



# Piney Woods Pine Shavings

News of the Piney Woods Chapter #51 of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

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Yes, you're reading it right, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS in hard cash... (well, maybe four hundred ninety dollars in cash and ten dollars in postage stamps). Five hundred dollars to you (OR given in your name to your favorite charity) if you are the first person to deliver into my hands documented proof (such proof being acceptable to the National Genealogist of the NSSAR as proof of lineage) of the parents of THAT Miss Lucretia Grinnell (or Grenell) who 1) was born supposedly in eastern New York or western Massachusetts in 1810-1812; 2) was a school teacher in Rutledge, NY in 1834; 3) was married in Rutledge, NY, on 15 JAN 1835 to Asa Kinney of Connewango Township, Cattaraugus County, NY; 4) was the mother of Miss FreeLove Kinney who was born in Cattaraugus County, NY, on 24 FEB 1836 (also known as Miss FreeLove Hubbard since she was raised by her father's sister after the death of her mother Lucretia); and 5) who passed away on 16 APR 1836 in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, and is buried in the old cemetery in Oak Creek. Seriously, I have spent a lot of time in the past ten years trying to identify Lucretia Grinnell's parents (if you hadn't already guessed, I am descended from her) and have very little to show for it and so, before I start finalizing the book of my ancestry, I thought I'd open the door for others to have a go at it (it really would be worth \$500. to me to have proof of who her parents were, proof beyond "Mr. and Mrs. Grinnell" that is...) I have considerable information on both her husband, Asa Kinney, and her daughter, Mrs. FreeLove Kinney Hubbard Castle, and will make a copy of that information available to anyone who would like to take me up on my offer.

- John Oliver Albright (281)856-7478 27FEB01

**Highlights of "The Character of George Washington"**  
- a presentation by Mr. Jim Hodges: (NOTE, At our FEB 2001 dinner meeting, Mr. Hodges appeared in costume as George Washington and spoke as he imagined President Washington might have had he been asked to recount some of the defining moments of his life). Mr. Hodges fits the role well, sharing George Washington's size (over 6' 4") and defining character traits (determination and patient optimism). His research into Washington's life from boyhood visits to a neighbor's library - to the frontier wars - to the Revolution and the Presidency focuses on the combination of leadership and willingness to take responsibility for his actions that made George successful in all that he did. Thanks again Jim for an excellent program.

Piney Woods Chapter #51 - TxSSAR Has A Web Site: Yes, our chapter does have a web site (for those of you who have access to the internet). It's a little out of date Chapter-Officer wise, but still has plenty of useful information about the history of the chapter and lists of our patriot ancestors.

Access it at: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Oaks/5534>

## NOTICE OF MEETING: "Members Only" Dinner Meeting - 15 MAR

On Thursday, MAR 15, 2001, Piney Woods Chapter #51 of the TxSSAR will hold a "Members Only" dinner meeting at the \*NEW\* Heritage Center just off of Kingwood Drive in Kingwood (see directions below). A social time shall commence at 6:15 PM with dinner (buffet including turkey breast, sliced ham, and various side dishes) to be served promptly at 7:00. The evening's presentation will be made by Mr. B. Rice Aston who is currently running for the position of Secretary General of the NATIONAL SOCIETY of the SAR. Mr. Aston will assist in the installation of the new Chapter officers AND will give an overview of the National Society so it should be an interesting evening for those of us who want to maintain the SAR as a vibrant, flourishing society

U S 59  
S P  
Kingwood Drive  
5 R ←[4.0 miles from RR tracks to entrance]→  
9 R

↓ DIRECTIONS ↓ The Heritage Center → (2825 W. Town Center Circle)

- a) From US 59 exit Kingwood Drive going east. Cross RR tracks go 4 miles. Turn right on Main (between Fudruckers & Boston Market).  
b) \*OR\* Drive north on Lake Houston Parkway and turn left on Town Center Place (last one before Kingwood Drive).

## HIGHLIGHTS OF FEB MEETING

A dinner meeting of the Chapter was held 15 FEB 2001 at the Holiday Inn (on JFK Blvd near Bush Airport). The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Bob McKenna. After the opening ceremony a fine dinner (pork chops) was served. Following dessert Bob reconvened the meeting. Jim Jones presented the treasurer's report (see synopsis on following pg.) following which supplemental ancestor certificates were presented to Cannon Pritchard (3x supplementals), Richard Shanks, and Bob McKenna (1x each). Way to go, gents. Bob then read the list of nominations for the 2001-02 chapter officers and opened the floor to additional nominations. There being none the nominees were elected unanimously to their posts. The evening was rounded out by Mr. Jim Hodges who spoke on the Life of George Washington (see summary, column 1 - this page).

## HIGHLIGHTS OF JAN MEETING

As you may recall, I was unable to attend the January meeting because I had to accompany my wife, Susan, to Europe on an extended business trip (to those of you who volunteered to take my place, thanks but I managed quite well on my own). Anyway, now that I'm back Mike Culbertson is gone so I haven't been able to get the notes from him yet. Sorry...

