



Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting

Agenda for October 21, 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 meeting, which have been posted on the SVSAR Website.
 - 5.1.1. September 16, 2006
6. Officers' reports.
 - 6.1. President Compatriot Charles (Chuck) A. Smart, III
 - 6.2. Vice President Compatriot Charles H. Chicks
 - 6.3. Registrar Compatriot Terry Briggs
 - 6.4. Secretary Compatriot Charles (Chuck) A. Smart, III
 - 6.5. Treasurer Compatriot John A. Thompson
 - 6.6. Past President Compatriot John R. Kohli

7. Committee reports.
 - 7.1. Chaplain #1 Compatriot Dave A. Dailey
 - 7.2. Chaplain #2 Compatriot Frank H. Grandle
 - 7.3. Color Guard Commander Compatriot Chris Palmer
 - 7.4. Sergeant at Arms Compatriot Willis S. Clayton, III
 - 7.5. Publisher of Forge Compatriot Charles (Chuck) A. Smart, III
 - 7.6. Chairman of Eagle Scouts Compatriot Calvin Breed
 - 7.7. Chairman of Guest Speakers Compatriot Howard Jones
 - 7.8. Chairman of Nominations Compatriot John R. Kohli
 - 7.9. Chairman of ROTC/JROTC Compatriot John R. Kohli
 - 7.10. Chairman of Scholarships Compatriot Howard M. Peters
 - 7.11. Chairman of Social Event Compatriot John (Jack) F. Mallory
 - 7.12. Chairman of Website Compatriot Charles (Chuck) A. Smart, III
 8. Introduction of new members and guests
 - 8.1. New Members
 - 8.1.1. Compatriot James Vincent Marino

Compatriot James Vincent Marino, do you as a Descendant of one of the Patriots and Heroes of the American Revolution, reaffirm your ancestor's faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic?

→ YES

And, will you pledge to support The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution?

→ YES

I now take great pleasure in presenting your Membership Certificate and SAR Rosette for your lapel coat.

→ PRESENT CERTIFICATE & ROSETTE

This Rosette is the official Recognition Emblem of the Sons of the American Revolution. Its blue and buff colors represent the colors in the uniform worn by General George Washington. Wear it proudly.

Compatriot Jim Marino, we welcome you to the Silicon Valley chapter. We ask that you work with us to fulfill the purposes and objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution.

At this time we would all like to invite you to address our members present with whatever thoughts you may have. All members please welcome our new compatriot into the Silicon Valley chapter.
 - 8.2. Guests
 - 8.2.1. Wendell (Bud) B. Alexander (SVSAR Prospect) (?)
 - 8.2.2. Alvie K. Hartsog (SVSAR Reinstatement)
 - 8.2.3. Jeffrey L. Windham (SVSAR Reinstatement)
 - 8.2.4. Officer Joe Heylen (Law Enforcement Commendation)
 - 8.2.5. Cadet Jose Arteaga (SVSAR "Outstanding JROTC Cadet")
 - 8.2.6. Cipriano Arteaga (Father of Cadet Arteaga)
 - 8.2.7. Guadalupe Arteaga (Mother of Cadet Arteaga)
 - 8.2.8. Adan Arteaga (Brother of Cadet Arteaga)
 - 8.2.9. Alesandro Arteaga (Brother of Cadet Arteaga)
 - 8.2.10. Christina G. Hicks (SVSAR Scholarship)
 - 8.3. Self Introduction of Existing Members.
9. Unfinished business.
 - 9.1. CASSAR Valley Forge Program: Volunteers are needed.
 - 9.1.1. Get information from CASSAR
 - 9.1.2. Provide information to SVSAR members

