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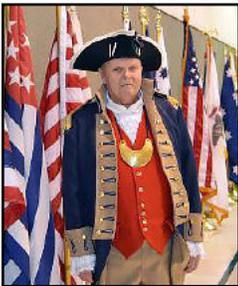


Hear Ye Hear Ye !!!

The President General
is coming to Illinois.

President General Larry Guzy will be the
Guest of Honor at the Illinois Society
May 11 Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet,
May 12 Board of Managers Meeting,
May 12 Youth and Community
Service Awards Luncheon

A reservation form is included
in this issue of The Patriot



Toby Chamberlain

A Message From The President

By Toby Chamberlain ILSSAR President

The saying, time passes fast when you are having fun, sure applies to my time as your State President. The past two years seems to have flown by. I

want to thank all of the Illinois Society Compatriots who provided help, guidance, suggestions and ideas that made my time in office an enjoyable experience. I hope you will continue to support President-Elect Richard (Dick) Chamblin and Senior Vice President-Elect Mike Campagnolo as you have done for me.

While there were many who helped me, four men are deserving of special mention.

Karl Reed - who started me on my journey as a chapter officer when he convinced me that I could handle the duties of Springfield

Chapter Vice President and President. Karl has always been available with suggestions and advice during the past four years

Gordon Bidner - Did much like Karl except he was the one who convinced me I could handle the duties of Illinois Society Senior Vice President and then State President. Gordon also made himself available

when I needed suggestions and advice. Both Karl and Gordon had served as Senior Vice President and President and spoke from experience.

Dan Crafton - The State President can appoint one

Compatriot as an at large member of the Executive Committee. Dan was my pick and thankfully when I ask him he said yes. The Executive Committee is made up of the State President, Senior Vice President, immediate Past President, State Secretary and the At Large appointment. Dan did a fantastic job with his background as a chapter president

and Southern Region Vice President. His input and voice helped guide our State Society over the past two years.

Richard (Dick) Chamblin - Almost every week Dick made the trip

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Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction

Items include Sword & Scabbard
Previously owned by two Illinois
Society Members,

\$100 Gift Certificate for the Springfield
Wyndham City Center Hotel
and much more.

Bring your checkbook and bid often.

**The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution
Illinois Society Annual Meeting May 11 & 12, 2018
Wyndham Hotel, 700 East Adams, Springfield Illinois**

The Wyndham City Center Hotel room discount is \$119.00 plus tax.
Rate includes free parking and breakfast. Cutoff date for discount reservation is April 20, 2018.
Call 217-789-1530 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate.

Dress is Black Tie, Business Suit, Business Dress or Uniform.

The Friday, May 11 dinner begins at 7 p.m. in Vista 1, 2, 3 Room on the 29th floor.

We will have a cash bar and social hour from 6 to 7 p.m.

Do not forget the Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction Friday evening.

**The Saturday, May 12 Board of Managers Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m.
in the Embassy Room on the Concourse floor.**

The Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Vista 4 Room on the 29th floor.

Lunch will be in the Vista 5 & 6 rooms on the 29th floor.

Cut Here and return

I will attend the Board of Managers Meeting but not any meal events _____

Menu

Friday Dinner Salad, Chicken Saltimbocca, Wild Rice, Mini Green Beans & Dessert (\$35.00)

Saturday Lunch Salad, Warm Apple Compote, Pan Seared Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable (\$31.00)

Member Name _____ Friday_____ Saturday_____

Spouse Name _____ Friday_____ Saturday_____

Guest Name _____ Friday_____ Saturday_____

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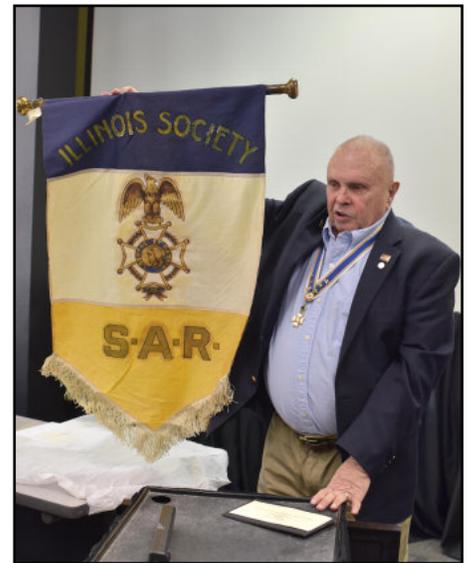
Reservations received after April 20 will incur a \$5.00 late fee

Mail Personal Check payable to ILSSAR for meal total to

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Highlights from the February BOM Meeting



President Toby Chamberlain, left, congratulates Lee Braden, from ABC, after he is sworn in as the new state treasurer. Above, President Chamberlain displays an old Illinois SAR banner donated to the ILSSAR. It was deemed too fragile by the Board of Managers to actually be used.

