



Pine Shavings



**Piney Woods Chapter #51
Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**



Compatriot and Friends,

The Greyfriars Bobby Fountain in Edinburgh was one of the things I remember from my trip to Scotland. My thanks again to Stephen McIntyre for a great program on his Scottish ancestors at our November meeting.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas party/meeting at Larry Stevens home. Thanks Barbara!

I guess my favorite Christmas, as a child, was 1953 when Santa brought me a red Schwinn Hornet bicycle. As an adult it would be Christmas when my sons were young, seeing their faces on Christmas morning.

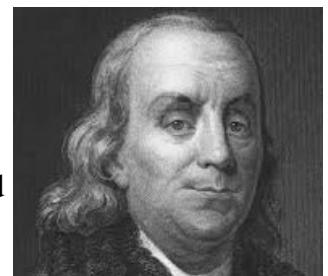
My ancestors were Puritans from New England they did not celebrate Christmas at all. The Southern Anglicans revelries most closely match our modern Christmas celebrations.

Most of the traditions we have today were passed down from our ancestors. Some say the Christmas Tree was introduced during the Revolutionary War by our enemy the Hessian soldiers. While on the frontier people seemed to have kept a day which they called "Old Christmas",

on January 6th. This custom continues into the 20th century. Visitors to Appalachia and the highlands of North Carolina found the practice of "Old Christmas" is still celebrated with bonfires and the firing of guns.

Celebrating the twelve days of Christmas was common in early America. On Saturday, January 6, 1759 George Washington married Martha Dandridge Custis – on the twelfth night of Christmas. Resigning his military commission to take up life as a husband and planter. In my family research I know of two direct line ancestors couples that were wed on the 25 of December.

We all know that during one of the darkest moments of the American Revolution, Gen. George Washington led his army over the frozen Delaware River on the evening of December 25, 1776. The now famous Crossing of the Delaware that led to the Battle of Trenton.



So no matter how or when, you and yours celebrate the birth of Christ, from me and mine MERRY CHRISTMAS! Kermit Breed—President

“When I am employed in serving others, I do not look upon myself as conferring favors, but as paying debts. I have received much kindness from men to whom I shall never have an opportunity of making the least direct returns.” - Benjamin Franklin

**Piney Woods Chapter 51 Meeting
December 14, 2019**

**Home of Larry Stevens
1706 Chestnut Grove Lane, Kingwood, Texas**

RSVP for the Meeting Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.
RSVP to Larry Stevens at wardtracker@aol.com

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PineyWoods Chapter Newsletter

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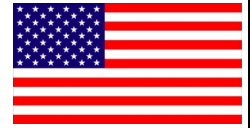
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Calendar of Events

National Events



NSSAR Congress—July 10-16,
2020 Richmond, Virginia—Hotel
Info Posted!

State Events



TXSSAR 125th
Anniversary
Convention March
26-29, 2020—Westin at The Wood-
lands

Chapter Events

Chapter Meetings-Jimmy G's
December 14, 2019—*Stevens Home
in Kingwood*

January 18, 2020—Jimmy G's
February 15, 2020-Jimmy G's

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Chapter Coupon Project—*Coupons for Overseas Military Families program.* All that is required is for you to CLIP the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to: **John Worm at 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080.** Or, bring the coupons to the next meeting.

Wreaths Across America—December 14, 2019-Wreaths will be placed at the gravesites of many Veterans on this date throughout the United States and other lands. PineyWoods is making a significant donation to be used by the **Kingwood High School Navy JROTC** for the purchase of Wreaths.

Paul Carrington Chapter Annual DSA Dinner (Distinguished Service Medal)-February 13, 2020- Brenann's Restaurant, Houston. Registration begins at 5:30 pm, Reception at 6:30 pm-Dinner at 7:00 pm., at \$75.00, black tie optional. This function benefits the Paul Carrington's Brewster ROTC Program. Paul Carrington Chapter President Allan Henshaw asked those who are interested in attended to contact him.

NOTICE

PineyWoods Chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of each month except in June and July at 12:30 pm Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant.