- 9.1.3. Support SVSAR members in distributing information
- 9.1.4. Report at SVSAR Chapter meetings
- 9.2. NSSAR The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest: Volunteers are needed.
 - 9.2.1. Get information from CASSAR and NSSAR
 - 9.2.2. Provide information to SVSAR members
 - 9.2.3. Support SVSAR members in distributing information
 - 9.2.4. Report at SVSAR Chapter meetings
- 9.3. NSSAR National Americanism Poster Contest: Volunteers are needed.
 - 9.3.1. Get information from CASSAR and NSSAR
 - 9.3.2. Provide information to SVSAR members
 - 9.3.3. Support SVSAR members in distributing information
 - 9.3.4. Report at SVSAR Chapter meetings
- 9.4. NSSAR The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest: Volunteers are needed.
 - 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
- 9.5. Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised – 10th Edition
 - 9.5.1. 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!
 - 9.5.2. Keep meetings as informal as possible, and use Robert's Rules of Order only when the process becomes bogged down or heated.
 - 9.5.3. Point of Order
 - 9.5.3.1. Question: May the Presiding Officer of a small assembly 1) initiate a motion, 2) second a motion, 3) debate a motion, and 4) vote on a motion?
- 9.6. Fund Raising Ideas
 - 9.6.1. Polling Volunteers: Inspectors with training are paid \$140 and Clerks with training are paid \$105. This has worked well with other chapters. I'll be a Poll Inspector on November 7th at Precinct 3623 (Home of Christ Church at 10340 Bubb Road in Cupertino). I need three more clerks. If you would like to help, let me know.
 - 9.6.2. eScrip: Introduce of 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. I have applied using our Tax Identification Number: 94-6131732.
 - 9.6.2.1. You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.
 - 9.6.2.2. Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.
 - 9.6.2.3. 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. New business and correspondence.

- 10.1. Recognition: Compatriot Charles A. Smart, SVSAR President, will present the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate to Compatriot William Howard Jones, who is a member of the SVSAR Color Guard.
- 10.2. Recognition: Compatriot Charles A. Smart, SVSAR President, will present the NSSAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate to Officer Joe Heylen from the Milpitas Police Department.
- 10.3. Recognition: Compatriot John R. Kohli, SVSAR Past President and Chairman of the ROTC/JROTC Recognition Committee, will present the SVSAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal and Certificate to Cadet Jose Arteaga from the Navy JROTC program at Milpitas High School.
- 10.4. Recognition: Compatriot Richard Knock, member of the SVSAR Scholarship Committee, will present the SVSAR Scholarship to Ms. Christina G. Hicks, a student at De Anza Community College under the tutelage of Dean John K. Swensson, Dean of Language Arts. Ms. Hicks has agreed to honor us with a reading of her winning essay. After the reading, Compatriot Richard will present Christina an American Flag, which was flown over the United States Capital, a Flag Certificate, the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. Christina has already received the \$500 SVSAR Scholarship.
- 10.5. SVSAR Dues
 - 10.6. 2006 Dues
 - 10.6.1. NSSAR \$25.00
 - 10.6.2. CASSAR \$18.00
 - 10.6.3. SVSAR \$12.00
 - 10.6.4. Total \$55.00
11. Introduction of the speaker or program.
 - 11.1. Guest Speaker: “*The Ancient Art of Grave Dowsing*”. Compatriot Howard Jones recently completed a cemetery restoration project in North Central Arkansas. Harris Cemetery was virtually destroyed by the great flood of 1927. In fact, only one tombstone remained standing after the floodwaters of the White River receded. A two- ton boulder and memorial plaque was installed at the cemetery this year to honor his ancestors. Over 30 people attended the ceremonies.

Harris Cemetery is located on private property. Prior to the restoration project no one knew how many people were buried there. During the project, Howard became acquainted with a local grave dowser who would eventually play a key role in the restoration of the cemetery. Everyone was amazed when the grave dowser walked through the old cemetery with the rods crossing and uncrossing at three foot intervals. She located 39 graves in the first row alone. Three of these graves were located underneath a present day driveway!

Nearly everyone has the power to practice the art of grave dowsing. In addition to locating graves, the dowsing process will also locate water and react to living people. Our speaker will put on a practical demonstration of dowsing and will allow others to try their hand as well. Be prepared for an amazing demonstration!
12. Presiding officer’s remarks and thanks to speaker or program principal.
 - 12.1. Announce SVSAR Chapter Meeting on December 9, 2006 as the Annual Meeting with elections for 2007 Officers, and a social event immediately following the meeting.

- 12.2. Guest Speaker: Our speaker for the December 9th meeting will be Mr. Ray Bisio. His topic will be *The Siege at Yorktown*. Ray is a former docent at the Yorktown National Battlefield Monument. He currently serves a docent at the Gettysburg National Battlefield Monument. He is extremely knowledgeable and very articulate.
As you all know, this meeting will be our annual Christmas and awards meeting. It is a big celebration and we will all want to take our wives or other guests. We have a premier speaker with a great topic. I would like to see a minimum of 40 people in attendance at this meeting.
This is a team effort and I appreciate all of your help.
- 12.3. Building a Flag: Alvie K. Hartsog, past member of the SVSAR Chapter and current member of the Masons.
- 12.4. 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.