



*Sons of The American Revolution
Texas Society, McKinney Chapter*



April 21, 2022

Meeting held at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney and via Zoom® teleconference

Attendees

There were (30 total) 28 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Ned Hoover and wife Nina Hoover, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw along with wife Piper and family Quinn & Elliott, Nathan White and wife Wanda White, Peter McLellan, Ray Hargis, T.L. Holden, Tom Van Fossen, Ted Wilson, Jim Akers, Rich Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Jerry Kenney and John Ray-Plano Chapter, Peter Ford, Bill Taylor, Don Babbs, Mark Harrison, Weldon Copeland, Drew Caudell.

There were 2 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Paul Kinsey, and Bob Millwee through Zoom.

Guests include: guest speaker District Attorney Greg Willis along with wife Judge Jill Willis

Call to Order

Tom Milson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Invocation

- Don Babbs, gave the invocation.

Pledges

- Nathan White, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Mark McCraw, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Tom Milson



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Old Business and Announcements

- During the invocation, Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplin, mentioned 4 recent compatriots who have passed recently including James Johnson, and James Shaw who were both previously memorialized in the February 2022 McKinney Chapter Minutes.

Chaplain Babbs also advised of two other Compatriots who have passed since then, Ralph Thompson the McKinney Chapter Treasurer, and Newly approved Compatriot Richard Moore who had not yet been inducted into the SAR. Note also the chapter was advised subsequent to this monthly meeting that, Luis Juarez, VP Awards McKinney Chapter has also passed since and therefore was not known to have passed at the time of the 4/21/2022 chapter meeting. Their information is below. All 3 obituary's referenced a commitment to the SAR.



J Ralph Thompson passed away March 24, 2022 in McKinney, Texas at the age of 79. He was born January 18, 1943 to Melvin Adlai and Edith Annon (Goodwin) Thompson in San Angelo, Texas.

Ralph graduated from Central High School in San Angelo, Texas in 1961. He married Bobbe Lowe February 15, 1964 in San Angelo, Texas. Ralph attended San Angelo College before graduating from The University of Texas at Arlington where he received his bachelor's degree. He went on to work for IBM, Control Data, and XP Systems.

Ralph was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ, and worshipped at the Church of Christ on McDermott Road for over 20 years. He was a board member of the Allen Philharmonic Orchestra, a retired member of the Allen Symphony Chorus, an active participant with the Sons of the American Revolution and McKinney Senior Center for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbe Thompson; daughter, Jennifer Hanis and husband, Mark; son, Jason Thompson and wife, Rachel; grandchildren, Trey Hanis, Sarah Hanis, Chase Thompson, Ella Thompson, and Jackson Thompson; siblings, Lawrence Thompson and wife, Helen, Leonard Thompson and wife, Jeanine, Ruth Spruell, Robert Thompson and wife, Debra, Harold Thompson, and wife Jeannie, and numerous nieces and nephews.



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Luis Valenzuela Juarez was born on October 27, 1956 in Phoenix, Arizona. On April 20, 2022, he departed on his journey to join his father, Rudolph Hill Juarez, his mother, Carmen Valenzuela Juarez, his daughter, Yevette Juarez, his twin siblings, Carlos I and Carolina Juarez, and many other beloved family members in Heaven. The legacy and family that he created on Earth is in strong standing and thrives today with his wife, Lenora, his two daughters, Angela, and Christina and her husband Sean, along with his four grandchildren, Alexander, Alana, Sean, and Samantha. He is also survived by his six siblings, Rose Ann, Ben (Sue), Rudy, Carlos II (Katrina), and Henry (Christina). Luis was the oldest of six siblings and learned at a young age that he could be the proper older brother and be there for his loved ones by delivering unconditional love and support for them. With this said, his unwavering support, big heart, and pursuit for peace are standards in his life that define the type of man he was. Though life gets difficult, Luis would always find a way to bring peace to himself and create a pocket of time to reach out to family to make sure they are okay. Between the late-night calls to and from his family members, he would rather lose sleep than dismiss a call and miss out on the opportunity to be present. Luis was a man who had worked his life managing all types of tasks that would scream "something only Louie could do", but the aspects of his life that truly made his life unique is the pride he held in creating such a beautiful family with Lenora. Though he did live his life as Luis Juarez, his life as a father, brother, uncle, and grandfather was undefeated, and you could see it in his eyes when he visited with family. Family was such an important thing to him and he was one of the main pillars throughout his extensive family. Luis had a multi-decade career in key leadership positions with Smitty's and Vons supermarkets in Arizona and California. He was a business partner in Damon's Steak House, Glendale, California. Luis was a dedicated member of the McKinney Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution serving as VP of Awards. Luis' legacy will live on through countless generations with as many hearts and lives he has touched and loved.