PineyWoods Chapter 51 December 14, 2019 Meeting

This year, our annual December Officer Nominations Meeting will be on, Saturday, December 14th because our normal date would be the 3rd Saturday and this year the 3rd Saturday, December 21st, is the first day of Christmas Week.

Barbara and Larry Stevens asked to host our Christmas meeting at their home in Kingwood. We graciously accepted.

The hours for our program (s) and luncheon will be from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

We will begin with the Chapter nomination meeting at 11:00 am. During the meeting officers will be nominated for the next terms of March 2020 to 2021. A little over three years ago, the PineyWoods Chapter members and officers voted office terms should be two years. It was decided this would be best for the chapter. Past President Jim Pinkerton and his officers were the first to serve two years. In order to satisfy our current “rules” without making changes, we agreed that officers would be nominated for a 2nd year and sworn in at the March meeting.

We will then begin lunch.

At 12:30, the Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir will entertain us with familiar Christmas tunes dressed in Victorian Era costumes. This is a real treat. After the Choir, we conclude lunch and just visit.

This is our final gathering for 2019. We had a good year with lots of great presenters at our meeting.

We added seven new members in 2019 and inducted most at a chapter meeting. Larry Stevens, Joe Potter, and I all worked on Applications with men wanting to join us in one of the greatest American Lineage Societies; a society which remembers our first United States Veterans; our Patriot Ancestors. These are the eight men who joined us this year.

Michael E. Anderson 14 March 2019, David R. Berges 17 May 2019, Nathaniel Ryan Daffron-11 October 2019, Scott E. deMasi-23 August 2019, Randy Hall-7 December 2019, Stephen E. McIntyre-5 July 2019, Michael G. J. Stuart-15 March 2019.

Food is being provided by the Stevens' and some volunteers.

The meeting invitation and map (s) are on the next two pages.

I truly have enjoyed serving as your President. Please RSVP for our Christmas meeting. Join us!

Kermit

RSVP Information is posted on the Invitation

Map images on are page 5

Directions to **1706 Chestnut Grove Drive** form I 59 (69) - From Highway I-59, exit to Kingwood Drive. From the south, turn right or East onto Kingwood Drive. If you are coming from the North on I-59, exit Kingwood Drive and turn left under I-59.

The Stevens' home is around 7 miles; so, continue on Kingwood Drive until you reach Willow Terrace Drive, which about the 11th stoplight. Turn Right on Willow Terrace and drive until you reach Palasade Falls, about a mile. Turn Right. Chestnut Grove Lane is the first street; Turn Left. The house is the 5th on your left.





PineyWoods Chapter #51
Meeting and Christmas Party
December 14, 2019
1706 Chestnut Grove Lane, Kingwood
11:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.

The PineyWoods Chapter Meeting on December 14, 2019, will be hosted by Barbara and Larry Stevens at their home in Kingwood, Texas. The Chapter Business meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch following of traditional Christmas ham, etc.

This event is a member-guest event so please bring your significant other or a friend.

We will enjoy the beautiful Christmas music of the Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir who will perform at about 12:30 p.m., so please join us so you won't miss the Christmas Cheer from these Dickens clad youth.

