

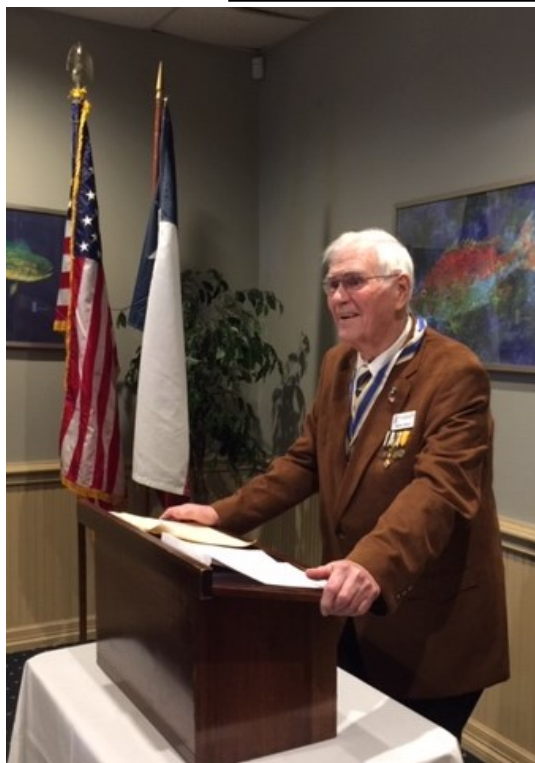


# Pine Shavings

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



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I thank all our veterans for their service both past and present.

Well Summer is upon us and soon we will be staying indoors more and looking back at the cooler days of winter. Winter in Texas is my favorite time of the year. Don't forget we will not have a Chapter meeting in June and July. Our next meeting is the 17 of August.

Our speaker for August will be Caption Jason E. Smith USCG Deputy Sector Commander Sector/ Air Station Corpus Christi. Thanks to Burnie Kent for setting this up. Jim Pinkerton said the hardest part of being president was finding speakers. So, HELP, think of those you know who would be an interesting speaker and ask them or tell me and I will ask, If I am anything, I am not shy.

Facebook is a good source of genealogical information.... SAY WHAT ?

The little town and county where I grew up has it on Facebook page,

"The Opelika We Know and Love". I have gleamed lot of information about my past on this site. Also, I can ask and receive answers to things I forgot. I am amazed at how much I have forgot-

ten over the years. One thing I that helped me remember was to gather up all the old pictures I had stored around the house and go through and put names and dates on them. With a good photo APP, you can label the photos and save them on line or on a USB. I have a daughter that wishes she had done this to her family pictures before Harvey.

*"For every minute spent organizing, an Hour is earned"*... Benjamin Franklin. **Kermit**



***The August 17th, 2019  
Luncheon Meeting will  
feature -***

***Captain Jason Smith—  
US Coast Guard, Cor-  
pus Christi.***

***He will be speaking on  
the History and Mission  
of the U. S. Coast***

***Guard.*** (See page 4)

## **Piney Woods Chapter 51 Meeting August 17, 2019**

**Jimmy G's,**

**307 N. Sam Houston E. Parkway,**

**Greenspoint**

**12:30 p.m.**

**RSVP for the Meeting**

Please respond with the number of people attending and names by Thursday before the meeting date.

RSVP to Larry Stevens  
wardtracker@aol.com or  
281 361-2061

## PineyWoods Chapter Officers

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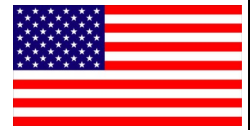
### PineyWoods Chapter Newsletter

This newsletter is sent out by E-mail after every meeting and before the next to inform members of chapter business and news. It is generally only mailed by US Mail in the Fall to verify addresses.

Questions—contact the Editor at: [wardtracker@aol.com](mailto:wardtracker@aol.com).