ILSSAR Calendar of upcoming events in 2018

May 11 to 12 BOM Mtg. and Awards Presentations

Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at \$119 each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking.

At the Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530 .

This meeting is our annual SAR Individual and Chapter Awards night and will have the Ladies Auxiliary Auction.

The Special guest will be NSSAR President General Larry Guzy, Secretary General Warren Alter, George Washington Distribution Fund Chairman Russ DeVenney and Illinois DAR State Regent Gloria Fathom.

July 12 to 19 National SAR Congress

Houston TX, at the Houston Westin, Memorial City. \$159 per night at 800.937.8461. Ask for NSSAR or the National Society Sons

of the American Revolution group rate or online at: starwoodmeeting.com/book/NSSAR

August 9 to 11 ILSSAR BOM Mtg.

Dates are Thursday, August 9 for the State Fair. The BOM dinner is Friday night August 10 at the Wyndham, Springfield, IL. The BOM meeting is Saturday morning August 11.

We have rooms at \$112 each night at the SAR rate, with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Phone: 217.789.1530.

Our speaker is to be determined.

September 27 to 29 National SAR Fall Leadership Mtg.

Louisville, KY, Brown Hotel. Call 888-888-5252 and ask for The Sons off the American Revolution rate.

October 26-27 NSSAR Great Lakes District Mtg. and ILSSAR BOM Mtg,

at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at \$121 each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking. Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Phone: 217.789.1530.

Our dinner speaker is to be determined. Black Tie or Uniform for Friday night dinner.

November 2-3 ILSSAR BOM Meeting

at the Wyndham, Springfield. Rooms at each night for the SAR rate with free breakfast and free parking.

Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Ph: 217.789.1530.

After the evening dinner our speaker is to be determined.

Secretary — Drew Robinson

Please notify me of [address changes](#) or [deceased members](#), in order to keep your ILSSAR database up to date and your newsletter delivered to the correct address AT:

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Do we have your



ILSSAR Registrar – Garry Grugan

Effective immediately, my e-mail address is gagrugansar@gmail.com.

Please update your contact information accordingly.

I apologize for the inconvenience.

A Message from the 200th Anniversary Committee

An update from the Committee on the 200th Anniversary of the Founding of the State of Illinois

Organizations have been invited to join the Illinois 200th Anniversary Committee as a partner to celebrate the State's founding. In order to be considered a "partner" to the committee we must organize programs that tell the story of our founding.

Organizations that become "partners" will be allowed to display the logo of the committee and the committee will display the SAR logo in all literature and programs associated with the celebration.

So far, proposals for programs that celebrate the State's founding consist of: chapters including a speaker or handouts in a chapter meeting and, on the state society level, placing a marker (Kaskaskia Stone) at the site of the Kaskaskia Fort.

Dan Crafton has worked hard to make the Kaskaskia Stone a reality. Since the fort resides on DNR property, Dan appeared before the Illinois Department of Natural Resources board of managers and presented a proposal for setting the stone at the fort. He is awaiting their decision.

The Silent Auction, an Annual Tradition at the Spring BDN Awards Dinner



To be held Friday, May 11 at the Springfield BDN dinner to benefit the Louisville Center and the ILSSAR Cemetery Marking Program. The sword featured above is just one of about two dozen super offerings. Everything from food to jewelry. Bring your checkbooks and have some fun!

A Message From President Toby Chamberlain

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from Decatur to Chatham (a round trip drive of over 100 miles) to join me at Chatham Cafe where after a breakfast of oatmeal and coffee, we spent an hour or so dealing with ILSSAR financial issues and talking about other society issues. Dick also served as a sounding board for my ideas and offered support for some of those but was just as quick to tell me that he thought some of my ideas were nuts.

As this is my final President's Message I want to use this opportunity to thank you for all you have done in the past, are doing now and will do in the future to help the Illinois Society. I salute you.

Captain Elijah Smith Chapter



The Captain Elijah Smith Chapter recently made a flag award presentation recently. Rick Smith of Franklin Illinois, left, receives the Flag Certificate award from David Tannahill, right, secretary of the Elijah Smith Chapter.

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General Joseph Bartholemew Chapter

GJB Charter Member William T. Anderson passes away



William T. Anderson

Leesburg, FL on Dec. 7, 2017.

