

Kentucky Society (KYSSAR)
Sons of the American Revolution
KYSSAR Spring / Annual Meeting

Saturday, 5 March, 2011 Minutes
Bardstown, Kentucky (The Old Talbot Inn)

Minutes

KYSSAR Meeting began ... 11:00AM

Call to order – President Jim Strohmeier

Invocation – Rev. Noble Roberts

Posting of the Colors – Commander Dennis Scott

Pledge of Allegiance – Charlie Scott

Pledge to the SAR – Preston Tom Higgins

Introduction of guests – PG David Sympson and wife, Evelyn, Genealogist General, Lindsay Brock and wife Billie, VP General, Central District, Paul Wilke, Tennessee President, Rick Hollis, SAR members, Chapter Presidents, former State Presidents Sympson, Schrader, Payne, and Higgins, SAR Office Staff Aaron Adams & Denise Hall. (guests & youth winners not mentioned)

Approval of the 6 November 2010 Minutes– Motion to accept and dispense with the reading by William Schrader III with a second by Tom Higgins. Minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Assets include: \$8419. In the BB&T Checking Account; \$5629. In the Business CD; and \$5476. in the BB&T Treasury CD for a total of \$19,524.00 The annual income from dues was reported as \$6318. under General Fund Financial Report. (p.2 of Treasurer's Report) The proposed budget for 2011 is \$8748. with proposed expenses of \$7854.00 leaving a balance of \$894.00 The Life Fund Trust has a current balance of \$77,513.00 which is up \$965.00 from March 2010.

Youth Awards

- Americanism Poster Contest - Will Ahlers from Beechwood Elementary School, in Ft. Mitchell, Kenton County (Simon Kenton Chapter) First & second place received certificates and the winner \$200.

- American History Teacher of the Year – Dorothy Meyers, Conner Middle School, in Boone County (Simon Kenton Chapter) The winner received a certificate and a Liberty Bell trophy.
- Eagle Scout Contest – Alexander Marson, from Jamestown, Whitley County (Capt. Charles Gatliff Chapter) First, (\$500.) 2nd, & 3rd place received certificates and checks.
- JROTC Contest – Mollie Mason, Holmes High School, Covington, Kenton County (Simon Kenton) The state winner received a certificate and a check.
- Knight Essay Contest –Jacob Sims, DuPont Manual High School, Jefferson County, (Louisville Thruston Chapter) The top three finishers received certificates and checks.
- Oration Contest – Gabriel Moore, Home School (Simon Kenton) Both contestants received certificates and checks. 1st \$500. and 2nd \$300.00

Officer Reports

President's Report – President, Jim Strohmeier gave a report and handout of the number of events attended.

President Elect – Rev. Forrest Chilton gave a brief statement on the importance of supporting the SAR by supporting the Chapters and State Society.

Vice President's Report – Harry Geimeier mentioned various activities he has attended.

Secretary's Report- Tom Geimeier gave statistics on the number of New & Supplemental applications processed. Tom also mentioned correspondence he had written, as directed in November, to the Central District VP regarding KYSSAR's National nominations.

Lunch (12:00–12:45)

Committee Reports

Audit Committee – No report required at this meeting.

Historian & Newsletter – Charlie Scott submitted both written reports.

Awards Committee Chairman – Harry Geimeier and Rev. Forrest Chilton thanked Tom Higgins & Charlie Scott for their tireless efforts in preparing the awards for the State Meeting.

DAR Laison –Charlie Scott submitted a written report and announced that our KYSSAR efforts have produced 50 new members for the DAR.

Life Membership Trust Fund - Dick Bierman gave statistics on the Life Membership Program which has still has a membership of 195, with no changes since the November meeting.

CAR Liaison – No comments

Nominating Committee – The following nominees were nominated, duly elected in November, and installed as the KYSSAR Officers for 2011: President- Rev. Forrest Chilton, President-Elect- Harry Geimeier, Vice President – Tom Geimeier, Treasurer – Dick Bierman, Secretary – Del White, Registrar – Jesse Hagan, Chancellor –Stephen Collins, Historian – Charlie Scott, Chaplain – Michael Colegrove, National Trustee- James Strohmeier, & Alternate Trustee- Tom Payne.