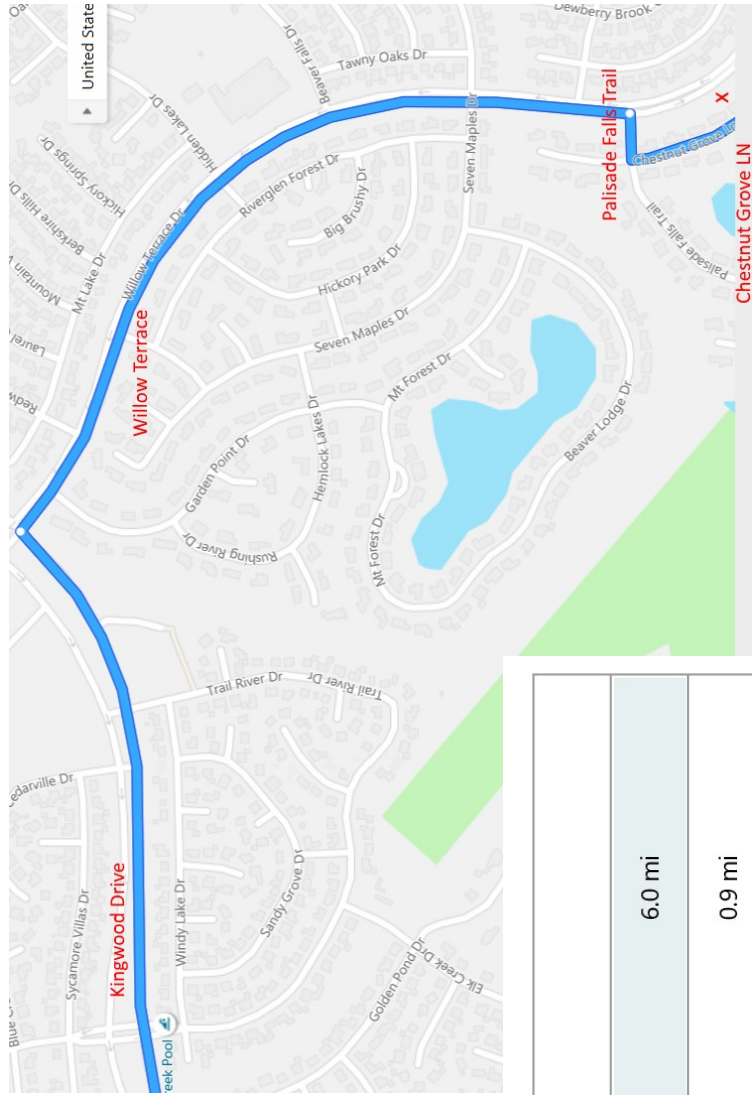
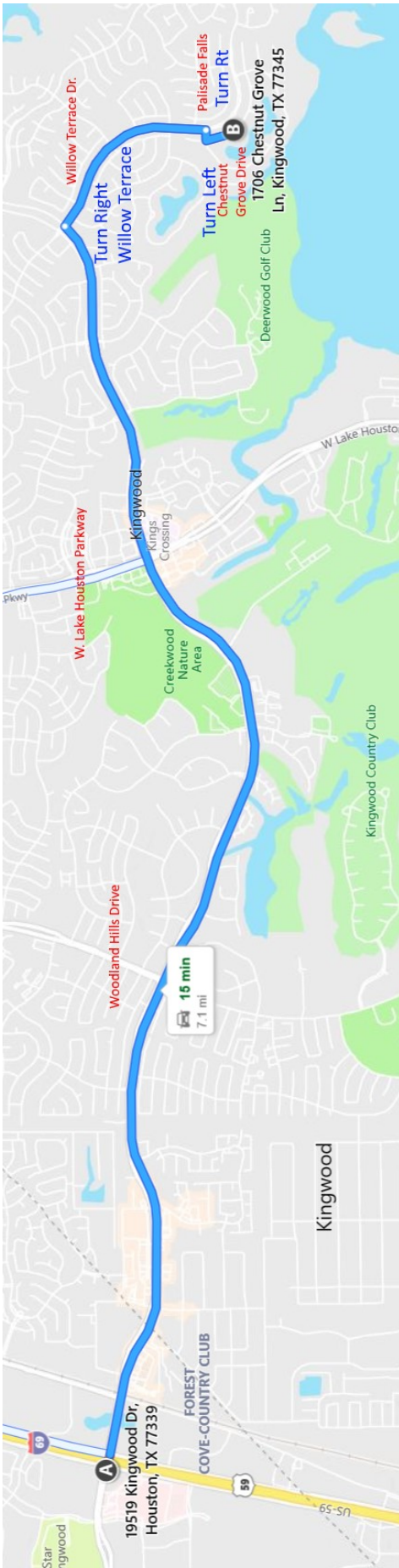
Maps are included for your convenience.

**RSVP to Larry Stevens at 281-361-2061, 832-814-7132 or
wardtracker@aol.com by December 12th**

The December Chapter Newsletter will have our meeting program.