Bill was a Charter member of the GJB SAR Chapter, chartered on Oct. 21, 1975, and a relative of General Joseph Bartholemew. He was always most supportive and encouraging of our Chapter and over the years served the chapter in many roles including President and

It was with shock, sadness, and a heavy heart The General Joseph Bartholemew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution received the notification of the death of William T. Anderson in

Vice President. For this in 2016 we awarded him the GJB SAR Good Citizenship Certificate. He was indeed the embodiment of our organization's stated Purpose:

To participate in the preservation of our American Heritage of personal, economic, political, and religious freedom and to be active citizens in our great democratic society.

With 40 years of devoted service, leadership, and support of the GJB SAR Chapter of NSSAR, he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Norita Newell Anderson; daughter, Jennifer Anderson; son, Jeff Anderson; sister, Avis Amann; and two grandchildren, Michael and Vanessa.

He was born Oct. 22, 1940, on a farm in Saybrook, to proud parents, George W. "Bill" and Beatrice Fincham Anderson. He attended MacMurray College in Jacksonville. Bill was very politically motivated. During his life, Bill worked as coroner for 20 years, from 1972 to

1992, for McLean County. He was also a McLean County Board member and worked for the Illinois Secretary of State for organ and tissue procurement. He was an executive director of Illinois Coroners & Medical Examiners Association and served as president in 1992. Bill was a lobbyist and worked for Illinois Secretary of State's office. In 1992, he built the only state-of-the-art morgue in down-state Illinois.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages, where he served on the board for House of Hope. He was said to "never have met a stranger." His obituary says "He never met a stranger." To this we would add "He made a difference."

Our thoughts are with his wife, family, and friends (among which our GJB SAR Chapter is counted) and pray God grant them the strength to surpass this loss.

Chapter's Winter Activities and Meetings



GJB presents good citizenship certificates to area students from left: Emily Duis, Kathleen Boudeau, Gabrielle Wessels, William White, Joshua Cooper, Daniel Wyhckoff, and Justin Kuipers. Not shown is Cole Taylor.

Iroquois Co. High School Award Ceremony

By Dr. Virgil Short

The GJB SAR Chapter represented by William White and Princess Wach-e-Kee DAR Chapter represented by Joanne Clauss participated in an awards program for the 7 High Schools of Iroquois County on Dec 15, 2017 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Watseka, IL. During this program William

White presented a student from each high school, selected by the high school faculty, the SAR Good Citizenship Certificate. Those selected were: Emily Duis-Milford High School; Kathleen Boudeau-Donovan High School; Gabrielle Wessels-Cissna Park High School; Joshua Cooper-Central High School; Daniel Wyhckoff-Christ Lutheran High School; Justin Kuipers-Iroquois West High School; Cole Taylor-Watseka High School.

2018 Planning Meeting, Jan 10, 2018

The 2018 Planning Meeting was held on Jan 10, 2018 at the home of Gordon and Sandi Bidner at 7:00 p.m.

A tentative program was made in part due to the fact the five members attending the meeting (Dave Ashbrook, Jay Cummins, Gary List and Bill White) had several items that needed to be verified such as location, speakers, etc. Limited attendance was due to illness, and others being out of state or having conflicting commitments etc.

The usual overall program was modified by the addition of 2 luncheon meetings, one at the Ozark House at 11:30AM Feb 8, 2018 where the GJB SAR Chapter were invited guests of the LGS DAR Chapter and Guy Fraker, a GJB member, will speak on A Guide to Lincoln's Eight Judicial Circuit and the other on Dec. 3, 2018 at 12:30PM at The Chateau Tony Roma's Lincoln Room as part of the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Illinois becoming the 21st State in the Union with Robert J. Lenz, a local attorney, the speaker. At this meeting the 2019 Chapter Officers and MALs will also be voted on and installed.

Of note is efforts are being made to have Rodney "Rocky" Sickman, US Marine retired and P. O. W.-Iranian Hostage Crisis and Author of Iranian Hostage: A Personal Diary of 441 Days in Captivity as the speaker for Veteran's Day.

It was also decided at the Flag Day Meeting to present organizational certificates of appreciation for all the area Fire Fighters the same as we did for the Law Enforcement

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General Joseph Bartholemew Chapter

Continued from the preceeding page. groups last year.

In an effort to improve our recruitment for new members it has been noted that all too often a potential new member expresses an interest in the GJB SAR and is given an application and is never heard from again. Part of the reason for this may be he has gotten the impression we are not interested in him. Filling out the application often appears too much of an effort for some. He should not be allowed to get discouraged. In an effort to avoid this, a new committee Membership/Mentoring Committee, was formed to develop means to keep in contact and assist such individuals.

The purpose of the new committee is to not just give the new person an application but stimulate his interest in what we are all about and assist in any way possible or direct him to where he can get assistance if needed. Encourage him to come to meetings so he can get to know us etc. This is not just a committee's responsibilities but all should be involved.

