



Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting

Agenda for September 16, 2006

1. Call to order by the presiding officer.
 - 1.1. A gavel should always be used.
2. Invocation by the Chaplain or by a compatriot designated by the presiding officer.
 - 2.1. Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendor of your creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.
We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.
We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.
We remember especially today our patriot ancestors who kept the faith and survived.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
 - 3.1. "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
4. Pledge to the SAR.
 - 4.1. "We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."
5. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
 - 5.1. Recommend that the members of the SVSAR Chapter approve the minutes of the following meetings, which have been posted on the SVSAR Website, reviewed by the Executive Board, and Moved and Passed by Unanimous consent by the Executive Board for membership consideration and approval.
 - 5.1.1. December 10, 2006
 - 5.1.2. January 21, 2006
 - 5.1.3. February 18, 2006
 - 5.1.4. March 18, 2006
 - 5.1.5. April 15, 2006
 - 5.1.6. May 20, 2006

- 9.4.1. Get information from CASSAR and NSSAR
 - 9.4.2. Provide information to SVSAR members
 - 9.4.3. Support SVSAR members in distributing information
 - 9.4.4. Report at SVSAR Chapter meetings
10. New business and correspondence.
- 10.1. Appointment of Nominating Committee
 - 10.1.1. He (Immediate Past President, John R. Kohli) shall chair a three person Nominating Committee. Should he prefer not to serve, the President shall appoint a Compatriot in good standing.
 - 10.1.2. The President shall appoint, at least 90 Days before the annual meeting, two Compatriots in good standing to serve on the Nominating Committee with the Immediate Past President.
 - 10.1.3. At least 30 days before the annual meeting, the Committee shall provide the Secretary with a list of proposed nominations for each elective office and suggestions for the nominated positions.
 - 10.1.4. The Committee shall accept written nominations signed by five or more Compatriots between 45 and 90 days before the published date of the annual meeting and election.
 - 10.2. Membership: Announce that Compatriot Don Miller, SVSAR Chairman of Membership, has resigned, and we need a new SVSAR Chairman of Membership for the remainder of the year.
 - 10.3. Secretary: Announce that Compatriot Rene Charles Borbon, SVSAR Secretary, has resigned, and we need a new SVSAR Secretary for the remainder of the year.
 - 10.4. Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised – 10th Edition
 - 10.4.1. Posted on the SVSAR Websire at www.svsar.com/Governance
 - 10.4.2. Provides common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking the same language. The conduct of ALL business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership - the right of the deliberate majority to decide. Complementary is the right of at least a strong minority to require the majority to be deliberate - to act according to its considered judgment AFTER a full and fair "working through" of the issues involved. Robert's Rules provides for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly. Under no circumstances should "undue strictness" be allowed to intimidate members or limit full participation. The fundamental right of deliberative assemblies requires all questions to be thoroughly discussed before taking action!
 - 10.4.3. All remarks must be directed to the Chair. Remarks must be courteous in language and deportment - avoid all personalities, never allude to others by name or to motives!
 - 10.4.4. Keep meetings as informal as possible, and use Robert's Rules of Order only when the process becomes bogged down or heated.
 - 10.5. Fund Raising Ideas
 - 10.5.1. Polling Volunteers: Introduce fund raising concept of Inspectors/Clerks at polling stations on Election Day. Inspectors with training are paid \$140 and Clerks with training are paid \$105. This has worked well with other chapters.
 - 10.5.2. eScrip: Introduce fund raising concept of using eScrip. eScrip is proven to be a fantastic resource for fundraising where participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card,

and debit/ATM card purchases to the school, group or organization of your choice.

10.5.2.1. You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.

10.5.2.2. Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

10.5.2.3. Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!

10.6. Recognition: Compatriot Charles A. Smart, SVSAR President, will present the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate to Compatriot Chris Palmer, SVSAR Color Guard Commander. Compatriot Chris will then present the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medals and Certificates to Compatriots Willis S. Clayton, Richard Knock, John R. Kohli, Jack Mallory, and Donald B. Miller, who are all members of the SVSAR Color Guard.

11. Introduction of the speaker or program.

11.1. Guest Speaker: "*Last of the Mohicans? Not yet.*" Compatriot Charles Chicks, SVSAR Vice President, became interested in SAR after visiting the national headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2003. Based on previous genealogical research, he was able to document that William Robbins of North Carolina was a patriot ancestor. Later, Compatriot Charles documented that John Hackett of Rhode Island was also a patriot ancestor. In both cases, the Revolutionary War Pension Applications, which can be obtained from the National Archives, provided valuable genealogical data. He suspects that there are 3 or 4 other patriot ancestors, which have not yet been documented.

Compatriot Charles has a Mohican ancestry, which will come out in the course of his presentation. In order to maintain the element of suspense, his Mohican ancestry will not be disclosed in this agenda. His presentation will concentrate on the Mohican role in American wars, with an emphasis on the Revolutionary War. In the course of the presentation Compatriot Charles will provide some of his tribal history.

Anyone who enjoyed reading the epic novel "Last of the Mohicans" by James Fennimore Cooper, viewed the classical watercolors by N.C. Wyeth, or saw the 1992 movie "Last of the Mohicans" starring Daniel Day-Lewis, will find this to be a fascinating presentation.

12. Presiding officer's remarks and thanks to speaker or program principal.

12.1. Announce SVSAR Chapter Meeting on October 21, 2006

12.2. Conduct Raffle

13. Motion to adjourn.

14. Before adjourning, the presiding officer may ask the members to rise and repeat in unison the SAR Recessional (Optional, and frequently used):

14.1. "Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men."

15. Benediction by the Chaplain or a designee.

16. Adjournment.