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MNSAR 133RD ANNUAL MEETING

Minneapolis, MN – The Minnesota Society, and the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution held their annual meetings at Jax Cafe on January 22, 2022.

The Society was called to order by President Christopher Willard Moberg who led the Pledge to the U.S. flag and read the Pledge to the SAR. Chaplain Michael Scott Swisher delivered the Invocation. The assemblage enjoyed luncheon, each ordering their own entree from Jax Cafe's menu.

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OPEN
IMMEDIATELY...
George Washington
Observance and
Luncheon Invitation
Enclosed

Has your address changed?
If so, please inform the MNSAR at
the above address – *Thank you.*

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Sons of the American Revolution
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MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR ANNUAL MEETING

MNSAR Membership

Corresponding Secretary COL Ronald McRoberts reported on membership. The membership count on 01 January 2021 was 254 and on 31 December was 250, including 16 Junior members and five Dual members. Registrations were recorded for 29 new members, one new Junior member, one who transferred in, and three who were reinstated following non-payment of dues by the previous year's deadline. Losses included five deaths and 33 dropped due to non-payment of fees, the latter number being substantially greater than for recent years.

The median age of members is 63 years of age. The median length of membership is eight years. Once again, the Minnesota Society led the National Society in the percentage of life members at 31.2%.

Minnesota Society Financial Report and Endowment Trust Fund

Treasurer Richard E. Smith presented the Annual Financial Report. It showed net assets of \$49,125.47 as of 31 December 2021. Michael Swisher, Trustee of the MNSAR Endowment Trust Fund reported that donations to Principal during 2021 were \$1,618.94. The assets on hand as of 31 December 2021 amounted to \$55,392.13 of which \$924.31 was 2021 in-

terest. The Trustees proposed that the 2021 interest be expended as follows: \$350 for the Veteran's Medal program, \$300.00 to the Color Guard fund, \$50 for the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and the balance left to the discretion of the Board of Managers

Eagle Scout Scholarship and Awards Program

Compatriot Richard Smith reported as chair for the Eagle Scout Program. Jerome Hilgemann was the Minnesota contest winner in 2021. He took 11th place nationally. Smith thanked the MNSAR Eagle Contest Committee members Richard Howey, Thomas Shaffer and Craig Whiting for helping to judge the winner. Smith has received four applications so far for the 2022 Eagle Scout Program.

ROTC Medal Program

Compatriot James Hagen reported that during 2021 invitations were sent to each of the state's seven ROTC units and twelve JROTC units. All seven ROTC units responded with names of cadets to be given the SAR Silver Certificates and Medals. However, only six of the twelve JROTC units responded with names of cadets to be given the SAR Bronze Certificates and Medals. Of the six that did not respond: one responded

that their unit (Park Sr. High School) had been disbanded; two responded that they were not making any awards during 2021 due to COVID-19, and three did not respond at all. Of the units that did give out awards, only one of each actually held in person award ceremonies.

MNSAR Color Guard

President Moberg reported for the MNSAR Color Guard stating that the Color Guard participated in events in his hometown of Rochester. Richard Howey, Bryan Evarts and Christopher Moberg participated in a Veterans Day event at the International Event Center and Rich Howey, Phil Christianson and Christopher Moberg participated in Wreaths Across America with the Civil Air Patrol cadets. The MNSAR and especially the MNSAR Color Guard has been invited to participate in the DAR America 250 Patriot marker installation this coming year, although we still await details about the time and place.

NSSAR Service Awards

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award

This award is a Boy Scouts of America recognized Com-

munity Organization Award presented to SAR members who have displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program. The medal is awarded by the National Society upon nomination by a state society, and only two awardees may be nominated from a state society per year. This year our award winners were Richard Smith and Richard Howey.

Color Guard Medals

The Bronze Color Guard medal is awarded for participating in 50% of all scheduled state Color Guard events for three years. The Silver Color Guard medal is awarded for participating in three district or national Color Guard events for three years. Both medals can be earned at the same time, so long as the same event is not used for more than one medal. In 2021 Christopher Moberg was awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal.