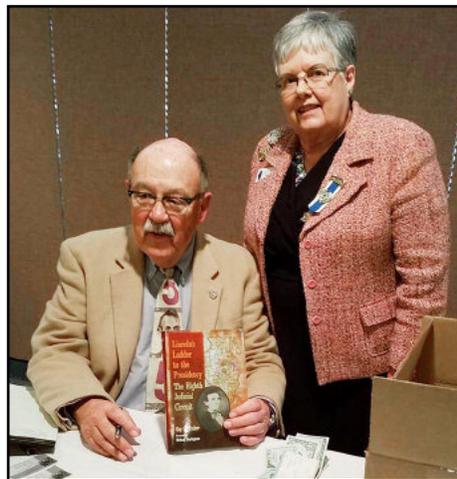
In the past two months seven new potential members have inquired about membership and are working on their application. The new Membership/Mentoring Committee was activated by assigning a committee member to each potential new member to contact and offer any assistance and to encourage him to come to our next meeting.

LGS DAR/GJB SAR Meeting, Feb. 8

The GJB SAR Chapter was guest of the LGS Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at a mid-day meeting held at the Ozark House on Feb 8, 2018. Attendants enjoyed the fellowship with the

members of the LGS DAR Chapter.

The Program was provided by a speaker who is a GJB SAR member, Guy Fraker, who spoke on his book, A Guide to Lincoln's



GJB member Guy Fraker and Patricia Levee Radue, Regent of the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of the DAR.

Eighth Judicial Circuit, in which he gave a Power Point presentation showing the geography of the Eighth Circuit. The pathway taken by those participating in the biannual trip around the circuit to provide the law support to the people of that area was also discussed. He also talked about the court houses used, and monument markers of sites where the path followed crossed from one county to another which had been made at the insistence of Lottie Jones, a DAR member.

The presentation was both interesting and informative and was enjoyed by all present.

GJB SAR Chapter Meeting Feb 13, 2018

Chapter Gordon noted the issue of a brick and mortar museum in the headquarters in Louisville, KY will be revisited considering the "SAR Core Business," presence of competing museums such as the Philadelphia Revolutionary War Museum, and the significant cost of operating a SAR Museum in Louisville.

Gordon and Dave will attend the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY Mar 1-3 where the topic as discussed by PG Guzy in his message on page 3 of the Winter Edition of The SAR Magazine will likely come up and be debated again. Dave is a member of the NSSAR Museum Committee. This will be the eleventh Leadership Meeting Gordon has attended since he was ILSSAR President in 2008-10.

The program for the evening was provided by Dan Leidel whose presentation was entitled Learning History Through RAP: Hamilton in which he gave a critique of the play, Hamilton.

This was prefaced by a thumbnail biography of this Founding Father to provide the attendees with a factual base followed by the critique which included difficulties understanding the characters who mainly presented their lines in RAP with some deviation from fact so as to fit a story line.

All in all it was felt the play was for entertainment rather than trying to give a factual history lesson in RAP. However, if the musical Hamilton causes the younger generation to become more interested in the historic figure of Hamilton, it will indeed be entertaining and beneficial.

Kishwaukee Chapter

Chapter Set To Honor Two Boone County Patriots

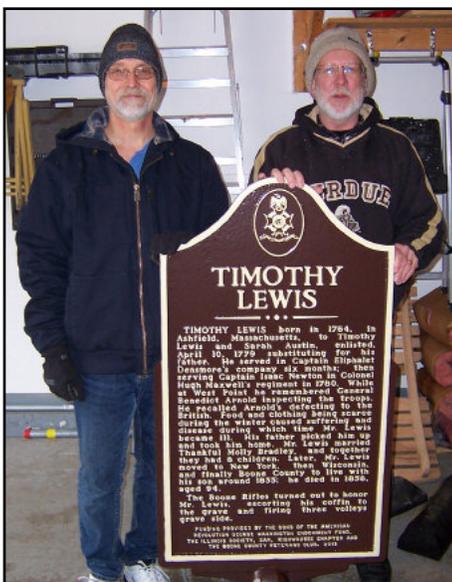
By George B. Graham Jr.
Kishwaukee Chapter President

We at the Kishwaukee Chapter are excited after receiving from Sewah Studios, our two sided historical marker to be posted in the Belvidere Cemetery, Belvidere Illinois.

It will honor Revolutionary Patriots Timothy Lewis and Thomas Hart.

We are approaching the final stages with the program set to be held June 16, 2018.

Ray Beets and Rich Stabenow have been in contact with the Fox Valley Chapter, for advice as well as participation. It is exciting to share talents between chapters. We are so looking forward to the actual ceremonial day.



Rich Stabenow, left, and Ray Beets.