### Calendar of Events

#### National Events



NSSAR Trustee  
and Leadership

Louisville, September 18-21, 2019

NSSAR Congress—July Richmond,  
Virginia TBA

#### State Events -

TXSSAR BOM  
Meeting: October  
4-6, 2019 Hilton,  
Arlington, Texas



#### Chapter Events

Chapter Meeting-Jimmy G's  
August 17, 2019  
September 21, 2019

### Official Newsletter

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### SPECIAL ATTENTION: SCAMS

Thanks to our treasurer B Ray Mize for being alert and saving us \$5,350.00. B Ray received an email from me at ([breedkermit@comcast.net](mailto:breedkermit@comcast.net)). First off I don't have a comcast account. The email is below:

**From:** Kermit Breed <[breedkermit@comcast.net](mailto:breedkermit@comcast.net)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 7:58 AM

**To:** [braymize@att.net](mailto:braymize@att.net)

**Subject:** Notification for Payment! Hi Ray, I need you to initiate a payment of \$5,350 to a vendor today. Please do let me know if you are available, so i can send you more details in regards the payment. Thanks  
Kermit Breed

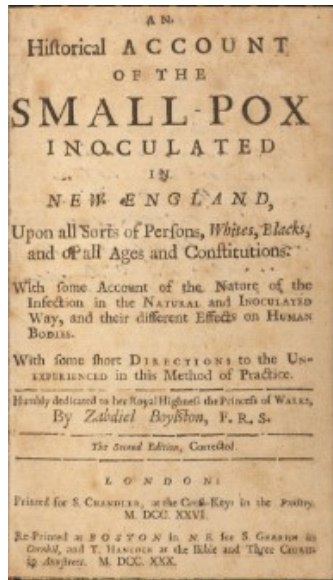
B Ray called me and confirmed that this was a scam. I tell you this to caution you to be aware of what is out there. We put out a newsletter each month that has all the information a crook needs to put this scam in motion. The Minutes give our account total \$5,xxx so they asked for \$5,350 knowing our account could cover the amount..

*Never give information over the phone or in a email unless you verify who is receiving it.* If you call me please identify yourself up front. We get so many scam calls that I may hang up on you. I have had family trying to play a joke on me that got hung up on . Things are so bad sometimes the caller ID says I am calling myself. **Kermit Breed—President**



# THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## JULY 1776



**1776 July 16** – John Adams learns that Abigail Adams intended that she and the children would be inoculated with smallpox. John wrote, “It is not possible for me to describe, nor for you to conceive my Feelings upon this Occasion. Nothing, but the critical state of our Affairs would prevent me from flying to Boston, to your Assistance...I shall feel like a Savage to be here while my whole Family is sick in Boston.” Fear of smallpox outbreaks, George Washington began



having his soldiers inoculated early in the war. Having had Minor Variola as a young man and seeing those dying with Major Variola caused Washington to save his army. Civilians did the same, many with reluctance.



**1776, July 18** – In Boston, William Lynchon, a Loyalist Lawyer wrote, “At noon the Congress Declaration of Independence of the



Colonies on Great Britain was read in the balcony of the Town house, a regiment under arms, and artillery Co. in King Street, and the guns at several batteries were fired, three cheers given, bells ringing, etc.; (in the) afternoon the King’s arms were taken down and broken to pieces in King’s Street, and carried off by the people.”



**1776, July 22**– Continental Congress, meeting as a whole, considered the printed drafted of John Dickinson’s “Articles of Confederation.” Congress adopted the “Articles” in November 1777. (right)



**1776, July 27** – A letter from Silas Dean informed Congress that his negotiations in France went beyond his expectation. He wrote that one affluent Frenchman had offered the colonies credit of 1 million livres. But Dan wrote negotiations for arms and other supplies could not proceed until independence. Word of the Declaration had not yet reached Paris.

**1776, July 1776** – Annapolis Committee of Safety reported that Lord Joh Dunmore had appeared off the coast of George’s Island in the mouth of the Potomac. Two off his boats were driven aground on the mainland shore *infected with smallpox*. Fearing invasion, the Council requested the troops commanded by Captain Hindman be ordered to Annapolis instead of marching to Philadelphia.



