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Basic, Expanded Basic, Premium

by Kelly McBride, President (2006-2007)

Every organization has several types of members and each is important in their own way. Using terminology favored by cable companies we would describe those members who pay their dues, but who do not attend meetings as having a Basic level of membership.

Our chapter has approximately 50% of our members in this category. This category is important as dues, however modest, go to pay for awards used in our various programs. The next level would best be described as Expanded Basic. Compatriots who favor this level of participation would consist of those who attend one or two meetings a year. These individuals have interest in the programming, but have schedule conflicts that do not permit more involvement. A review of our attendance records indicate that about 20% of our members would be here. Premium service would include those individuals who are able to make most of the meetings and who are also involved as a committee chairman or officer. The remaining 30% of our membership is here. These numbers are not surprising as the 80/20 rule is well observed. The difficulty arises when the membership is not quite large enough for the 20% to 30% of the members to carry the program load.

Thus, this is where the Robert Rankin chapter finds itself. We need some of our 50% Basic to come to our meetings and see what we have to offer and consider taking part in what we have to offer. More importantly we need more members moving into our Premium Service. We are absent a Historian and Richard Shanks, a past President, needed to step up and serve as Secretary/Treasurer. I look forward to your moving your categories from Basic to Expanded Basic to Premium.

New Officer Slate

by Richard Shanks,

Nominating Committee Chairman

In the process of preparing our slate of new officers I called every member of our chapter who lives in the Houston/Katy area. I am pleased with the slate, but disappointed that we are missing a few spots. The proposed leadership for the coming year is as follows:

President	Patrick Kerr
President-Elect	Thomas Jackson
Secretary/Treasurer	Richard Shanks
Historian	
Chancellor	Allan Henshaw
Chaplain	Gus Mistrot
Registrar	Ed Raines

We will vote on our officers at the February meeting and they will be installed at our March meeting.



Compatriot Shanks presenting the Officer Slate

Upcoming Events

- February 14 Rankin meeting at IHOP
- March 14 Rankin meeting at Denis' Seafood
- March 22-25 TXSSAR State Convention in San Antonio
- April 9, 2007 National SAR President White to speak at General Society War of 1812 at Denis' Seafood

Our January Meeting

For those of you who were absent at our January meeting you missed a real treat! We started off with a special called meeting of the Essay Committee. Shown below are the committee members with their special advisors. Chairman Ed Raines is in all white in the center.



It was another night for special recognitions. Compatriot Allan Henshaw was awarded a SAR Certificate of Appreciation as well as a State of Texas Chapter Service Medal for his five consecutive years serving as Chancellor of the Robert Rankin Chapter. The Four Rankin Presidents gather to honor Compatriot Henshaw.



Tom Jackson presents the SAR Eagle Scout Medal to Steve Allgeier, father of Eagle Scout Shane Allgeier. Shane is the Chapter's first representative in the Eagle Scout Contest and the first to receive the Eagle Scout Award.



President Kelly McBride presents Compatriot David Jones with the SAR War Service Medal with the Vietnam Bar and a War Service Certificate. Major Jones, a veteran with 23 years of service, is truly a *Patriot descended from a Patriot*. Awards and decorations that he has received include the BS w/V three Oak Leaf Clusters, AM, ACM with one Oak Leaf Cluster, AMM, AGCM, NDSM, VN CG, CIB, US & VN Jump Wings, and the CIB.



Our Speakers

Mr. Wolfram Von-Maszewski, shown here receiving his Certificate of Appreciation and SAR coffee mug from Compatriot Pat Kerr, spoke on the role of Spain aiding the cause of the United States in the Revolution and the guidance of Bernardo de Galvez.



Compatriot Gus Mistrot honors his ancestor, Francisco Segura.

Francisco Segura, honored by both the SAR and DAR with separate plaques in St. Martinsville, was a soldier of the Revolution who fought under the leadership of Galvez.