Please join the Chapter in wishing the following members a heartfelt "Happy Birthday:"

### « MARCH Birthdays »

03.04 Steven Alan Richards  
03.12 Edward Fillmore Nagel  
03.15 Donald E. MacGregory Jr

### « APRIL Birthdays »

04.01 Patrick Johnson Whipple  
04.03 Robert Edward McKenna.  
04.14 Allen Johnson Green Jr



# Chapter Financial Report

As we come down the homeward stretch for the 2000-2001 year for the Chapter, it seemed appropriate to review the Chapter's financial situation as reported by the Treasurer at the February meeting:

## 2000-2001 RECEIPTS

item	received since 03/23/2000	budgeted amount	excess/(deficit)
dinner meetings	\$ 1,791.00	\$ 3,854.25	(\$ 2,063.25)
TxSSAR rebates	\$ 823.50	\$ 890.00	(\$ 66.50)
application fees	\$ 45.00	\$ 100.00	(\$ 55.00)
donations	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	(\$ 100.00)
miscellaneous	\$ 45.91	\$ 100.00	(\$ 54.09)
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 2,705.41</b>	<b>\$ 5,044.25</b>	<b>(\$ 2,338.84)</b>

## 2000-2001 DISBURSEMENTS

item	disbursed since 03/23/2000	budgeted amount	underspent / (overspent) budget
dinner meals	\$ 1,689.73	\$ 3,512.25	\$ 1,822.52
medals & certificates	\$ 327.00	\$ 200.00	(\$ 127.00)
memorials & awards	\$ 0.	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
application forms	\$ 0.	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
bank charges	\$ 22.89	\$ 10.00	(\$ 12.89)
newsletter	\$ 182.37	\$ 500.00	\$ 317.63
post office box rental	\$ 64.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 0.
postage	\$ 0.	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
film reels - memorials	\$ 0.	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	(\$ 50.00)
project - oration	\$ 0.	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
project - patriot's fund	\$ 0.	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00
project - poster	\$ 0.	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
project - scrapbook	\$ 0.	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
project - ROTC	\$ 0.	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 2,385.99</b>	<b>\$ 4,938.25</b>	<b>\$ 2,552.26</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 03/23/2000	\$ 678.41
+ RECEIPTS FROM 03/23/2000 TO DATE	+ \$ 2,705.41
- DISBURSEMENTS FROM 03/23/2000 TO DATE	- \$ 2,385.99
<b>= CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 02/15/2001</b>	<b>= \$ 997.83</b>

## CHAPTER ASSETS

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 02/15/2001	\$ 997.83
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT VALUE AS OF 02/15/2001	+ \$ 3,611.45
MEDALS INVENTORY AS OF 09/21/2000	+ \$ 1,721.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS (FINANCIAL) OF THE CHAPTER</b>	<b>= \$ 6,330.28</b>

## NOTES/COMMENTS:

- 1) The bottom line is that the Chapter still seems to be in reasonably good shape finance wise.
- 2) The primary source of receipts for the Chapter continues to be payments for dinners AND likewise the lion's share of the Chapter's disbursements goes to paying for the meals at our dinner meetings. The huge deficit in receipts for dinners may cause concern at first but when compared to the actual dinner disbursements the receipts seem to be right on track (a 5.5% overage of receipts which is about what we had hoped for). It is believed that the overall numbers are down from previous years due to fewer members/guests attending the dinner meetings - an area we should probably work on in the coming year.
- 3) We seem to have estimated the TxSSAR rebates pretty well (overestimated only about 7.5%) but we seemed to be overly optimistic on our estimates of the other receipts.
- 4) It is noteworthy that we have not had any donations made to the Chapter this year, perhaps this is another area to work on in the new year.
- 5) Our largest budget disbursement overage is in the purchase of medals however since a portion of these was to build our inventory stockpile the overage was not detrimental to the Chapter's overall asset situation.
- 6) A number of budgeted disbursement items have not incurred any expense so far. It is assumed that some of these outlays will be made in the next thirty (30) days or will be deferred to the 2001-2002 Chapter year.
- 7) The certificate of deposit continues to grow as the interest on it is rolled back into it. We will probably have to either let it grow further OR solicit additional donations (specifically designated for it) before we can initiate the scholarship award(s) that we have previously discussed.
- 8) Some of our favorite restaurants for holding meetings are altering the conditions for the use of their facilities which will likely impact the cost of future dinners.

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Kim Morton.....281-358-5429  
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Worthy Warnack...281-479-7905  
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Richard Shanks...281-354-5407

## FUTURE NATIONAL SAR MEETINGS:

111th Annual Congress  
JUN 30 - JUL 04, 2001  
Hyatt Regency, Louisville, KY

112th Annual Congress  
JUN 29 - JUL 03, 2002  
Stouffer Renaissance, Nashville

113th Annual Congress  
JUL 03 - 09, 2003  
Hyatt on the Riverwalk, Chicago

114th Annual Congress  
JUL 03 - 07, 2004  
Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA

Following are the "notional"  
(read that at "proposed" or  
"tentative") meeting dates and  
topics for the 2001-2002  
calendar years:

18 JAN 2001 - member only mtg.  
15 FEB 2001 - dinner meeting &  
officer election  
15 MAR 2001 - member only mtg &  
install officers  
19 APR 2001 - member only mtg.  
17 MAY 2001 - dinner meeting  
JUN 2001 - no meeting  
JUL 2001 - no meeting  
16 AUG 2001 - officer only mtg.  
20 SEP 2001 - dinner meeting  
18 OCT 2001 - member only mtg.  
15 NOV 2001 - dinner meeting  
DEC 2001 - no meeting  
  
17 JAN 2002 - member only mtg.  
21 FEB 2002 - dinner meeting &  
officer election  
21 MAR 2002 - officer only mtg.  
18 APR 2002 - member only mtg.  
16 MAY 2002 - dinner meeting  
JUN 2002 - no meeting  
JUL 2002 - no meeting  
15 AUG 2002 - officer only mtg.  
19 SEP 2002 - dinner meeting  
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