## *The United State Coast Guard*

### *Captain Jason E. Smith*

#### *Deputy Sector Commander*



Currently assigned as the Deputy Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi. In this position, he serves as the Alternate Captain of the Port, Officer-in-Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator for South Texas.

Originally from Pelham, New Hampshire, Captain Smith is a 1996 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy with a B. S. in Marine Transportation and a 2007 graduate of the University of Maryland's A. James Clark School of Engineering with a M. S. in Systems Engineering and Reliability/Risk Engineering. He received his active duty commission with the Coast guard in 1996 after serving as an enlisted

reservist for three years. Captain Smith has had many assignments during his career in both the continental United States and Rotterdam in the Netherlands. His most recent assignment was the Detachment Chief for the Coast Guard's Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise where he supervised a team of liquefied gas subject matter experts.

### *Youth Programs JROTC*

**RAMSTEIN GERMANY JROTC 2019**—Senior Instructor Ramstein AFB AFJROTC presenting the Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet Jackson Hill. PineyWoods Chapter 51 Texas SAR “adopted” The Ramstein AF JROTC Unit. This is one of many High School at Military Bases and Posts in other parts of the World. Past chapter Presidents Larry Stevens and Ron Barker chose Ramstein from a list of overseas JROTC Program Senior Instructors wanting the SAR National Award to present to deserving Cadets. Larry has sent this medal to Ramstein AFB for several years now. Larry first visited Ramstein Germany in 1961 while on duty with the USAF.



**PORTER HS May 16 2019 – AF JROTC Field Day**— Not able to get to Porter High School JROTC Awards Ceremony on May 3 from Kingwood due street flooding and down trees on the road, Larry Stevens was invited to the Porter AF JROTC Field Day on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 AM where he could present the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Kaitlinn Brandon by Senior Instructor Major Wilson Sagendorph (USAF Retired). This Cadet was the first in the program to have served in the senior leadership role for two years. The Bronze Medal was presented at the beginning of the field day. Larry Stevens requested, “Cadet Brandon Front and Center”. The Cadets all cheered when the medal was presented. It was obvious that Kaitlinn is a well-liked leader. An Interesting fact is, Kaitlinn earned her single engine pilots license before her driver's license. She wants to be a USAF Pilot!





# **PineyWoods Chapter Meeting Minutes May 18, 2019**

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

President Kermit Breed welcomed all to our May meeting at 12:30 PM. The invocation by Alan Bowman was followed by the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags and the SAR pledge.

COMPATRIOTS PRESENT: Michael Anderson, Kermit Breed, John Worm, Ben Baskin, Alan Bowman, Larry Stevens, B. Ray Mize, and Jerrel "Buddy" Inman.

GUESTS PRESENT: Sandra Breed, Carolyn Bowman, Judy Worm, George Baskin and Kathy Inman.

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 2019 minutes; motion passed.

TREASURE'S REPORT: B. Ray Mize presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Larry Stevens has several supplemental applications that are still awaiting approval from Louisville. Kermit Breed is working on applications for Ben Sapp and Ralph Harp. And, there is one application in Louisville awaiting approval.

CONVENTION: Larry Stevens gave an update on the 2020 State Convention to be held at The Woodlands 27, 28 and 29 of March 2020. The contract negotiated by PineyWoods with the hotel is signed and we are still working on meals. Freedom Chapter will oversee Convention Registration. Larry said we should set up a meeting with them soon to begin discussion on hosting details.

GUEST SPEAKER: Larry Stevens gave a very informative presentation on Revolutionary War uniforms. The uniforms ran the gambit from fancy to everyday clothing.

NEW BUSINESS: Our speaker for August will be Captain Jason E. Smith USCG Deputy Sector Commander Sector/ Air Station Corpus Christi. Thanks to Burnie Kent. Motion was made and seconded to provide Capt. Smith with \$50 for expenses. Lunch for the Captain and his guest will be provided.