Rich Stabenow, left, and George Graham Jr.

Fox Valley Chapter

North Aurora Firefighters honored for dangerous fast water river rescue.

Two 19-year old teens were fortunate last summer that a trained river rescue crew from the North Aurora Fire Department was nearby and in the water within three minutes of receiving the 911 call.

To recognize the firefighters for their bravery in that dangerous situation, the Fox Valley Chapter awarded Lt. Aaron Christensen, Firefighter Tim Garrett, and Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Kotecki the SAR heroism medal and certificate.

Chapter Vice President Mike Campagnolo read from the official SAR description of what the award represents and why it is given. "The medal is in bronze and is similar in design to the Good Citizenship Medal but is inscribed, "Heroism." It is worn suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engraving. It recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient."

Fox Valley Chapter President Harry Reineke IV then presented the medals to each recipient. Following that, chapter member Scott Sanders took photos in the Fire Dept. board room then everyone went to the apparatus floor for more photos with their families and friends.

Editor's note. The following excerpts are from a story By Daily Herald Reporter Susan Sarkauskas that ran following the rescue last summer. Used with Daily Herald permission.

Several teens called for help at 7:59 p.m. Wednesday from Lippold Park. "They had heard screaming, which they initially dismissed as other kids goofing off," North Aurora Fire Chief Ryan Lambert said. But when it continued, they decided to investigate, saw the women and called 911.

"This is the type of rescue movies are made of," said Lt. Aaron Christensen, one of the rescuers.

The women, neither of whom was wearing a lifejacket, were travel-



After the awards were presented, the recipients are shown with Fox Valley members. From left, Fox Valley Vice President Mike Campagnolo, Firefighter Tim Garrett, Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Kotecki, Lt. Aaron Christensen, FV Color Guard Commander Jon Fixmer, and FV President Harry Reineke IV. Below right is a closeup photo of the front of the medals presented.

ing on an inflated raft. The raft got caught on a tree and dumped them. Unable to stand in the water, the women clung to the tree. The raft became submerged, then disappeared beneath them, according to another rescuer, firefighter Tim Garrett.

Garrett, Christensen and firefighter/paramedic Brandon Kotecki launched a motorized inflated boat from a spot near the North Aurora village hall, which is just above a lowhead dam, about a quarter-mile south of the park.

Guided by firefighters and police officers calling from shore, and aided in the growing dusk by police-wielded lights, they found the women at least 20 feet from shore, hanging on the downriver side of the tree.

"They were tired," said Chief Ryan Lambert of the North Aurora Fire Protection District, and were losing their grip, even as bystanders yelled at them to hang on.

The three rescuers hustled to position the boat, told the women what was going to happen, then hauled them in over the bow as they heard the tree limb starting to crack.

Fire officials credit the quick call from the teens and the training the department does at least annually for water rescues on the river and in detention and retention ponds.

It's the first time Garrett and Christensen have done an in-the-river rescue in their respective 12- and 13-year careers with the district. "On other calls, endangered boaters have made it to shore before rescuers arrived," Christensen said.

"The crew as a whole did a phenomenal job as far as organization and communication," Christensen said.

Fox Valley Park District police said the women entered the river at a fishing access station and were trying to paddle north to Glenwood Park Forest Preserve.

Christensen said the women told them they had just recently bought the raft. And they didn't know North Aurora had a dam.

Lambert said given the swift current, the women likely would have ended up going over the dam, even if still in the raft, and drowning. The North Aurora dam is a lowhead dam, which is known for trapping people in the hydraulic 'boil' at the bottom.

"That water was really moving pretty fast," he said.



North Aurora Fire Dept. photo

North Aurora firefighters saved two teens from likely drowning in the fast moving, flooding Fox River last summer.

Chapter Members Attend Genealogy Convention in Naperville

Fox Valley compatriots had a table set up at the 43rd Annual Du Page Genealogical Convention at the NIU Conference Center in Naperville on March 10. We ended up getting a few good leads. Compatriots in photo manning the booth from left are Ted Miller, Jon Fixmer, Paul Little, Chip Dawes, and Mike Campagnolo. We were joined with the Perrin-Wheaton and the Glen Ellyn DAR chapters.



Fox Valley welcomes five new members to the chapter

The Fox Valley Chapter has welcomed the following new members since December, 2017.

Steven Arthur Decker, from Warrenville. His Patriot Ancestor is Conrad Kresge.

Martin Joseph Detmer Jr. from Glen Ellyn. His Patriot Ancestor is Mathias Hollenback.

Martin Joseph Detmer II, from Chicago. His Patriot Ancestor is Mathias Hollenback.

Dennis Ryan Lamb from Chicago. His Patriot Ancestor is Enoch Hewins.

