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MINNESOTA SOCIETY  
Sons of the American Revolution  
ANNUAL MEETING of the Board of Managers and of the members of the Minnesota Society  
on 22 January 2022 at  
Jax Restaurant, Minneapolis, MN

The annual meeting, which was held pursuant to notice and with a quorum present, was called to order by President Moberg. The Color Guard then advanced the Colors. Then followed the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and the SAR pledge, after which he ask that State Chaplain Michael Swisher lead us in an invocation and table grace. A moment of silence was called for after the reading of the necrology, as follows:

Richard E. Brink, who died 4 July 2021 at the age of 98.

President Moberg noted that the minutes of the last meeting at Elsie's Restaurant on 23 October 2021 had been posted of the MNSAR web site and copies were at each table. It was moved and agreed to that they be accepted as presented and that reading of them be dispensed with. Corresponding Secretary, Col. Ronald McRoberts, was then called on to present a membership report. The Minnesota Society numbered 250 members at the end of 2021, representing a net loss of four members during the year. There were 29 new members, one new junior member, one member transferred in, and three reinstatements, but five members had died and 33 were dropped for non-payment of dues. He also reported that the Society now has 78 life members, which is 31.2 percent of the Society's membership. He added that the median age of our members is 63 and the median length of membership is eight years.

Compatriot Richard E. Smith presented the treasurer's report. He reported receipts of \$9,693.11, expenses of \$9,197.22 (including a liability of \$5,795.00 for 2021 dues payable to the National Society), resulting in a net income of \$495.89. Assets (including certificates of deposit totaling \$36,000.00) totaled \$49,125.47. This includes \$10,857.00 in the life membership fund. The report was accepted, subject to audit.

Compatriot Tim Harris then present the audit committee report, stating that the committee had examined the Society's financial records and found them to be true and correct.

Compatriot Michael Swisher then presented the report of the Endowment Trust Fund. He noted that the Fund had in the course of 2021 disbursed \$937.06 (representing earnings in 2020) to the Minnesota Society, received donations of 1618.94 (including \$1000.00 from the Minnesota Society), resulting in assets at year-end of \$55,392.13 (which includes 2021 earnings of \$924.31 payable to the Minnesota Society). He also reported that the trustees have decided to move the Fund's assets, currently in bank certificates of deposit, gradually into more lucrative investments. It was then moved, seconded, and agreed to that of that \$924.31 the sum \$350 be placed in the Veteran Medal program, \$300 in the Color Guard fund, \$50.00 be paid for the Society's subscription to the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and the balance be paid out as the Board of Managers might direct.

Compatriot Richard E. Smith reported that the Minnesota Eagle Scout program winner, Jerome Hilgemann, took 11th place in the National Society's contest.

Compatriot James Hagen reported that seven silver ROTC medals were awarded in 2021 and four bronze ROTC medals.

It was reported that Minnesota DAR State Regent, Kathleen Barrett Huston, had as her state project "Honor and preserve our lasting heritage through cemetery care and renewal" and that for undertaking this worthy project it was suggested she be presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation. It was moved and agreed to that this be done.

Compatriot Tim Harris then presented the nominating committee report, which is attached. It was moved and agreed to that the slate as presented be elected. The new officers were then installed.

There being no further business, it was moved and agreed to the the meeting be adjourned. The SAR recessional then was recited, Compatriot Swisher rendered the benediction, the Color Guard retired the colors, and luncheon followed.

**MINNESOTA SOCIETY S.A.R. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 16 JANUARY 2021**

Proposed and nominated for 2021 Officers:

President:	Christopher Willard Moberg
Vice President:	Steven James Hyde
Corresponding Secretary:	COL Ronald E. McRoberts, P.P.
Recording Secretary:	Duane L.C.M. Galles, PP
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 Sinclair Bouschor
Dennis Garvin Croonquist	William Leslie DeCoursey
James Fredrick Foster	Duane L. C. M. Galles, Ph.D.
John Hallberg Jones	COL Ronald Edward McRoberts
John Charles Sassaman	Larry Wray Sisk
Hon. Paul Kent Theisen	Buford Allen Young

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

Robert Wayne Ginger Hooker 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 Truxton Morrison	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 2022:	COL Ronald Edward McRoberts, P.P.
Trustee ending January 2023:	Duane L. C. M. Galles, P.P.
Trustee ending January 2024:	Michael Scott Swisher, P.P.

Nominated for election at the NSSAR National Congress in Renton, WA, in July 2021	
National Trustee for Minnesota:	Duane L. C. M. Galles, Ph.D.
Alternate National Trustee for MN:	Christopher Willard Moberg

Respectfully submitted,

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COL Ronald E. McRoberts, P.P.

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Timothy C. Harris, P.P.

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Thomas C. Harris

Respectfully submitted,

Duane LCM Galles,  
Minneapolis, MN

MINNESOTA SOCIETY  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Annual George Washington's Birthday joint meeting of the Minnesota Society SAR and SR  
on 26 February 2022 at  
Jax Restaurant, Minneapolis, MN

The annual meeting, which was held pursuant to notice and with a quorum present, was called to order by President Moberg. MN SAR President Moberg, MN SR President Bodeau, and former MN DAR state regent Dianne Latham gave greetings. President Moberg recognized past presidents, state and chapter officers, and other SAR members present. He also acknowledged special guests, including Stephen Taylor descendant Barb Whipple and Eagle Scout Caleb Smith, along with his mother (Stephanie Smith) and his grandfather (Gary Smith). The Color Guard then advanced the Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Neese and the SAR pledge led by Rehn Smith. State Chaplain Michael Swisher led us in an invocation and table grace. The meeting was recessed to allow for the SR to conduct business and then called back to order.