250th Anniversary Medals

We are fast approaching the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026. We have already started marking 250th anniversaries of events leading up to the revolution and will continue to mark 250th anniversaries up to the signing of the Treaty of Paris anniversary in 2033. To encourage members to keep their focus on recogniz-

ing 250th anniversary events, the NSSAR has created 250th Anniversary Bronze, Silver, and Gold recognition medals. For each event that you attend in which the 250th anniversary is mentioned or the 250th Anniversary SAR Flag is displayed, you accumulate three points. If you attend the event in Colonial attire, you accumulate an additional five points. With a total of 25 points, you become eligible to purchase a Bronze Medal, at 60 points a Silver Medal, and at 150 points a Gold Medal. The MNSAR plans to mention the 250th anniversary in each of the meetings so that anyone who is interested in these medals can accumulate points. However, it is up to the individual to keep track of which meetings they attended and the number of points accumulated. If you are interested in more information please contact MNSAR President, Chris Moberg.

SAR Medal of Appreciation

The MNSAR will award Minnesota D.A.R. State Regent Kathleen Barrett Huston an SAR Medal of Appreciation in honor of her state project to "Honor and preserve our lasting history through cemetery care and renewal." One example of a D.A.R. Chapter heeding this call to action is the Minneapolis Maria San-

ford Chapter, who has concentrated on cleaning the monuments at St. Mary's Cemetery in South Minneapolis.

Minneapolis Chapter

The Minneapolis Chapter was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Harris in the absence of both the president and vice-president. Thomas Harris presented the Annual Financial Report, noting total assets of \$23,664.64 as of 31 December 2021.

Michael Huttner, Chairman of the Minneapolis Chapter Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program reported that medals and certificates were presented in twenty area high schools in 2021, down from the normal twenty-four. The squadron of Naval Sea Cadets did not meet during 2021 and three schools did not participate because of the COVID-19 pandemic. One school dropped the program. Huttner will invite eight additional Minneapolis area High Schools to participate during 2022.

The Minneapolis Chapter will donate \$200.00 to the Lake Minnetonka Society C.A.R. and \$100.00 to the Hennepin History Museum.

Saint Paul Chapter

The Saint Paul Chapter was called to order by President James Everett Hagen. Secretary-Treasurer Timothy Harris presented the Financial Report indicating assets totaling \$6,215.50.

Compatriot Harris reported that only nine Saint Paul area high schools participated in the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program and their students were presented with their medals the past May. Letters have been mailed to twelve Saint Paul area high schools to begin the program for 2022.

Flag Certificates were awarded to five Saint Paul area businesses for regularly flying the flag on Flag Day, June 14.

MNSAR President Moberg conducted the oath of office ceremony for the Minnesota Society and Chapter officers. All officers remain the same as 2021 as they were renominated to serve a second term. Moberg recited the SAR Recessional and the MNSAR Color Guard retired the colors ending the festivities of the day.

REMEMBERING RICHARD BRINK

1923-2021

The National Society has reported that our long-time compatriot Richard Brink passed away. Brink was active in the State Society and most recently served on the Board of Managers in 2006.

Richard Brink, age 98, of White Bear Lake Passed away peacefully on July 4, 2021. He is survived by two children, three step-children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was born in Renwick, Iowa on April 27, 1923 to John and Sylvia Brink. Graduated LuVerne Iowa High School 1940, University of Iowa 1944, and William Mitchell College of Law 1952. He served in the Navy during WWII. Married Helen Ladwig in 1946, who preceded him in death in 1987. In 1989 he married Ruth Brady Cousins, who passed away in May 2021. Dick worked for 3M for 44 years. First as a chemical engineer and then as a Patent Attorney. Brink served on the White Bear Lake School Board for 15 years. He helped establish the White Bear Lake Methodist Church, and was an active member for 59 years. Dick Brink will be missed by all who knew him.

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2022 MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR OFFICERS

The following compatriots were nominated and elected to serve another year for the Minnesota Society and/or their respective chapters. Congratulations to all the compatriots who accepted service to the Minnesota Society, Minneapolis Chapter or the Saint Paul Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR

President:.....Christopher Willard Moberg
 Vice President:Steven James Hyde
 Corresponding Secretary:.....COL Ronald E. McRoberts, P.P.
 Recording Secretary:.....Duane L. C. M. Galles, Ph.D.
 Treasurer:Richard Eugene Smith
 Genealogist / Registrar:.....John Charles Sassaman, P.P.
 Chancellor:Brendan Robert Tupa, J.D.
 Historian/Newsletter Editor:Timothy Charles Harris, P.P.
 Librarian:.....Stephen John Vescelus
 Surgeon:George Floyd Smith, M.D.
 Chaplain:Michael Scott Swisher, P.P.
 Sergeant-at-Arms:Thomas Christopher Harris