Robert Marley Rutan Jr. from Wheaton. His Patriot Ancestor is Noah Goodman.

Lewis and Clark Chapter

Cahokia Roman Catholic Church has Revolutionary Roots

By John Meacham

Fifty-five members of the Holy Family Parish at Cahokia served the American side during the Revolutionary War, John Reed told members of the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Illinois of Society Sons of the American Revolution recently.

Speaking at the SAR chapter's Presidents Day dinner at Lotta Watta Creek in Fairview Heights, Reed, the church historian whose family has been part of the parish since 1740, said the names of those Revolutionary War veterans are inscribed on a plaque near the cross on the parish grounds, where the men are buried.

Priests from Quebec came to the Cahokia area in 1698, Reed said. They continued down the Mississippi River as far as Arkansas, but came back in January, 1699, and began to build a small log church.

"That church was finished and dedicated May 14, 1699, which makes Holy Family the oldest continuous Catholic parish in the United States. There are a couple parishes that began before us, but at one time or another they were suppressed as parishes," Reed said.

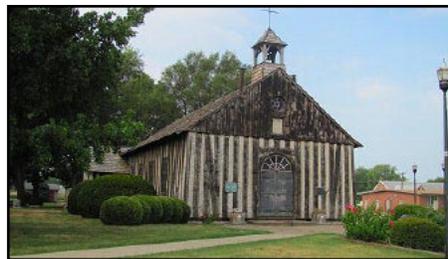
The church on the grounds today dates from 1799, Reed continued. It is recognized as a National Historic Landmark.

"The building we have now is about 85 feet long and about 35 feet wide. The first one was one-third the size of that one," he continued.

"The construction is post-on-sill," Reed said. "It means you put a rock ledge all around, you put a flat board on top of it and then you put the logs upright, as opposed to

what we see in log cabins. This is a particular French style of building."

The French cut timbers for the church from black walnut trees that were standing on



The original Holy Family Church in Cahokia.

the grounds, according to Reed.

He said these beams were standing as living trees the last time, before last year, that there was a total solar eclipse. That was 575 years ago. These trees were alive when Columbus came to the New World.

The mortar that fills the gaps between the posts is composed of sand, dirt, rock, pig hair, horse hair, human hair or anything that will stick together, Reed said.

George Rogers Clark came to Cahokia in the summer of 1778, during the Revolutionary War, with two purposes, Reed said. First, he was to convince the large gathering of about 5,000 Native Americans in the area to fight on the colonists' side, or at least not to fight for the British.

"Eventually, Clark convinced them to not fight, at all. The other thing Clark was supposed to do was to recruit as many members as possible of our parish to fight with the colonists. Quite a few did join up and march

with him to Vincennes and eventually to Detroit," Reed said.

Clark was at Cahokia eight days. He had only had eight militiamen with him and he housed these men in a stone building behind the original Holy Family church. The building, which had been the priest's home, was about 20-feet long and 15-feet wide. It had been abandoned for many years and most of the roof was gone.

"To impress the English, Clark named the building Fort Bowman," Reed said. "It was the westernmost fort of the American Revolution."

Reed said that what's left of Fort Bowman lies under the altar in the present church and can still be seen through a trapdoor. He added that the parish intends to install a Plexiglass panel in the floor to make viewing more convenient.

The parish has established a museum for many artifacts of its 319-year history. These items were stored for many years in cardboard boxes in the basement of the rectory.

One of the first things we found was a Bible that was printed in Paris in 1564," he said. "We didn't even know we had this. We also have the original chalice the priest used for Mass that came with the missionaries from Quebec, so we know that's at least 1698."

The parish loaned the chalice to Pope John Paul II to use in the Mass at the Edward Jones Dome when he came to St. Louis in 1999, Reed said.

For more information about Holy Family Parish, including visiting hours for its church and museum, visit www.HolyFamily1699.org.

General George Rogers Clark Chapter



From left: Chapter Vice President Robert Ridenour, new member Dennis Patterson, and Chapter President Charles Dobias.

GGRC holds annual dinner on George Washington's birthday.

