

# Piney Woods Pine Shavings

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Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

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The Piney Woods Chapter Board of Managers met Thursday, July 18, 1995 and revised the Chapter meeting dates for the 1995-96 year with speakers announced for the first three meetings. They are as follows:

**August 17, 1995..... Regular Dinner Meeting with  
guest speaker B. Rice Aston**

**September 21, 1995..... Constitutional Dinner Meeting with  
guest speaker David Yeilding, Ph.D.**

**October 19, 1995 ..... Regular Dinner Meeting with  
guest speaker Clovis H. Brakebill**

**November 16, 1995 ..... Members Only Dinner Meeting**

**January 18, 1996 Regular Dinner Meeting with guest  
speaker - **Nomination of New Officers****

**February 15, 1996 ..... Regular Dinner Meeting -  
**Election of Officers for 1996-97****

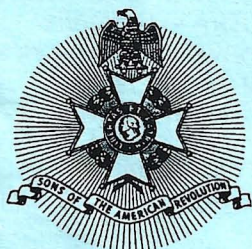
**March 21, 1996 ..... Regular Dinner Meeting  
**Installation of 1996-97 Officers****

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 05 Kenneth E. Cox  
August 05 Larry C. McCutheon  
August 05 Glen I. Nelson  
August 09 Mark F. Warnack  
August 10 Brett E. Key  
August 18 Donald W. Lemon  
August 24 John B. Ward  
August 26 Ky W. White

## PINEYWOODS CHAPTER LINEAGE BOOK - Vol 1.

The Piney Woods Chapter Lineage Book is completed and has been





returned from the bindery. Distribution of the book has already begun for those who pre-paid for their books. The remaining books will be brought to the August 17 Chapter Meeting and you can pick them up there.

Due to the fact that all 100 books have been sold, the Chapter Board of Directors is printing an additional 30 books in the second printing with 15 going to the bindery as soon as the printing of the pages is completed.

If you wish to view the finished book, at least one book will be available to look at and orders will be taken by Chapter Treasurer Worthy R. Warnack, Sr. The order must be prepaid at the cost of \$35 per book and please understand that it will take approximately 2 months for the book to be returned from the bindery.

## **AUGUST 17, 1995 PINEYWOODS CHAPTER MEETING**

The next scheduled regular dinner meeting is Thursday, August 17. The RSVP form is included with this newsletter for this important meeting. We will have a special guest speaker: B. Rice Aston of Houston.

We sincerely hope that you will make every effort to attend this meeting since we have many Membership and Supplemental Certificates to present along with War Certificates and Medals and one Certificate and Pin for Outstanding Citizenship.

## **THE PINEYWOODS CHAPTER WELCOMES OUR NEW COMPATRIOTS**

The PineyWoods Chapter would like to welcome the following new compatriots, which brings our membership to 87:

**Raymond W. Cox**, #144635-TX7660 - 17410 Hunters Glen, Humble, TX 77396  
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**Chad M. McEver**, #142049-TX7313 - 2818 Woodland Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339  
**Michael McEver**, #142048-TX7312 - 2818 Woodland Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339  
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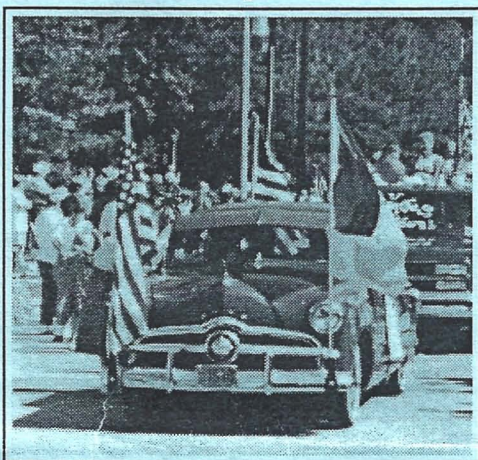
## **THE PINEYWOODS CHAPTER RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THEIR APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

**John Lingor**, 11402 Burgoyne, Houston, TX 77077-6804  
**Michael D. Young**, P.O. Box 545, Porter, TX 77365  
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**Roger S. Thomason**, 16835 Bear Bayou, Channelview, TX 77530  
**Lloyd W. Shenberger**, 10811 Brentway Drive, Houston, TX 77070



### ***The PineyWoods Chapter, TXSSAR Presentation Made***

Worthy R. Warnack, Sr., Treasurer of the PineyWoods Chapter presents his cousin, John B. Dorsey of Dallas with his Sons of the American Revolution membership certificate in front of Parliament in London in May, 1995.



### ***The PineyWoods Chapter, Represented in July 4th Kingwood, TX Parade***

1949 Ford, owned and driven by Chapter Treasurer, Worthy R. Warnack, Sr., with wife Jody, grandchildren and Chapter President Thomas M. Green as passengers rode the parade route tossing candy to the spectators. Flag mounts on the car's bumpers flew the American Flag, the S.A.R. Flag and the 13-Star "Betsy Ross" Flag.




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## ***They Fought For Our Freedom***

by Harley Clark

Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the sea by the British Navy. He sold his home and property to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family about constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Hayward, Rutledge, and



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Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year, he lived in forests and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stores and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged:

*For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.*

**The fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were:**

**New Hampshire:** Josiah Bartlett, Matthew Thornton, William Whipple

**Massachusetts:** John Adams, Samuel Adams, Elbridge Gerry, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine

**Rhode Island:** William Ellery, Stephen Hopkins

**Connecticut:** Samuel Huntington, Roger Sherman, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott

**New York:** William Floyd, Francis Lewis, Philip Livingston, Lewis Morris

**New Jersey:** Abraham Clark, John Hart, Francis Hopkinson, Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon

**Pennsylvania:** George Clymer, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, Robert Morris, George Ross, Benjamin Rush, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson

**Delaware:** Thomas McKean, George Read, Caesar Rodney

**Maryland:** Charles Carroll, Samuel Chase, William Paea, Thomas Stone

**Virginia:** Carter Braxton, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Jefferson, Francis Lightfoot Lee, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Nelson, Jr., George Wythe

**North Carolina:** Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, John Penn

**South Carolina:** Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton, Edward Rutledge

**Georgia:** Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton

**The TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting will be held in Tyler, Texas  
on Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13, 1995**

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