

# Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Ohio Society

## Sons of the American Revolution

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### May Chapter Meeting Cancelled

#### Hoping for June Meeting

Chapter President Don Miller after listening to Ohio Governor DeWine's Press Conference and contacting the restaurant where the meeting was to be held reluctantly announces the cancelling of the May Chapter Meeting. He agrees that we need to take all necessary precautions to protect the membership.

During this difficult time, he asks that we remember and pray for all those working in healthcare, public service and necessary retail that those providing essential services are safe and strong to face the challenge. To all the members and their families please take steps to protect yourselves and know that we are in this together.

We are hoping for a chapter meeting in June at the TAT Restaurant to recognize the Police and Fire Awardees that we wanted to recognize earlier in the year.

#### New Members

The Applications continue to be approved! Please welcome to following new members to the Chapter:

James Hilton

Thomas Castle

Bruce Boucher

Harold Woolf

Noah Porschart

Chad McKinney

Please go to the website and make sure your Patriot Ancestor is listed on the Patriot Ancestor page. If it is missing , please send Steve Powell (powste33@gmail.com) an email with all the information that is needed.

Anyone needing assistance on Supplementals or New Member Referrals please contact Tim Mills ([Tmills522@aol.com](mailto:Tmills522@aol.com))

### Ohio Society Annual Meeting – May 9<sup>th</sup> Webinar

The physical gathering of the Ohio Society SAR was cancelled due to concerns about gathering the membership during this health issue with coronavirus-19. Instead the leadership is trying a Webinar on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Annual Reports and Voting for Officers is to take place. Watch and participate. More information forthcoming.

## New Member Mentor Program

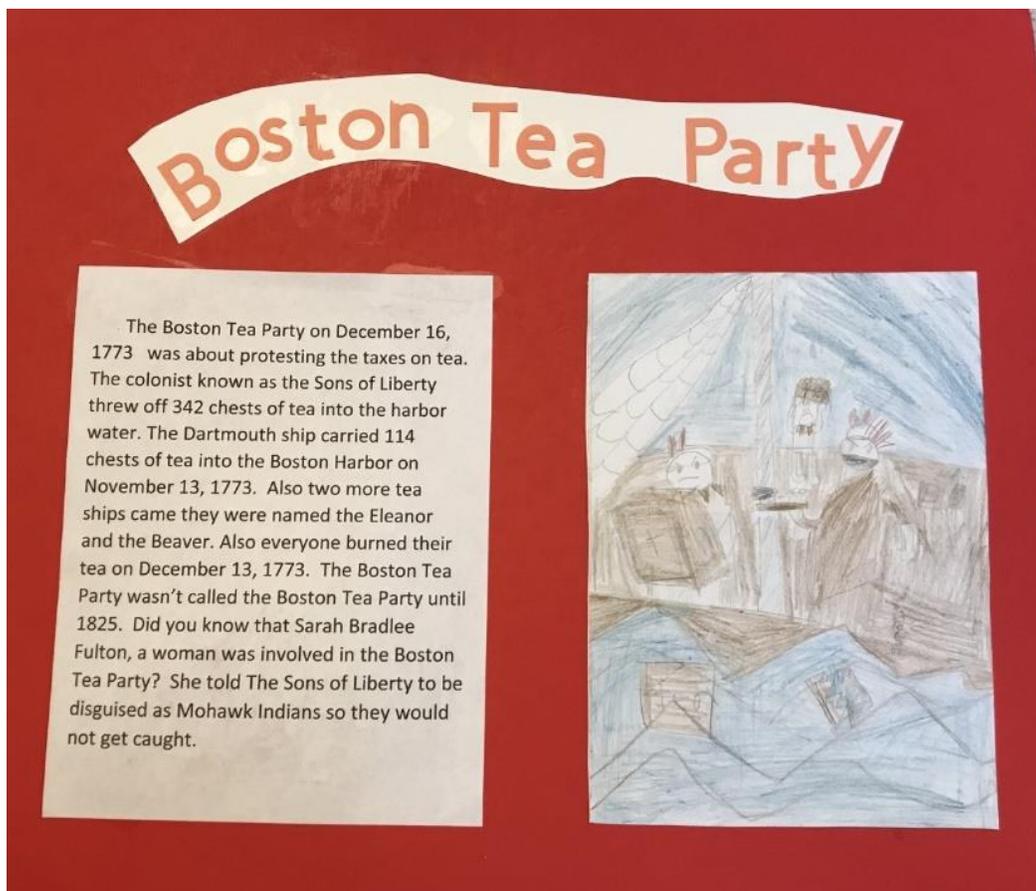
Following the Suggestion of the Ohio Society, the Chapter has begun a New Members Mentor Program. Steve Powell is chairing the effort and will meet with new members on line in a pre-scheduled Zoom meeting to go over a new members handbook and answer any questions the new members have. Existing members are encouraged to join in and help one-on-one. Both new members and existing members are encouraged to contact Steve Powell at [powste33@gmail.com](mailto:powste33@gmail.com).