Kermit Breech, President





2.	Turn onto Kingwood Dr	6.0 mi	
3.	Turn right onto Willow Terrace Dr	0.9 mi	
4.	Turn right onto Palisade Falls Trail , and then immediately turn left onto Chestnut Grove Ln	0.2 mi	
5.	Arrive at Chestnut Grove Ln The last intersection is Palisade Falls Trail		

American History

The United States and George Washington

As we approach Christmas 2019, I believe we should reflect on the wards of our first President of the United States and be thankful for his leadership through those first years.

With his hand resting on the Bible open to Deuteronomy Chapter 28, President George Washington delivered his Inaugural Address to both houses of Congress just after taking the oath office on the balcony of Federal Hall..



“Such being the impressions under which I have, in obedience to the public summons, repaired to the present station, it would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations and whose providential aides can supply every human defect; that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes; and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success, the functions allotted to his charge.

In tendering this homage to the Great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own; nor those of my fellow citizens at large, less than either.

No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than

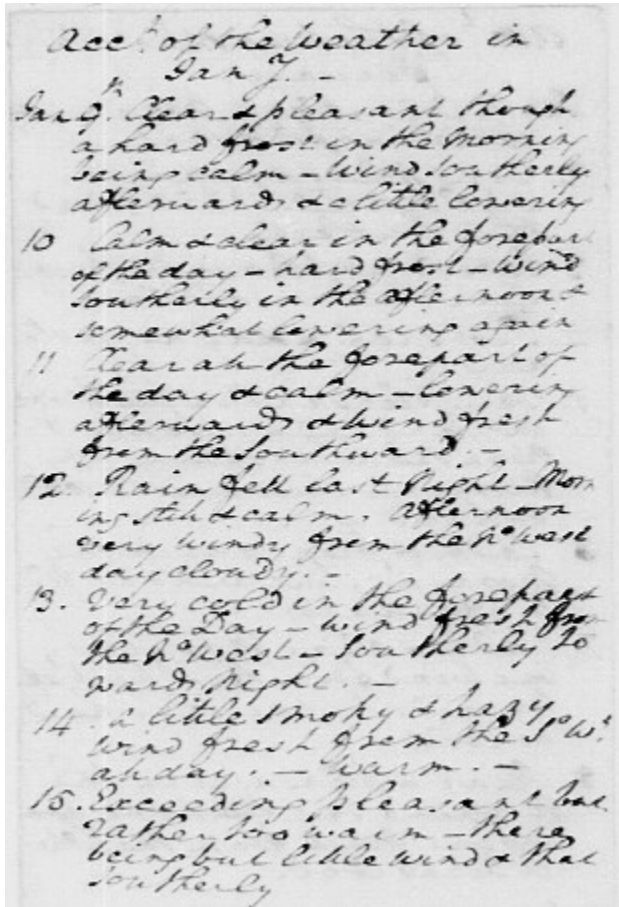
the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency.

And in the important revolution just accomplished, in the system of their United government, the tranquil deliberations and voluntary consent of so many distinct communities, from which the event has resulted,



can not be compared with the means by which most governments have been established, without some return of pious gratitude, along with an humble anticipation of the future blessings which the past seem to presage ...

We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained; and since the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican model of government are justly considered as deeply, perhaps finally, staked on the experiment..."



1775—GW's Weather Diary

which were note books of his experiences each day from 1748, his first surveying trip, until the year of his death in 1799. One was for the Weather, one was for who his was with for even breakfast, one for events, and one for his daily prayers. Many of these survived although some are just pieces of pages from his notebooks.



George Washington kept personal diaries in one, he wrote daily Prayers, farm transactions, and even one for the weather. He wrote of the United States in this book,

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

It is impossible to account for the creation of the universe, without the agency of a Supreme Being. It is impossible to govern the universe without the aid of a Supreme Being. It is impossible to reason without arriving at a Supreme Being.

Religion is as necessary to reason, as reason is to religion. The one cannot exist without the other. A reasoning being would lose his reason in attempting to account for the great phenomena of nature, had he not a Supreme Being to refer to."