President Moberg noted that copies of the minutes of the last meeting at Jax Cafe on 22 January 2022 were at each table. It was moved and agreed that they be accepted as presented and that reading of them be dispensed with.

Treasurer and Eagle Scout Chairman Rick Smith was called on to discuss the Eagle Scout Competition. Acting as treasurer, he noted that the 2022 budget had been approved by the Executive Committee. As Eagle Scout Chairman, he announced that Tanner Schertz won the St. Paul Chapter award, Finn McBride won the Minneapolis Chapter award, and Caleb Smith won the Minnesota state award. He then presented Caleb with his trophy and a \$400 check.

President Moberg then presented several awards. Compatriot Rick Smith received a Silver Roger Sherman Medal on account of outstanding service rendered to the state society. Compatriot Smith has been the Eagle Scout Chairman for three years and is currently our state treasurer and web master. He has been a strong voice for positive change in our organization, and among other things has been the host for all the monthly Zoom meetings.

President Moberg next presented Corresponding Secretary Ron McRoberts a State Medal of Distinguished Service on account of outstanding support given to the State President. While Compatriot McRoberts is known to the society as Corresponding Secretary, long-time leader, and outstanding presenter, he has also been the mentor of State President Moberg, answering hundreds of questions and providing much needed guidance. In response, Compatriot McRoberts noted the significant amount of work that John Hallberg Jones had done over the years, and how difficult it had been for Compatriot Smith and himself to cover all the things that he had handled in previous years.

President Moberg then announced that the meeting was a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and a National Color Guard event. He briefly mentioned the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gaspee Affair, which will occur on 9 June 2022.

Compatriot McRoberts was called on to present additional awards. He presented Genealogist and Registrar John Sassaman with several Liberty Medal certificates and thanked him for his tremendous service to our society.

Color Guard Commander Steve Hyde was called on to discuss the Color Guard. Compatriot Hyde discussed Color Guard events that occurred at the end of 2022, upcoming Living History team events, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Wayzata pancake breakfast.

Living History Team Leader Rich Howey was called on to discuss the Living History team. Rich displayed the first stars and stripes flag. The flag was designed by Francis Hopkinson of New Jersey, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The 1777 flag has 13 six-pointed stars arranged in five rows.

ROTC/JROTC Chairman Jim Hagen was called on to talk about ROTC/JROTC presentations. After discussing the need for presenters, he made a sign-up sheet available at the back of the meeting room.

Lunch was served, followed by an outstanding presentation given by Corresponding Secretary Ron McRoberts on Stephen Taylor, who is the only Revolutionary War patriot known to be buried in Minnesota. After the presentation, Compatriot McRoberts discussed the differences between the SAR and SR, and encouraged SAR members to consider joining the SR.

The meeting was closed with a remembrance of patriot ancestors and a reminder of upcoming meetings. It was announced that the September Constitution Day Luncheon would be a Board of Managers meeting as well as a meeting for members and guests, since there would be a vote on a change to the bylaws. Compatriot Randy Nelson led the SAR recessional, Chaplain Michael Swisher rendered the benediction, and the Color Guard retired the colors. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Moberg, MN SAR president

The annual Sons of the American Revolution CONSTITUTION DAY LUNCHEON meeting was held on 15 October 2022 at Jax Café in Minneapolis.

President Moberg welcomed the assembled compatriots and their guests, some 41 persons in all and called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance included six Minnesota SAR past presidents, including  
Duane Galles (1982 – 1983)  
Arthur Louis Finnell (1988 – 1989)  
Timothy Harris (1996 – 1997)  
Ronald McRoberts (2011 – 2012)  
John Sassaman (2015 – 2016)  
Geoffrey Bodeau (2017 – 2018).

President Moberg then invited the Color Guard to advance the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, the SAR pledge, and the invocation followed. He then asked for a moment of silence and then announced the death of our compatriot, Colonel Andrew Martin Johnson (1935 – 2022).

The minutes of the 26 February meeting were then accepted as presented.

Our next order of business was an amendment to the Minnesota SAR Constitution and Bylaws to add the Corresponding Secretary to the Executive Committee.  
The change is as follows, the underscored words being the proposed amendemnt:

*Section 20. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Managers composed of the President, the Vice President, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, the Registrar, and the Chancellor."*

President Moberg noted that written notice of the proposed amendment had been given in the magazine and stated that under the bylaws the proposed amendment needed the approval of both the Board of Managers and the membership. He then called for a vote by the Board which voted in the affirmative. He then called for a vote by the members which likewise was in the affirmative and declared the amendment passed.

He then announced the SAR and SR Washington's Birthday meeting was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that 2021 was the first year that the Minnesota Americanism Score Sheet was submitted, and as a result, Minnesota won both the Allene Wilson Groves award and streamer and the President General's state society activities competition award.

Luncheon followed and then President Moberg introduced our speaker, John Sassaman, our state genealogist and registrar, who presented a coaching session on how to file an SAR supplemental applications entitled, "Organizing and Finding Ancestor Data."

**The address concluded, President called for new business. There was none. He then invited all compatriot to mention the name of a Patriot Ancestor and the ancestor's service in brief. That concluded he pronounced the SAR recessional, called for the benediction and asked the Color Guard th retire the Colors. That completed he announced the meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Duane LCM Galles,  
Recording Secretary**