

.Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter No. 47 Texas Society

Chapter Mailing Address:

**East Fork Trinity SAR
3330 N. Galloway Ave., Suite 304-37
Mesquite, TX 75150**

Meeting Minutes for: July 9, 2026

Meeting Location: Soulman's Bar-B-Que, 691 I-30 Rockwall, Texas

Attendees: (See signup sheet)

Meeting Called to Order by President Jason Gray at: 7:00 p.m.

Invocation – Walt Thomas

Pledge to the American Flag – David Routh

Pledge to the Texas Flag – David Routh

Affirmation to the SAR – David Routh

SAR Mission Statement – David Routh

Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Jason Gray

Program – The program for this month was “The Scotch Irish and the War for American Independence” by W. Michael Hurley. Mr. Hurley gave us a very interesting presentation about Scotch Irish immigration to America before the Revolutionary War and the extensive participation of the Scotch Irish in the War. A certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr. Hurley. Also, a collection was taken to help with his expenses since he traveled from Tyler, Texas to attend our meeting.

Americanism Moment – Randall van Heyst, at the request of Bob Kubin, presented a recording of “God Bless America” sung by Kate Smith and recorded in 1943.

President's Moment- It was announced that the current President of EFT chapter, Bob Kubin, has resigned his position due to health issues for himself and his wife, Darlene. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate through these difficult times. Jason Gray, the current Vice-President, will assume the office of President until December when a new election of officers will take place. PLEASE SEND NOMINATIONS TO JASON GRAY FOR HIS REPLACEMENT AS VICE-PRESIDENT THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR.

Approval of the Minutes from the June 11, 2026 meeting and emailed by the Secretary on June 13, 2026.

Motion to accept made by David Jackson

Seconded by Bob Vickers

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report by Gary Lovell: Beginning checking account balance for June was \$5,636.62. There were no deposits this month. Withdrawals included \$22.67 for Speaker's meal and \$166.50 for four Abigail Adams Medal Sets, leaving the ending balance of \$5,447.45. Our CD account had a beginning balance of \$6,646.46 with interest paid of \$14.68 for ending balance of \$6,661.14. July 9, 2026 Grand Total is \$12,108.59.

EFT Color Guard Report was presented by Randall van Heyst. A brief report was given regarding SAR participation in the June 20th Audie Murphy Day Parade in Farmersville, TX.

Registrar's Report-Jeff Witt. Jeff reported that the total active members for EFT chapter stands at 132 although our attendance at the monthly meeting is far less. It was noted that many individuals are primarily interested in receiving their membership certificate and not interested in other activities of the chapter. However, we were encouraged to be welcoming and friendly towards all members in order to increase participation from as many members as possible.

A discussion was held regarding the waiving of the chapter membership fee of \$25.00 during the month of July in coordination with National reducing membership fees in honor of the 250 Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The options discussed were to not extend the \$25.00 fee waiver after July, extend it to the end of the year or permanently eliminate the fee. The reason for eliminating the fee would be to make it easier for prospective members to join SAR and increase our membership. It was decided to continue discussions at the next meeting and possibly vote on a change at that time.

District VP Moment – Tom van Fossen. Tom informed us of the South Central District Meeting to be held on July 20-21, 2026. The meeting will be held in Richardson. Representatives will be in attendance from the member states (Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas) along with several national officers. There will also be a trip to the Medal of Honor Museum on Friday Morning. For more information about this meeting see the following website: <https://www.texassar.org/SCD/>

There is also a Board of Managers meeting on Saturday, August 1, 2026. This is a zoom meeting and there is a \$5.00 charge to attend.

Birthday Recognition for the month of July – Connie Jackson and Della Vickers have July birthdays.

Door Prize Drawing – Mindy Lovell

Closing Remarks – Jason Gray

SAR Closing – David Routh

Benediction – Walt Thomas

Declaration of Adjournment – 8:25 Jason Gray



July 10, 2026

Guy Sargent, Secretary, East Fork-Trinity Chapter #47, TXSSAR

**East Fork Trinity Chapter 47
Sons of the American Revolution
Monthly Report July 9, 2026**

Checking Account:

June 2026 Balance **5636.62**

Deposits:

Withdrawals:

June 11 Debit Card Speaker's Meal **22.67**

June 12 # 1762 four Abigail Adams Medal Sets **166.50**

Outstanding Checks:

July 9, 2026 Balance: **5447.45**

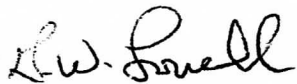
**Certificate of Deposit
Inwood Bank
Matures Jan 27, 2027; Currently 2.6%**

June Balance **6646.46**

Interest **14.68**

July Balance **6661.14**

July 9, 2026 Grand Total **12,108.59**



**G.W. Lovell, Treasurer
East Fork Trinity**



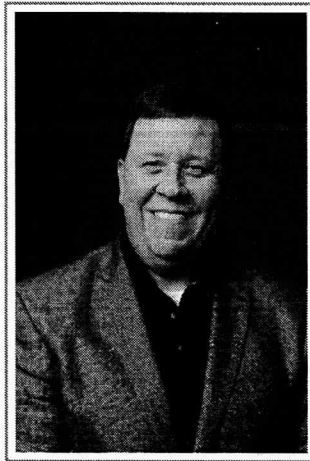
East Fork-Trinity 2026 Speakers

July 9, 2026 – W. Michael Hurley – “The Scotch Irish and the War for American Independence.”

August 13, 2026 – Dave Fautheree – “Spain’s Contributions to the Revolutionary War.”

September 10, 2026 – James Owlsey, Adjunct Instructor of History, Theater and Government Paris Junior College, “Common Soldiers in the American Revolution.”

October 8, 2026 – Andrew Hubacek – Mesquite City Council Member and History Buff - TBD



W. Michael Hurley
712 S. Chilton Ave
Tyler, TX 75701

Michael Hurley is the President of Hurley Benefit Services, LLC; his agency specializes in Individual and Group life/health insurance, Medicare Supplements, and Employer benefits.

He graduated from Southern Christian University and the Brown Trail School of Preaching and was named an honorary alumna of Baylor University.

A member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of the Southern Cross, and the East Texas Genealogy Society.

Michael is not just a leader in the insurance industry but also a passionate advocate for historical preservation. He has served as the President of Historic Tyler Inc., sits on the City of Tyler Historic Preservation Board, and is a member of the Smith County Historical Society and the Historic Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee.

Outside of his professional life, Michael enjoys singing with the Vocal Majority Barbershop Chorus, teaching Bible Class at the West Erwin church of Christ, and his family. He and his wife, Tami, have four children, and he takes great pride in his two grandchildren, Lucas and Lilly.

East Fork Trinity Chapter Regular Meeting July 9, 2026

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9 Walt Thomas	23 Barbara Thomas		
10 David Jackson	24 Connie Jackson	972-768-2782	d.b.jackson@att.net
11 Roy Semtner			
12 Bob Vickers	25 Della Vickers	972-463-9502	
13 Dave Powell	26 Barbara Powell		
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17 Paul S. Sargent			
18 Michael Hurley			
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20 V. V. Jones		912 965-7224	tvf1776@gmail.com

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