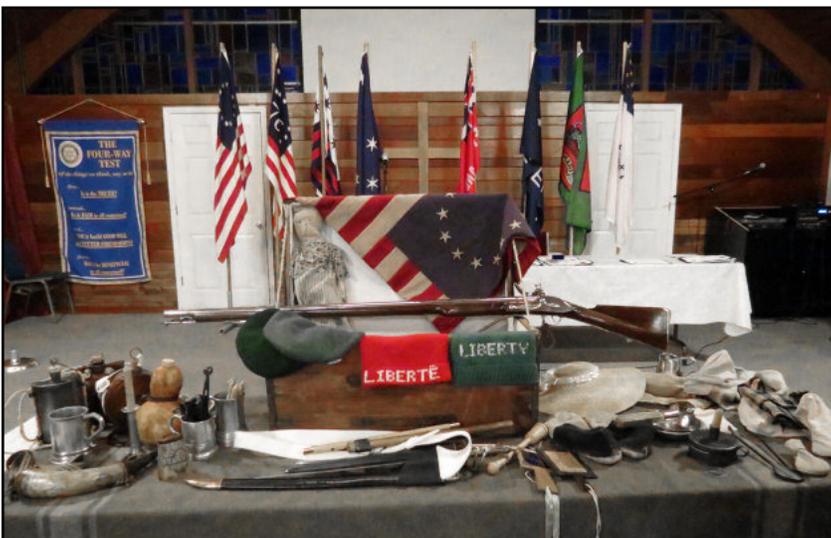
Everyone in attendance enjoyed an educational and entertaining evening as the General George Rogers Clark Chapter held its annual dinner meeting at the First Christian Church in Edwardsville on the birth date of George Washington.

Chapter president Charles Dobias presented medals to deserving chapter members. New member Dennis Patterson was welcomed and also received a Military Service Medal. Chapter chairman Eric Reelitz presented a check and certificate to the chapter's Knights Essay Contest winner, Daniel Burns.

After dinner, Geoff Baggett presented an excellent and educational program on "Revolutionary War in a Trunk" with assistance from his lovely wife, Kim.



From left: Chapter Knights Essay winner Daniel Burns, Chapter President Charles Dobias, and Knights Essay Contest chairman Eric Reelitz.



Geoff Baggett with wife Kim, put on an entertaining and informative presentation about Revolutionary War artifacts with the aid of his "Revolutionary War in a Trunk."

General George Rogers Clark Chapter

Also honored at the Annual Dinner



New member Alfred Miller, left, and GGRC President Charles Dobias, right.



GGRC President Charles Dobias, left, presents the Military Service Award to James Patterson, right.



GGRC President Charles Dobias, left, and New member Lloyd Miller, right.

Local eagle scouts honored in two area ceremonies

Congratulations to Troop 91's newest Eagle Scout, Andrew Towner. He was honored at a Court of Honor at the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Hamel on Sunday, February 25.

Shown from left are: GGRC Chapter Vice President Robert Ridenour, Eagle Scout Andrew Towner, and GGRC Chapter President Charles Dobias.

The new Eagle Scout received a badge, a certificate, and a pocket constitution.



Congratulations to Troop 38's newest Eagle Scouts, Gerritt Fry and Jarod Willis. They were honored at a Court of Honor at the Tri-Township Library in Troy on Sunday, February 18. Shown from left are: Gerritt Fry, Jarod Willis, GGRC Chapter President Charles Dobias, and Jim DeGross. Each Eagle Scout received a badge, a certificate and a pocket constitution.

Springfield Chapter

Eagle Scouts honored

By George Tinkham

On Monday, 26 February 2018, Springfield Chapter of ILSSAR participated in the Abraham Lincoln Council of the Boy Scouts of America annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner in the House Chambers of the Illinois Capitol. 56 Eagle Scouts were scheduled to be recognized with certificates from the Springfield Chapter of ILSSAR. Compatriots from the chapter included Drew Robinson (chapter president and ILSSAR secretary), Richard Chamblin (past chapter president and ILSSAR treasurer), Richard Moldenhauer (chapter Eagle Scout committee member and past chairman), and George Tinkham (chapter and ILSSAR Eagle Scout committee chairman).



ILSSAR Eagle Scout committee Chairman George handing a certificate of recognition to Eagle Scout Alexander Henrikson.

Eagle Scout activities figure prominently in chapter activities

The Springfield Chapter had its most recent meeting on Saturday, March 10 2018 from 11:00 – 1:00 at the Top Cats Chill and Grill located in Springfield. We discussed the need to fill the open Secretary position, the upcoming cemetery marking project near Dawson and Mechanicsburg, and welcomed Gary Freese, who represented his grandson and two brothers as four new members of the SAR, they were sponsored by Lou Myers.

George Tinkham was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman medal for his years of faithful service to the chapter and all of his hard work with Eagle Scouts and for developing a Chapter Scholarship award for Eagle Scouts.

Recognition and appreciation is deserved by the State Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee. Tom Ashby (Captain Zeally Moss), Larry Good (Lewis & Clark), Richard Moldenhauer (Springfield), Tom Turpin (Springfield), and George Tinkham (Springfield). Spent several hours grading and discussing the four scholarship applications.