OLD BUSINESS: Buddy Inman presented eight places that are a possibility for a new meeting place. The top two were both Holiday Inn. The one on JFK Blvd looks very good and is currently being updated. Work is to be completed by July 31 this year. The Hotel has seven meeting rooms for different group sizes. One conference room is the right size for our group accommodating 40 – 45 people with a for about \$25.00 meal which includes gratuity. The Hotel would work with us a menu just for us. Buddy said they want our business. The other one is on Kenswick Drive just North of Will Clayton Drive at the east side of HIA, and, it is little closer to Humble-Kingwood area. Buddy will talk to them in the near future. Plans are to discuss the possibility of changing meeting location in the August Chapter meeting.

Benediction by Alan Bowman was followed by the SAR closing. President Kermit Breed adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Piney Wood #51 President Kermit Breed for Secretary Burnie Kent

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## **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.***

## Community

PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR made a donation in support of the 8 Annual *Kingwood Fallen Heroes Golf Tournament*. This event honors three young men from Kingwood who lose their lives in the service of our country, Proceeds of the even benefits, Hope for the Warriors, Blue Star Mothers, Operation Military Embrace, and Crea-tiVets. These charities support our military and their families in time of need. Also, proceeds fund scholarship for Kingwood High Schools



Students. Two young people who were given an academic Scholarship were present at the Saturday, July 27th Banquet in the Ballroom at Kingwood Country Club. PineyWoods Members attending this event were Abe Abdmoulaie, son Bo and family, John Beard and his wife Mary-Clare and his son-in-law Mike Block, B Ray Mize and wife Sharon, Dick Setser and his wife Sherry, Larry Stevens and his wife Barbara. Saturday morning at 11 am registration began for the golf, 57 groups. The PineyWoods Team consisted of Beard, Mike Block, B. Ray, Dick, and injured roofer Larry. Two courses were played with the PineyWoods team on the Forest. After golf, everyone joined for a buffet in the County Club Ballroom. Great fun and a great cause!

## Chapter and State News and National Events

### Chapter Coupon Project

Attention all members who are unable to make a physical appearance at our monthly chapter meetings. You can help the chapter by assisting with our *Coupons for Overseas Military Families program*. All that is required is for you to collect the manufacturer's coupons that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to: **John Worm at 2130 Lexford Lane, Houston, Tx 77080**. We would like to suggest you clip them out before sending.

### South Central District Hilton Embassy, Oklahoma City—August 23-24, 2019

The South Central District or SCD Annual meeting is rotated each year. In 2020, Texas will host the meeting. Current plans are to hold the meeting in Richardson, Texas, where we have had previous meeting. All members can attend this event, although, the room block is generally lower. This is an event that begins Friday afternoon and concludes at noon of Saturday. Texas has nominated Larry Stevens to serve as the 2020-2021 VPG of SCD. Information is on the website : <http://txssar.org/SCD>

### FALL Texas BOM Hilton Arlington October 4-6, 2019

### 125th Annual Texas Society Convention The Westin at The Woodlands March 26-29 2020

This is a special Anniversary celebrating 125 years since founded in Galveston. There will be a Special Comemory Medal struck for this event. FREEDOM and PINYWOODS will Host.

