**SAR Affirmation** – Randall van Heyst

**Greet Members and Guests** – Stuart O’Conner

**Program**: Chad Baruch, Appellate Attorney  
State Bar chair, lawyer of the year 2020, Marbury vs Madison expert,   
The constitution and ratification.  
There was a time between the convention to ratification of the constitution.   
  
We were like the EU is today. There were real issues with the articles. Had to have all 13 states in unison to amend the articles. No tax powers and had to ask for money from the states.   
  
Economic problems. Wealthiest citizens expected to be paid. Trade war between the states.   
  
Shaes rebellion is what flips the switch. They really never posed a threat to anybody. Nothing scares rich people more than poor people with guns. Madison and Hamilton realize that the articles were really not going to work.  
  
Jemmy (correct spelling @ the time was Jemmy) Maddison has terrible distrust of the state legislatures. The US would have split up into 3 countries. 5 of 13 states sent people to the Annapolis convention. G. Washington sees the viability of the country. Washington has to call the convention to get people to show up. Madison works on Washington and eventually wears him down.   
  
The Virginia plan. Seperation of powers…. Democracy only works in small countries but Madison argues that the larger federalist 51 the country the better because it balances out.   
  
Conflicts. North south lg vs small, slavery, a system has to be devised to solve all these problems and then go convince people to vote on it. No Thomas Jefferson was a plus. Proceed in secrecy. New Jersey plan small states vs Virginia plan big state. National gov should have power to veto any law from any state.   
  
Philadelphia hot and stinks. 3/5ths compromise, supremacy clause, state senates vote for the senators.   
  
How do we figure out original intent?? Madison thinks we lost it all.   
  
Slavery and Sovereignty are the 2 issues that were left out. We are still talking about these issues today.   
  
Arguments against the constitution.   
30 to 27 New York 17 minutes  
  
Ratification 18:28. Get to ratification. Only 9 states were required to pass it. It becomes a referendum on the Articles. There was a push for a third possibility. But Madison and Hamilton would not allow it. 80 to 20 margin of the great thinkers were on the side of the constitution. Had to own property to vote so it was on side of the constitution. Madison realizes Patrick Henry is leading the charge to not ratify the constitution. Patrick Henry doesn’t want GW to be first President. Compromise to add the bill of rights so the ultimate factor to get the constitution across the finish line.  
  
Madison says when you list rights they assume that only those are guaranteed. Bill of rights   
  
Reading list:  
“Plain Honest Men” Dry but detailed  
“Revolutionary Characters.” Gordon Wood good read  
Ron Chernau “Alexander Hamilton” good read  
  
Secession. Would be impractical. We should be able to resolve issues. Civil war was result of the one issue not being able to be solved on the floor of the senate.   
  
Hamilton question…we live in Hamilton’s America socially.  
  
Compromise question… politics back then was much more bitter. They were motivated by survival. Present day division is all about districting. They are either red or blue one once you win the primary you are in. After being elected you tend to move further left or right. So any members of Congress owe their allegiance to one party or the other and.  
  
Was Madison an independent? He would be dismayed at what current political parties have become. He was a realist. He made deals to get things done.  
  
Disenchantment? The founders were just like us. Ask 20 and get 20 different answers. They would have been blown away by the size and scope of the federal government. They would have been thrilled on how the Supreme Court has worked out.

A Chapter Hat was given as a Symbol of our appreciation for the program.

**Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

1st Kevin Clark

2nd Bob Vickers

**New Business**

**Treasurer Report** - Will Perry

Report runs last day of the month to the next to last day of the following month.

**Color Guard Report** - Bob Kubin

See report.

**Registrar’s Report** - David Powell

3 applications approved  
1 ready for induction   
7 waiting to be reviewed at national  
4 supplemental at national

**Birthdays** - Dennis

**Door Prize Drawing**

**SAR Closing** – Stuart O’Conner

**Benediction** - Jason Gray

**Declaration of Adjournment** – 7:75 PM