## Look -Up Chapter Website

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter website is changing with the times. Steve Powell has been adding and expanding the website. Look-Up <http://www.bfc-sar.org/>. Pages have been created for the Calendar, Officers, Members, Ancestors, Joining SAR, Gallery, Outreach Education, Chapter Links and Other Links. This website is updated regularly and has the latest information.

## Poster Contest Entry

The Chapter received one poster from J.C. Sommer Elementary School in Grove City. The topic for this year's contest is the Boston Tea Party. Below is the poster from A.J. Steel. It has been forwarded to the State for additional competition.



## **Ben Franklin & George Washington Early Partners**

In Franklin & Washington, the Founding Partnership, Edward Larson compiles a history of the establishment of the United States through the unseen partnership of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington. The book is in three parts, The French & Indian Wars, the American Revolution and the Writing of the U.S. Constitution. While seen together in the painting of the signing of the Constitution, Franklin and Washington were often behind the scenes. Reviewing correspondence and reflections of others, Larson highlights where the two came together to build a new nation. It is further complicated by distance in age, status, style, and space.

In 1756, Pennsylvania and Virginia were two of England's most prosperous and populous American Colonies, but they had a problem – random Indian attacks on their frontiers. Both colonies had asked the Mother Country for help but Braddocks' Defeat in the Pennsylvania Wilderness in 1755 showed the colonies that they needed to rely on themselves. Out went the call for mutual assistance. The colonies first organized within making Benjamin Franklin head of the Pennsylvania Militia and Virginia named George Washington head it is Northern and Western Regiments. The two first met in 1756 talking about the defenses of their colonies.

While each had other responsibilities, they were in contact with each other and watched from afar supporting each other when possible. When the Continental Congress finally met in Philadelphia in 1775, it was Franklin who convinced the members before the vote that the younger, tall Virginian sitting in the hall was the man to become the Commander in Chief of the new Army in Massachusetts.

In 1790, together the two men help create the United States but it started years before when the colonies called on each other's assistance.

## **Donations are Welcome – Money Pays for Community Awards**

Any Direct Donations to the Chapter are Appreciated and Welcomed. The money will be used for the Community Awards including: Police & Fire, ROTC/JROTC, Poster, Essay, Oration, Eagle Scout. Dues do not cover all the Chapter costs for the awards, Please consider the Chapter in your Donation schedule. Checks should be made out to BFC with a notation in the memo section what awards to be supported and should be sent to the Chapter Treasurer William Diehl at 3341 Big Run South Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

## **Reminder : You + Kroger = Chapter Funds**

No one wants to pay more in their dues so we have come up with a painless way to raise funds.

The Kroger Community Rewards program is separate from their Fuel Rewards Program.

Other than chapter dues the chapter takes in no other funds and this is a painless way to help maintain the strength of the chapter and expand our outreach services.