George Washington Picture Fact or Fiction

This famous painting of Washington and his steed with Washington kneeling in prayer was painting many years after the Valley Forge. Let the Historians debate whether the man responsible for our victory for freedom was seen in prayer at Valley Forge, and dwell on what we do know as fact. George Washington kept a Diary, more than one,

Washington used the Virginia Almanack published in Williamsburg Virginia as a notebook adding his notes when he began in earnest recording his daily life.

You can find images of his notebooks on a number of websites; such as the Library of Congress; and his diaries are available in digital transcriptions.

Learn about George Washington by reading and viewing his Notebooks! One website is:

Title: The diaries of George Washington, Contributor Names: Washington, George, 1732-1799

Larry Stevens—Editor-Historian

*PineWoods 51 TXSSAR at Greentree Elementary, Humble ISD
Patriot DAY November 21, 2019*

Seven-thirty a.m., arrived at Greentree. Ray Cox just behind Larry Stevens. John Schmonsees was already there. Not pictured was Jim Pinkerton . The COB OVEN fired up with wood charcoal and bread loaves baking by a parent Patriot Day volunteer. John's Meat Pie aka 1776 Cook Book was hot and cooking in a Dutch Oven. A fruit pie was awaiting its turn. A



pot of Soup in a covered iron pot was steaming over coals. Three eight man tents were pitched and a canvass shade covered the prep table by the OVEN. The Revolutionary War era mock camp was ready for the Greentree Elementary School 120 plus 5th Grade students celebrating the school's Patriot Day . Here, they would taste the bread with their

freshly made butter spread atop. They would see the soup and pies cook, pitch the tents. The girls would discuss nursing the sick and wounded; learn to make a field stretcher, and the boys would drill as a militia unit.

The bread and butter, and the beef pie were very good!



Inside in the school cafeteria, the 5th graders sat on the floor with their teachers watching as Larry Stevens talked to life during the revolutionary war period using artifacts from his "**traveling trunk**". Sugar for the Sugar and Molasses Act, Cards and documents for the Stamp Act, and Tea Act. A 3 Lb. Sadd Iron ca. 1800 and candle molds to discuss chores, plates, bowls, utensils to talk about common foods and cooking. Revolutionary Uniforms and every day dress, powder horns, flint and steel are all items used during the presentation. Ray Cox presented the Fife, A Weapon of War. He talked about everyday life in a Continental Army encampment and the roll of Musicians, playing songs heard throughout the cam, such as when to get up, assemble, eat. Turn in for the night, and alarms.



Piney Woods Chapter Meeting Minutes September 21, 2019

Jimmy G's Cajun Seafood Restaurant Greenspoint at 307 N Sam Houston Parkway, Houston

President Kermit Breed opened the meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation was followed by the pledge to the United States & Texas flags, and the SAR pledge. Kermit Breed was pleased to welcome everyone, including our guest speaker and recent new member, Steven McIntyre.

Compatriots Present:

Kermit Breed, Joe Potter, Kim Morton, Bernie Kent, Stephen McIntyre, Michael Anderson, Larry Stevens, John Beard, Alan Bowman, Alan Henshaw, Jeff LeRochelle, Abe Abdmoulaie, Ray Cox, Dennis Keister, John Dean, Cannon Pritchard, Scott deMasi

Guests Present:

Ann Kent, Barbara Stevens, Sandra Breed, Carolyn Bowman, Mary-Claire Beard

Secretary's Report: [A motion to accept Minutes \(published in our last newsletter\) from the recent October 2019 meeting was proposed, seconded and voted in favor of acceptance.](#)

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of B. Ray Mize, John Beard acted as temporary Treasurer. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was proposed, seconded and voted in favor of acceptance.

Registrar's Report:

Larry Stevens reported that he has one new member application (for Randy Hall – ancestor Daniel Rix, Connecticut Continental Line & Vermont Militia) in Louisville awaiting feedback. Kermit Breed confirmed that two (2) new member applications for Nathan Douglas Daffron and Trey Ryan Davis have been approved by SAR/Louisville.