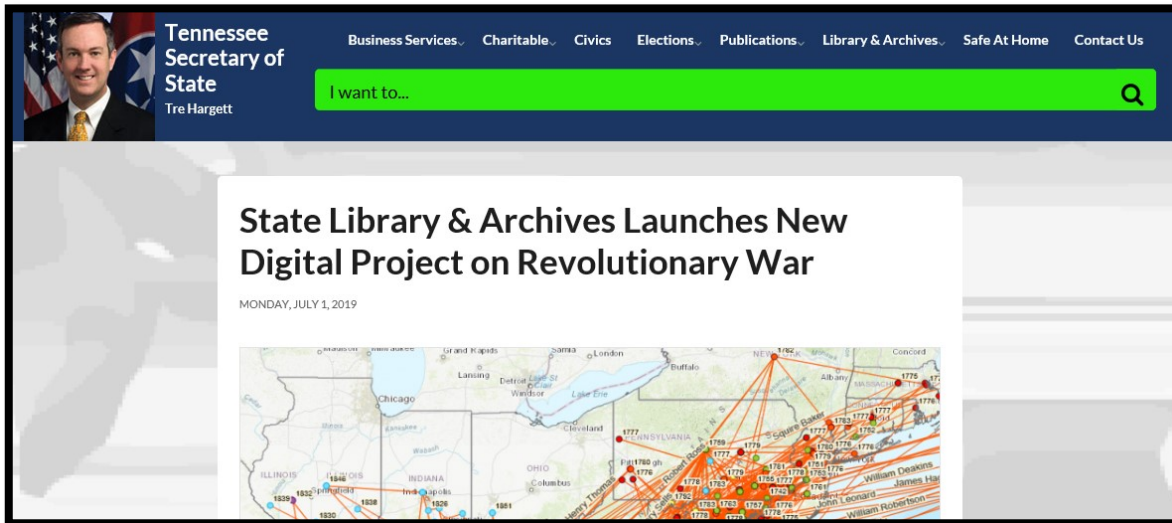
# GENEALOGY

## *There is a new Tennessee link to the Revolutionary War.*

Enter this <http://> address and explore. I have two Revolutionary War Soldiers who settled in Tennessee and I am currently working on these men.

“State Library & Archives Launches New Digital Project on Revolutionary War”, on July 1, 2019.

<https://sos.tn.gov/news/state-library-archives-launches-new-digital-project-revolutionary-war>



## Ancestry.com DNA Project

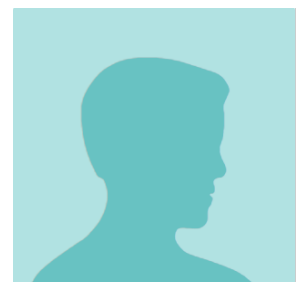
If you are serious about Finding Your Roots, you need to join Ancestry.com and the Ancestry DNA Project by asking for a DNA Test Kit. If you did a Y-DNA Test from Familytree DNA, they may still take it as your sample. **DON'T KNOW!** Currently, you can go on-line to their official site and order a kit for \$99.00 before tax and shipping.

The value added to your research is amazing. Your DNA results will link to other Ancestry Trees of those who submitted DNA. Once your test is made available, you enter the site using your password. Click on DNA and scroll down the list until you see ThruLines.

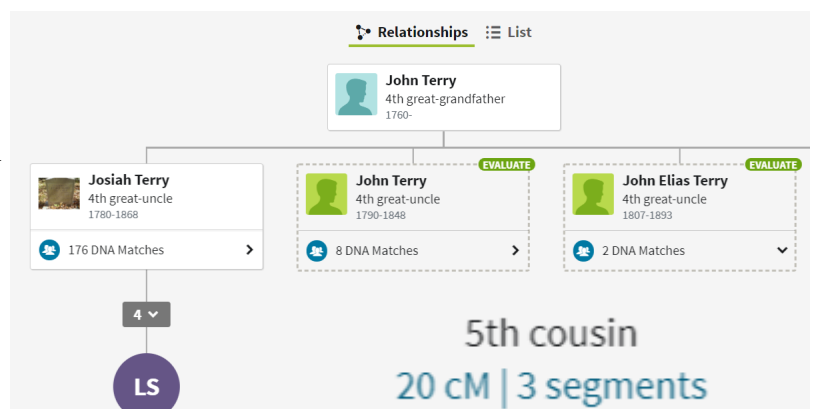
In ThruLines, your DNA matches will be compared to other DNA submitted and then matched to trees submitted by others. ThruLines will attempt to match by families, even for those who don't have a tree available to the public.

Results are shown to the 5th Generation. Using information from a “cousin's” DNA Match, I obtained documents needed to prove my Ancestor John Terry, Campbell County, Tennessee (later Scott County), was a Revolutionary War Patriot.

Also, click on DNA Matches. Some of these will not appear on ThruLines but they are DNA Matches. Some without trees can be a challenge and it may take some research to discover your common ancestor, but in many cases it can be done. Matches are in Generation and Centimorgan order; cM. You will see your 1st and 2nd cousins in Generation 1 and 2.