George Tinkham, right, receives the Silver Roger Sherman medal, from President Robinson for his years of faithful service to the chapter and all of his hard work with Eagle Scouts.



Gary Freese, right, represented his grandson and two brothers as four new members of the SAR. They were sponsored by Lou Myers, left, with President Robinson, center, observing.

This year's Eagle Scout Scholarship winners are:

1st place: Noah Stull from Fowler, IL. Noah is from the area served by the Elijah Smith Chapter of the ILSSAR and the Mississippi Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Noah will receive \$1500 from ILSSAR as well as an eagle sculpture, a medal, and a badge. Noah will be recognized at the awards ceremony at the Board of Managers luncheon on May 12th.

2nd place: Brian Duvendack from Canton, IL. Brian is in Capt. Zeally Moss Chapter of ILSSAR's area and is in the W.D. Boyce Boy Scout Council. Brian will receive \$1500 from ILSSAR, as well as a medal and a badge.

On 26 February 2018, Springfield Chapter (Drew Robinson, Dick Moldenhauer, Dick Chamblin, and George Tinkham presented

certificates of recognition at the annual Eagle Scout ceremony at the State Capitol.

At the May BOM meeting this year, there will be an Eagle Scout break-out session where we will explore ways to make this program more effective. There is clearly a need to make more Eagle Scouts aware of our scholarships and what is required to apply. For example, no one applied for the Springfield Chapter scholarship. If anyone has suggestions or would like to participate please let George Tinkham know.

Upcoming scheduled events for the chapter include:

Saturday, April 14 Outstanding Citizenship Awards.

Saturday May 19 Cemetery Marking

Saturday June 9 Next chapter meeting from at MCL Cafeteria and Bakery.

Fort Dearborn Chapter

Fort Dearborn Members Attend Bicentennial and Presidents' Day Celebration

Members and board members of the Fort Dearborn Chapter were invited to attend the Presidents Day and Illinois Bicentennial Celebration hosted by the Fort Dearborn Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution and the William Dawes Society of the Children of the American Revolution. The meeting was hosted at the Evanston History Center at the Dawes House located at 225 Greenwood Street, Evanston, IL. Also in attendance were Illinois DAR State Regent, Gloria Flathom; Illinois Society CAR Vice President, Jacob Shadinger; and Illinois Society CAR Senior President, Marcia Flanagan.

Terry Lynch, Actor, History for Kids provided a history



Terry Lynch tests the audience in its knowledge of Illinois history.

of presidents, vice presidents and other key figures that resided in Illinois including Charles G. Dawes, Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, Ulysses S. Grant and Barack Obama. Following the presentation from Mr. Lynch, attendees were invited to enjoy light snacks and refreshments in the parlor.

SAR members elected and sworn in as 2018 Illinois State C.A.R. senior board members

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Society Children of the American Revolution took place on Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd, at the Marriott Pere Marquette in Peoria. Attendees included DAR Illinois State Regent - Gloria Flathom and Roy & Georgette Frank from the Heart of a Marine Foundation.

The incoming Illinois State C.A.R. officers were elected and will be sworn in on April 20 – 22 at the 2018 C.A.R. National Convention. New officers include President Elect Jacob Shadinger Senior State President [Elect] Susan Flanagan. Illinois Society SAR members Ray Beets (Kishwaukee Chapter) and Bill Wheeler (Fort Dearborn) were also

sworn in as 2018 – 2020 Senior Board Members.

Each year the incoming I.S.C.A.R. President present their project which they will be working on during the term in office. President Elect Jacob Shadinger has chosen BraveHearts (<https://braveheartsridding.org/>) which provides equine-assisted services to veterans and children in the Chicago area. BraveHearts is the largest equine-assisted program in the nation for military veterans. Through the various programs BraveHearts provides riding, ground activities, carriage driving and gentling of wild mustangs. All these services are offered at no cost to the veteran

Captain Zeally Moss Chapter

A busy year ahead for CZM members

Chapter members are gearing up for 2018 starting with our March meeting at the Lariat in Peoria March 28 at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

We have an eight meeting schedule and are working on our speakers for this year.

As we have a 2 Year term for all officers, we are ready to move forward with everyone returning. We have five new members for 2018 already approved so it looks like a good year in the making.

The Crow Funeral 2017 was a high point for us and was published in the current SAR National magazine.

We have a new feature in our meetings. Chapter members are wearing uniforms when we present new member certificates as pictures are taken. It promotes SAR when they are shown to family and friends.

There are two new members of our Color Guard so we may be able to schedule more outside events.

Ewington Chapter



Congratulations to Ewington Chapter member Jerry Groniger on being named one of SAR's George Washington Endowment Fund Fellows. Chapter president Joe Harris (left) presented his certificate and pin at the January 23 meeting.