



Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Ohio Society

Sons of the American Revolution

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June Chapter Meeting Cancelled

Chapter President Don Miller after watching reports over the last month and talking with the Restaurant Owners reluctantly announces the cancelling of the June Chapter Meeting. Miller agrees with all the authorities 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 planning a chapter meeting in September at the TAT Restaurant to recognize the Police and Fire Awardees that we wanted to recognize earlier in the year. It is hoped that after the summer break that we can gather safely to share stories of how we all survived 2020.

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
Charles Schierbeck	James Woolf	Tim King
Larry Potter	Joseph Potter (jr member)	

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)

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.

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. The poster was from A.J. Steel. It received honorable mention at the state level. Poster Contest Chair was Chuck Findley.

Ohio Society First Virtual Annual Meeting

On Saturday, May 9, 2020 the Ohio Society held a Virtual Annual Meeting to elect officers for the next year. Over sixty members logged in on the Zoom Meeting sponsored by Steve Hinson, State Society President. The following slate of Officers were approved by a showing of hands:

Lee Wilkerson III - President

Richard Carr Jr - Chancellor

Troy Bailey - 1st VP

Steven Greaf - Historian

John Bredenforder - 2nd VP

Tim Ward - Genealogist

Donald McGraw - Secretary

Ralph Bonniwell - Chaplin

Michael Blum - Treasurer

Steve Hinson - National Trustee

Troy Bailey - Registrar

Tim Ward - Alt. National Trustee

The Ladies Auxiliary held a raffle for a quilt made by the ladies. Our own Don Miller was the winner of the raffle!



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

The first quarter of 2020 the chapter received \$99.26 in Kroger Rewards, with 22 households participating.

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.

National SAR Congress Cancelled for 2020

It has been announced by President General Jack Manning that the Executive Committee and the Congress Committee have agreed that the SAR Congress to be held in Richmond, Virginia in July 2020 will be cancelled due to the Corona Virus. Safety First was the deciding factor.

Ohio Bulletin – Ohio Society Quarterly Newsletter to Transition

A. The Bulletin will be published in full color and emailed to all Chapter Presidents and Secretaries. We ask that the Chapter Presidents and/or Secretaries then distribute by email to their respective Chapter memberships.

B. The Bulletin will also be posted prominently on the OHSSAR website: <https://www.ohssar.org/>.

C. Chapters are encouraged to place the Bulletin upon their respective chapter websites as well

D. A limited bulk mailing of a Black & White edition of the Bulletin to members without access to e-mail will continue by the Ohio Society as Ohio Society Leadership and Chapter Presidents diligently encourage all able members to provide a useable email address.

In summary; the intention of this initiative is simply to reduce the Society's cost of production while simultaneously improving the reading quality of the Bulletin.