AWARDS/Recognition: n/a

NEWSLETTER:

PineyWoods Chapter now has 108 members. An electronic copy of our last PineyWoods "Pine Shavings" newsletter was emailed to members on Sunday, 10 November 2019.

Program Presentation:

Stephen McIntyre was our November meeting guest speaker presenting the topic – Scotland 2008: The World Gathering of Clan McIntyre. Stephen presented a slide show of his extended family ancestry gathering in Scotland, as well as some Scottish history. He wore his McIntyre family Tartan and traditional Kilt.

The presentation was a wonderful view of Scotland and its history.

New Members:

Kermit Breed inducted SAR Piney Woods new member, Scott deMasi. His pre-USA ancestry goes back to far Northern Italy before the deMasi family immigrated to America. Scott's Revolutionary Ancestor was Ezekiel Magee, who served as a Private-Minuteman in the Essex County, New Jersey Militia. He fought at the Battle of Springfield, New Jersey.

Old Business, New Business & Announcements:

We recognized Larry Henshaw, President of Texas SAR Paul Carrington Chapter announcing their 77th Annual George Washington dinner scheduled for 6:30 PM on Thursday evening, 13 Feb 2020, at Brennan's of Houston. The event will honor the distinguished service of Mr. Carrington Weems, II <http://weemscollections.com/achievements-of-f-carrington-weems>

SAR PineyWoods Chapter donated \$500 to Kingwood High School Navy ROTC for Wreaths Across America. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/> This organization coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 1,600 locations (cemeteries, memorial sites, etc.) across the United States, at sea and abroad. The son, a Boy Scout, of New Member Scott deMasi, was instrumental in the birth of Wreaths Across America locally in Kingwood, TX.

John Beard spoke in the absence of John Worm on our continuing efforts collecting manufacturer grocery cou-

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pons to send to our US overseas troops in Korea, Germany and Guam.

The Texas SAR President – David Temple – will be our guest attending the Piney Woods SAR Chapter lunch meeting in several months on Saturday, 15 February 2020, at Jimmy G's. After the meeting John Beard and Larry Stevens will taking President Temple to the Westin at The Woodlands to tour the hotel where we will help host the 125th Annual Conference. Chapter members are invited to attend the tour to get familiar with the hotel landscape.

Larry Stevens reminded us that the 125th Annual Texas Society SAR Conference in the Woodlands, TX is scheduled for 26-29 March 2020, and is in progress. PineyWoods is working the hotel side, contract, room blocks, meals, and reception. The room rate negotiated is \$149.00. SAR Freedom Chapter/Conroe will oversee Registration, Programs, New Tags, etc. Ladies Auxiliary will most likely be hosted by PineyWoods.

Dickens on-the-Strand Fair will be on 7 December 2019, in Galveston, TX. The Bernardo Galvez Chapter 1 is inviting Color Guard members to join them marching in the Parade.

PineyWoods charter Members and current President of the Paul Carrington chapter invited all to attend the Annual George Washington Dinner on February 13, 2020. This years they are honoring . The event will be at Brennen's. This is a Black Tie or Dark Suit affair. Continental Uniforms are appropriate.

Benediction by Alan Bowman was followed by the SAR closing. President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 1:55 PM.

SAR PineyWoods Chapter 51 Secretary — **Bernie Kent**

PineyWoods Chapter Meeting Highlights

New Member Scott deMasi's ancestor was Ezekiel Magee who served as a Private/minuteman in the Essex County, New Jersey Militia. He fought at the Battle of Springfield, New Jersey. Pictured Left— President Kermit Breed passing deMasi his Certificate of Membership. Sponsor Larry Stevens with the NSSAR Rosette.



Below-President Breed presented a Certificate of Apprication to chapter member Stephen McIntyre. Stephen, dressed in traditional formal Scottish Jacket and Kilt with his family tartan talked of the origins of the Clan McIntyre and the World Gathering at Glen Noe in 2008.



PineyWoods Chapter 51 Membership

Highest in Several Years!

Active/Regular—81 New Members—7 Active/Reinstated This Year—8 Dual/Primary Other State—6 Junior Members—4 Junior Reinstated—3

Total Membership—109