Past Presidents are automatically members of the Board of Managers. Those not named above are:

Geoffrey Robert Bodeau, M.D.	Hon. David S. Bouschor
Dennis Garvin Croonquist	William Leslie DeCoursey
James Fredrick Foster	Duane L. C. M. Galles, Ph.D.
John Hallberg Jones	COL Ronald E. McRoberts
John Charles Sassaman	Larry Wray Sisk
Buford Allen Young	

Board of Managers: (up to 20 members in addition to the above)

Robert Wayne Allison	Charles Edward Boyles
Tracy Ashley Crocker	David Adriance Foster
Jay Thomas W. Franklin	James Everett Hagen
Marvin Lane Jansma	Hon. William Raymond Johnson
Larry Allan Lundblad, Ph.D.	John David McCallum
Robert Arthur Minish	Christopher Willard Moberg
Thomas Truxtun Morrison, Sr.	Randall Roger Nelson
Christopher John Pizinger	Aaron Hale Printup
LTC Allen Dean Shepersky	Rehn Douglas Smith
Kevin Everett Sullivan	Stephen Paul Thompson

S.A.R. Endowment Trust Fund: (three-year terms)

Trustee ending January 2023:Duane L. C. M. Galles, P.P.
 Trustee ending January 2024:Michael Scott Swisher, P.P.
 Trustee ending January 2025:COL Ronald E. McRoberts, P.P.

Nominated for Election at the NSSAR National Congress in Savannah, GA, in July 2022

National Trustee for Minnesota: ..Duane L. C. M. Galles, P.P.
 Alternate National Trustee MN:...Christopher Willard Moberg

MINNEAPOLIS CHAPTER SAR

President:.....Kevin Everett Sullivan
 Vice President:Robert Wayne Allison
 Secretary-Treasurer:.....Thomas C. Harris
 Chaplain:Michael Scott Swisher, P.P.
 Board of Managers:.....Tracy Ashley Crocker
 Timothy Charles Harris
 Michael William Huttner

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 Rehn Douglas Smith

SAINT PAUL CHAPTER SAR

President.....James Everett Hagen
 Vice PresidentRichard Eugene Smith
 Secretary-TreasurerTimothy Charles Harris
 ChaplainThomas Christopher Harris
 Board of Managers.....John David McCallum
 Dennis Garvin Croonquist
 Christopher Willard Moberg

NEXT MEETING NOTICE

The Annual George Washington Observance and Luncheon Meeting will take place on 26 February 2022 at Jax Cafe – *invitation enclosed.*

**THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
JOINS WITH
THE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
FOR
THE ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**

All members of the Societies, their spouses, and guests, are cordially invited to this very special event.

DATE: Saturday, February 26, 2022

TIME: 11:00 a.m. Social time – cash bar
11:30 a.m. Begin business meeting
12:00 Noon Luncheon

PLACE: Jax Cafe
928 University Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(Parking available in the lot north of and across the street from the restaurant)

MEAL: The meal will be gluten free beef tenderloin tips with roasted ravioli as a vegetarian alternative.

COST: \$55.00 per person (tax and gratuity included but no beverages)
Vegetarian alternative for \$50, and children's entrée at \$20, age 10 and younger

PROGRAM: "Stephen Taylor, Minnesota's only known Revolutionary War soldier"
Ron McRoberts

BUSINESS MEETINGS:

- The SR will conduct their annual business meeting.

NOTES:

- Jax requires proof of vaccination, recent negative test, or documented medical exemption.
Masks are required until entry to the meeting room.
- Bring the name of one of your Revolutionary War ancestors for a toast

PAID RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY. We must give Jax a count by February 16th. Please respond promptly.

You may register and pay by mail (below) or via the MNSAR web site at:
<https://minnesotasar.org/meetings>

Mail to:
Minnesota Society S.A.R.
c/o Richard E. Smith
718 Vermillion St
Hastings, MN 55033-2133

[] Please reserve _____ places for me at \$55.00 each,
_____ vegetarian alternatives at \$50.00 each,
_____ children's meals at \$20.00 each.
My check for \$_____ is enclosed.
Check payable to: "Minnesota SAR"

[] Sorry I cannot make it. Here's a check to help defray expenses.

NAME: _____