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Republic Reporter

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March 21, 2009 Meeting

Our speaker for our March presentation was Gene Fletcher. He gave us a presentation on the history of golf and Scotland's St Andrews Golf Course. The first form of Golf dates back to 500 BC. Gene covered the centuries up to the present time. The first golf ball was wood two inches in diameter and the first clubs were wooden sticks. The current form of golf was developed in the last 100 years.

We installed Compatriot David Mustard into the Chapter.

The Registrar report covered the installation of Compatriot David Mustard. The Registrar working with two new families and our number of members may increase by 10. The current strength of the Chapter is now 34 members.

We reviewed the Memorial for Compatriot Phil Chambers.

The 2008 JROTC Scholarship was awarded and payment of \$500 was forwarded to Central Oregon Community College.

There were 18 people present for the meeting.

As reported by Compatriot Meisenheimer

Oregon Society Board of Manager's Meeting

The next Board of Manager's will be held April 25th in Eugene at Kowloon's Restaurant at Noon.



Important April dates up to 1776

April 1, 1776 Gen. Wooster took over command of the Continental troops outside Quebec (for Gen. Montgomery, who was killed in the attack the previous Dec 31).

April 3, 1776 George Washington wrote to the British colonies around the world who were not part of the Continental Congress to join together to drive out the British.

April 4, 1776 The North Carolina assembly declared itself for Independence.

April 5, 1726 Benjamin Harrison was born in Virginia. He signed the Declaration of Independence for Virginia.

April 5, 1776 Georgia instructed her delegates to vote for Independence.

April 6, 1776 Congress decided that the commerce of the thirteen colonies is not subject to regulation by the King and opened all the colonies' ports to world shipping.

April 8, 1726 Lewis Morris was born in New York. He signed the Declaration of Independence for New York.

April 9, 1776 The Continental Congress sent \$200,000 to New York to establish the Continental Line.

April 11, 1776 The Provincial Congress is forced to flee from Philadelphia.

April 12, 1724 Lyman Hall was born in Connecticut. He signed the Declaration of Independence for Georgia.

April 13, 1743 Thomas Jefferson was born in Virginia. He wrote most of the Declaration of Independence, signed it for Virginia, and became our third President.

April 14, 1776 The North Carolina assembly passed a resolution in favor of Independence. April 16, 1741 Charles Wilson Peale was born in Philadelphia PA. He became a famous portrait painter of American patriots.

April 17, 1741 Samuel Chase was born in Maryland. He signed of the Declaration of Independence for Maryland.

April 18, 1775 Paul Revere and Billy Dawes ride out to spread the alarm through the countryside of the British troops moving from Boston to Lexington.

April 19, 1721 Roger Sherman was born in Massachusetts. He signed the Declaration of Independence for Connecticut.

April 19, 1758 James Monroe was born in northern Virginia. He became a major in the Revolutionary War and was our fifth President.

April 19, 1775 After the skirmish at Lexington and the fighting at Concord the British troops are harassed all the way back to Boston.

April 20, 1775 The siege of Boston by the Massachusetts militia begins.

April 21, 1775 Gen. Israel Putnam leaves his plow in the field and leads his men to Cambridge MA.

April 21, 1775 The Massachusetts militia begin a blockade of roads leading into Boston.

April 22, 1776 Delegates of the NC Provincial Congress are instructed to vote for Independence.

April 26, 1776 Eleven other French officers and a German officer (Johann Kalb, later to be Gen. de Kalb) arrived in Georgetown SC with Lafayette.

The Republic Chapter of the National Sons of the American Revolution

Our meetings are generally the third Saturday of the month. We meet at the Sizzler Restaurant located at 1151 Lancaster Drive NE in Salem, OR. We start our meetings at Noon. Upcoming meetings: April 18, 2009 May 16, 2009 We have a variety of interesting speakers and our own members give presentations on their Patriot Ancestors.

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The President's Corner

We had a well attended Chapter meeting on March 21. The speaker, Gene Fletcher, gave an interesting talk about the history of golf and St. Andrews Golf Course in Scotland. We also inducted David Muster as a new member. Welcome David!

Our April speaker will be Steve Amdt, who has written a book on traveling back roads in Oregon. He will talk about some of the interesting back road trips a person can take in our beautiful state.

Our Chapter is gearing up for the JROTC scholarship award. The deadline is almost here for applicants to apply. A committee will review those applications and make a decision on the recipient after the April meeting. The award ceremony will be held in early May at North Salem High School. Chapter members are welcome to attend that ceremony.

I urge Chapter members to reach into their wallets and make a contribution to the NSSAR's Center for Advancing America's Heritage capital campaign. I know times are tough economically, but this is a great project and needs the financial support of all members.

Hope to see you at the April meeting.

Ken Betterton

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About The Republic Chapter

Republic Chapter members come from all walks of life such as educators, clergy, carpenters, attorneys, doctors, welders and others. Our age group is diverse. We are a national historical, non-profit, non-political, community oriented organization open to all male descendants of American Revolutionary Patriots. A primary objective is to preserve and perpetuate the deeds of those brave and gallant patriots which ultimately lead to the formation of the United States of America.