Patriot Grave Marking – Forrest Chilton discussed the difficulties with obtaining VA markers. He also mentioned the importance of the effort and several scheduled markings.

Re-enactor Liaison – Dennis R. Scott gave a brief schedule of events for 2011, with more to follow at a later date.

Veterans' Affairs – Rev. Forrest Chilton mentioned that the KYSSAR should be receiving three National awards based on the latest figures. Two Chapters are in line to win individual awards and the KYSSAR the overall for the most points accumulated towards the USS Stark Award. (Service to Veterans)

Website – Preston Tom Higgins stated he had updated the Website with the new Officer listing.

Youth Programs – John Clay Barnett was absent, but the youth award ceremonies were conducted before lunch. The Oration contest was also conducted before lunch & the results announced after.

Chapter Reports

Written reports were included in the packets from: Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Louisville Thruston, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Capt. William Arnold, George Mason & Big Sandy. Oral reports were given by: Capt. William Arnold, Simon Kenton, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Louisville Thruston, Lafayette, Capt. Charles Gatliff, Lt. Robert Moseley & Big Sandy Chapter.

Old Business – A motion was made by Del White, with a second by Harry Geimeier, to adopt the recommended description and add the State Color Guard as a “standing committee of the KYSSAR. Motion approved.

Description of the Color Guard Committee

To be included in the KYSSAR By-Laws

Section 12 - Color Guard: A color guard committee shall be appointed by the President and shall include representatives from at least three Society Chapters. The Vice-President shall serve on this committee, but is not the chair by default. A chairman and color guard commander shall be elected by majority vote from active state color guard members. Their tenure shall be for two years and they may succeed themselves. The color guard committee shall oversee, administer and schedule cross-chapter participation, under the inclusive banner of KYSSAR, in local, state, regional, or national historic and patriotic events. The color guard committee will also devise and provide common insignia for committee participants.

New Business – Harry Geimeier made a motion to allocate \$500. 00 towards the expenses of the KYSSAR “color guard” with a second by Forrest Chilton. Motion passed. (new SAR flag & banner mentioned as needed)

David Sympson made remarks about moving the Kentucky Society’s Center for America’s Heritage from 22% to 25%. He passed out forms for contributions.

There was a motion to accept the resignation of Dr. William Schrader III, as Chair of the 2015 National Congress, by Harry Geimeier, with a second by Tom Higgins. Motion passed.

A motion was made for Jim Strohmeier and Tom Higgins to Co-Chair the 2015 Congress and appoint their committee members by Del White, with a second by Joe Parrish. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Harry Geimeier to follow the National guidelines for the awarding of all Color Guard medals, with a second by John Burch. Motion passed.

Chapter & KYSSAR Awards

Jim Strohmeier presented awards to the Committee Chairman and to his corps of officers for 2010.

The Chapter with the greatest increase in membership – Lt. Robert Moseley

The Chapter with the most new compatriots – Louisville Thruston

Most new Compatriot applications approved – Preston Tom Higgins

Best Chapter newsletter – Simon Kenton, *The Gauntlet*, Tom Geimeier, editor

Silver Award for the Chapter with the most complete program – Simon Kenton

Gold Award for the Chapter with the most complete program – Gov. Isaac Shelby

Service to Veterans Oak Leaf Clusters – Tom & Harry Geimeier (3 each)

Meritorious Service Medals – Dick Bierman, Harry Geimeier, Tom Geimeier

Silver Citizenship - Rev. Forrest Chilton

Patriot Medal for exceptional service to the KYSSAR & SAR – Dennis R. Scott

Distinguished Service Medal - Preston Tom Higgins II

Challenge Coins – Del White (Lafayette Webmaster, newsletter editor) and Charlie Scott (State newsletter, DAR Liaison, Historian, CD video & yearbook)

Installation of Officers – By President General, David Sympon

Comments from the new KYSSAR President – Rev. Forrest Chilton asked for the continued support of all past society Presidents, his Corps of Officers for 2011, and the Society Compatriots.

Special Award – President Chilton presented 2010 President, Jim Strohmeier, the Patriot Medal.

Motion to adjourn – A motion made by Joe Parrish, with a second by Tom Higgins. Motion passed.

SAR Recessional – George McCain

Retirement of Colors – Retired in place .

Benediction – Rev. Noble Roberts

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Geimeier, Secretary, KYSSAR