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March meeting

Annual recognition of exemplary public employees who protect us

March is one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year because it is when our chapter honors public employees who have been selected by their supervisors for performing their duties at the highest level.

The Law Enforcement Award will be presented to an outstanding police officer; the Fire and Chemical Safety Award will go to an outstanding fire inspector; the EMS Award will be received by an exemplary first responder; and the Heroism Award will recognize a person from any one of these three divisions who put himself in harm's way to save the life of a citizen in peril.

Past recipients of the Heroism Awards include an off-duty fire fighter who pulled an unconscious man from a burning car just before the gas tank exploded, a fire fighter who rescued a

four-year-old boy from a smoke-filled burning house, and a police officer who entered an icy pond in an attempt to rescue a child who had fallen through the ice.

The March meeting is always well attended because several colleagues and supervisors of the recipients are on hand in support of their award winner.

In March of 1781...

General Nathanael Greene engaged the British Army in the Battle of Guilford C.H. in North Carolina. His army was on the verge of victory until Lord Cornwallis ordered his artillery to fire where both forces were engaged. Rather than subject his troops to this fire, Greene withdrew them, but Cornwallis was so weakened that he retreated to Yorktown, where he later surrendered.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT
March 24 Meeting
noon at the Kingsdale MCL

Here's why the Kroger Rewards Program is *really* needed

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter is committed to the National SAR's Americanism Program, which promotes an understanding and appreciation among our nation's youth of the American Revolution, our Founding Fathers, and the Constitution and liberties that it guarantees.

To encourage students to become more aware of our nation's founding, the BFC participates in the Americanism Program's many contests--

- The **Poster Contest** for elementary school students.
- The **Brochure Contest** for middle school students.
- The **Essay, Oration, and Eagle Scout Contests** for high school students.

As required, our Chapter presents cash prizes to winners of the above contests before sending those entries onto the State competition.

Because our Chapter strongly believes in investing toward America's future leaders, we also support excellence at three ROTC programs at OSU and Capital by presenting a medal to a student at each ROTC program identified by faculty as having demonstrated exceptional leadership.

The BFC has relied entirely on its members' dues for its income. During the last four years, our membership has grown from 97 members to 147--making us the third-largest SAR Chapter in Ohio.

However, 30 members did not pay their 2017 dues, leaving us with \$360 less than we received last year.

The **Kroger Rewards Program** has the potential to generate enough funding to compensate for down years and allow the Chapter to continue promoting Americanism with Central Ohio youth.

All that is needed is for our members' households that shop at Krogers to sign up for the program and enroll the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

A neighboring Chapter that has half of our membership raised \$86.00 in one month, which would amount to \$1,032 in a year--*without anyone's having done anything out of the ordinary. And, this will have no effect on your fuel perks.*

So, please do not let this wonderful opportunity go to waste.

Below are the very few and very easy steps to enroll.

Create an Account

Sign In Information

* Email Address:

* Confirm Email Address:

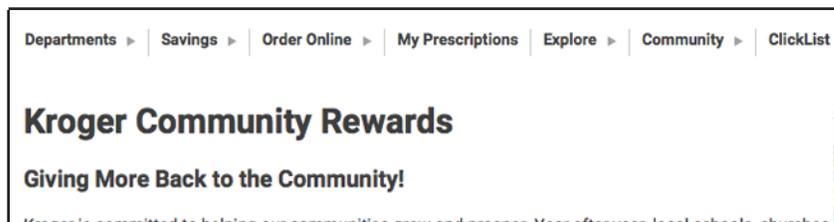
* Password:

* Confirm Password:

Select your preferred store

* Your Location:

1. To create an on-line account, go to **Kroger.com** and click **Create Account** (left).
2. Fill in the blanks and then click **Community** and then Community Rewards (below).



3. In the Organization Box, enter our Chapter's code--33689.
4. Click on **Confirm**.

Now, everytime you shop at Kroger, you will be helping the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

And I thank you personally.

Chuck Finley, Chapter President/Secretary