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May 14, 1953 - December 19, 2021, Richard D. Moore, 68, of McKinney, TX, unexpectedly left Earth to be with God and the angels. Rich is preceded in death by his parents, Doris (Smith) and Harry James Moore, formerly of Medford Lakes, NJ. He is survived by his loving wife, Peggy Payne, of McKinney; an adoring sister, Janet Moore (Will Outlaw), of St. Paul, MN; stepchildren Tracy (Don) Baumer, of McKinney; Richard (Lisa) Moskala of Brooksville, FL; four step-grandchildren, John and Elizabeth Baumer, and Richard and Jacob Moskala. He is also survived by an aunt and seven cousins. After Rich graduated from Rutgers University with degrees in engineering and business in 1976, he worked as an engineer for FM Global, retiring in 2015. He worked in the Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Houston, and Dallas offices. Along the way, he made many dear friends and held on to those friendships to the end. Rich loved spending time with family, traveling, watching movies, eating out, listening to all types of music, going to concerts, golfing with his MBB buddies, attending reunions with OFBB, and researching his family history, which led to his pending certification as a SAR (Sons of the American Revolution).



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- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting May 19, 7 PM (In-person and Zoom) at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney.
- 4/23/2022, Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade
- Board of Managers meeting October 21-23, Hosted by the McKinney Chapter,

- TL Holden states there will be a lot of SAR people at the Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade from Texas and Oklahoma, including Color Guard. There will be 7 Medal of Honor recipients at the Parade

New Member Induction Ceremony

None

Program

- Greg Willis, Collin County District Attorney

50-minute presentation on efforts to protect the community, and the many people involved and their roles, followed by short question and answer session.

Nathan White introduced and presented Greg Willis, Collin County District Attorney with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and thanked him.





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Awards

- None

New Business

- Tom Milson, President advised he will be asking for a volunteer to step up to take the role as Chapter Treasurer due to the passing of Ralph Thompson.

- Minutes from last meeting have not been posted. No motion to approve the meeting minutes was made.

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Mark McCraw, Interim Treasurer, "4/21/22, Beginning Balance 5178.13, Less one cleared check of \$50 to Tom Milson for certificate reimbursement. We received one Mobile Remote Deposit Capture (Online User ID SAR McKinney) of \$20. The current balance in the bank account is \$5148.13 with un-cleared check of \$100 to award recipient Ashton Higgins. The current check register balance is \$5048.13."

Mark McCraw, Interim Treasurer, advised he has contacted the bank for the SAR McKinney Chapter on notifying the bank of the passing of Ralph Thompson, Treasurer, and getting his name taken off the account and any other items needed to add someone. Currently Mark is the only signor on the bank account

Pete McLellan made a motion to accept the Treasures report, motion seconded by Nathan White, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.



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Other Announcements

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- Tom Van Fossen stated the location for the fall BOM is very nice, and that volunteers are needed. Tom Milson further expanded on Tom Van Fossen's comments that the event is over one weekend and that the first 10 volunteers will get a primo role.
- Mark Hargis, over the State youth contests, stated there is a new youth contest being implemented for next year similar to the essay contest but for video. More details will come out later
- Ted Wilson stated he is on the 250th committee and asked to let him know if anyone had any connection relation to New Jersey patriot ancestor.

Benediction: Don Babbs gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Tom Milson

Adjournment: President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary