



OMAHA CHAPTER - Minutes of the 13 September 2022 Meeting

The Omaha Chapter of the SAR met at Gorat's Steakhouse. Members (17) and guests (10) attending: Paul Burrigh (Paula), Mark Byars, Jim Gansemer (Jackie), David Kentsmith (Kitty), Andrew Nels, Hugh Nels (Kathy), Craig Noah (Debby), John Parsons (Pauline), Ted Powell, Jim Sly (Janet), Ron Stites, Andrew Sullivan, Tom Upton (Jane), Todd Vetter, Fred Walden (Jan), Bill Webb, and Drew Whitler (Cheryl).

OPENING:

- Call to order by President Paul Burrigh at 1835 hours.
- Attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members remained standing and recited the Pledge to the SAR.
- Members introduced attending guests.
- Meeting minutes from 10 May 2022 were presented by President Burrigh. Moved by David Kentsmith and seconded by Todd Vetter to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Treasurer Andrew Nehls reported no expenditures since May, and an account balance of \$3,704.98. Moved by Andrew Nels and seconded by David Kentsmith to approve a \$53.45 reimbursement to Paul Burrigh for expenses related to the August Chapter Picnic. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- President/State Registrar Paul Burrigh reported that three new members were recently approved, bringing the new member total for 2022 to twelve. Seven supplemental applications has been approved this year. Five new member and 9 supplemental applications are awaiting National approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Burrigh recapped summer chapter activities, including the Mutz/Bushnell Compatriot Grave Marking in Lincoln (11 Jun 2022), the Ralston Parade (04 Jul 2022), 1st Annual Omaha Chapter Picnic (20 Aug 2022), and the Color Guard presentation at the Omaha Stormchasers game (10 Sep 2022).
- President Burrigh recapped the summer district meetings and encouraged all compatriots to attend these informative events.
- State President Tom Upton reported on his attendance at the National Congress in Savannah, GA (10-15 Jul 2022), highlighting the professional conduct of business, impressive Color Guard presentation, and enjoyable activities during the week. President Upton noted that Nebraska is entitled to five (5) delegates to Congress, and encouraged interested compatriots to attend next year in Orlando (13-20 Jul 2023).
- Vice President James Sly presented the Omaha Chapter Constitution & Bylaws for approval following their creation in the spring and membership review during the summer. Motion made by David Kentsmith and seconded by Tom Upton to approve the Omaha Chapter Constitution & Bylaws as presentation passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Burrigh's appointment of Martin Beerman as Chapter Registrar was ratified by unanimous voice vote (motion made by Tom Upton, second by David Kentsmith)
- New member Craig Noah was inducted into the chapter and presented with his rosettes and member certificates. Compatriot Noah spoke about his patriot (Joseph Eggleston) and entered him into the muster roll at the end of the meeting. President Burrigh also announced that Compatriot Noah will be the Omaha Chapter's Eagle Scout Chairman.
- Andrew Sullivan was presented with a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate and spoke about his patriot (Ezekiel Cleaver) who was entered into the muster roll at the end of the meeting.
- President Burrigh announced that the DAR will be placing a 250th Anniversary Marker at Omaha Memorial Park on 06 Nov 2022 at 2:00 pm and encouraged all members to attend and show their support. The DAR intends to place three additional markers throughout the state before summer 2023.
- President Burrigh announced that Color Guard will be marching in Lincoln's Veteran's Day Parade on 13 Nov 2022 and is considering an invitation to march in Omaha's 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

- President Burright announced that the Fall Meeting of the Nebraska Society will be held on 25 Sep 2022 at Mahoney State Park at 2:00 pm. All members were encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM:

- President Burright gave an informative and entertaining presentation about his Patriot Ancestor, Isaac Messenger and the Messenger family of Windsor, CT, and associated ancestors through which he gained membership in the lineage societies Son of a Witch and the General Society of Colonial Wars.

CLOSING:

- There being no other business, all members rose and recited “Until We Meet Again . . .” A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and agreed to by the membership. The meeting adjourned at 2025 hours.
- Next Meeting: **11 Oct 2022 at Gorat’s.**

Submitted by Mark A. Byars, Chapter Secretary