**John Terry**  
4th great-grandfather  
1760-





## American History

### DECORATION DAY

*This past Memorial Day got me thinking, it was not Memorial Day when I was a Kid.*

**Originally Decoration Day**, Memorial Day's history began on May 5, 1868 when the head of the Grand Army of the Republic or G. A. R. General Joh Logan, began Decoration Day as a day to decorate the graves of the war dead who had dead serving in the Union Army in the United States military. He declared May 30<sup>th</sup> would be the date when Flags, Flowers, and Markers were placed at the grave sites. That year, more than 5,000 widows gathered at Arlington Cemetery and placed flowers on more than 20,000 graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers.



These are the words that James A. Garfield spoke at Arlington Cemetery on May 30, 1868:

*"I am oppressed with a sense of the impropriety of uttering words on this occasion. If silence is ever golden, it must be here, beside the graves of fifteen thousand men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem, the music of which can never be sung. With words we make promises, plight faith, praise virtue. Promises may not be kept, plighted faith may be broken, and vaunted virtue be only the cunning mask of vice. We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke: but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."*



In Conclusion, Garfield spoke,

*"Hither our children's children shall come to pay their tribute of grateful homage. For this are we met to-day. By the happy suggestion of a great society, assemblies like this are gathering at this hour in every State in the Union. Thousands of soldiers are to-day turning aside in the march of life to visit the silent encampments of dead comrades who once fought by their side. From many thousand homes, whose light was put out when a soldier fell, there go forth to-day to join these solemn processions loving kindred and friends, from whose heart the shadow of grief will never be lifted till the light of the eternal world dawns upon them. And here are children, little children, to whom the war left no father but the Father above. By the most sacred right, theirs is the chief place to-day. They come with garlands to crown their victor fathers. I will delay the coronation no longer."*



Visiting older cemeteries, you may have seen the markers with G. A. R. and wondered what they were. The G. A. R. was founded the



## Decoration Day—Cont.



Benjamin Stephenson

April 6, 1866 by veterans of the Union Army in Springfield Illinois, and the first post was founded by Benjamin F. Stephenson in Decatur, Illinois. In 1890 there were more than 490,000 members. The organization was dissolved in 2 August 1956 when the last original member, Albert Woolson, died. It was replaced by the Sons of Union Veterans.



WWI changed Decoration Day. All US military personnel who died in the service of the United States, in the Northern States and the southern States, were recognized. Moina Mitchell, inspired by “Flanders Fields” wrote this poem in 1915

*“We cherish too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor red,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.”*

She began selling Red Poppies in remembrance of those who had fallen in battles. Unable to sustain the enormous interest making Red Poppies to sell because all the proceeds went to help veterans and their families, she talked to the VFW who took the reins from her in 1922. Disabled Veterans would make Red Poppies and sell them to support veterans and their families. Remember the Red Poppies worn on Friday before Memorial Day? Veterans stood at store fronts and on street corners. For a dime you could purchase a Red Poppy with a pin to attach it to your shirt.

In 1948, the US Post Office issued a stamp to honor Ms. Mitchell. Memorial Day became an Official Holiday in 1971.

Today, May 30th, is still the official date of Memorial DAY. This day is to commemorate all men and women who died while serving in the United States Military. At 3:00 pm, on this day, each year, we should take a break from what we are doing, and take just a moment to remember *All Americans* who died serving in our Armed Forces. **Larry Stevens—Editor**



### **PineyWoods Chapter 51 Membership**

**Highest in Several Years** Active/Regular—81 New Members—3 Active/Reinstated  
This Year—7 Dual/Primary Other State—5 Junior Members—4 Junior Reinstated—3

**Total Membership—103**

**Not Paid 2019 Regular—9 Dual Other State—1 Junior—3**

*If you are not current on your dues for 2019—PLEASE Contact Chapter Registrar Larry Stevens at  
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