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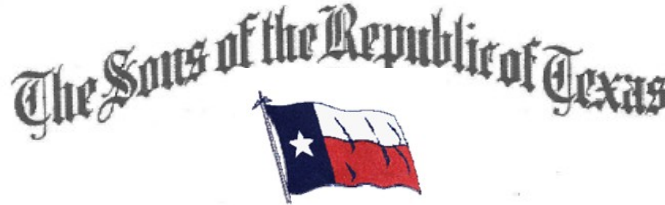
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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

November 19, 2019

The members of the Sidney Sherman Chapter #2, Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) gathered at Kelley's Family Restaurant in Texas City before 6 PM. on November 19.

President Steven Manis opened the meeting at 6:32 PM. Vice-President Robyn Davis provided the invocation and led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Knights of San Jacinto attending: Tom Green

New members: Dan Caley and George Nicol were duly sworn into the Society

Chapter Members attending: Dan Caley, Robyn Davis (Vice President), David Dillard, Robert Gindratt (Chapter Media), Loren Johnson, John Lucas, Steve Manis (President), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), William McLaren, Mike Mitchell, Ron Schoolcraft, Mike Turner, Mike White, Barry Wolfe, Clark Wright (Secretary).

Guests attending: Linda & Odegar Caley, Christy Erickson, Hugh Fergeson, Carly Gallion, Nestiny Gallion, Susan Johnson, Kathleen Maca (speaker), Chaille Manis, and Vicki Nicol.

We had a total of 16 members and 10 guests attending this meeting.

It was announced the **Minutes** of the October meeting are available online on the Chapter Web Site. A motion to approve those minutes was passed without dissent.

Ancestor Roll Call: Members each provided a short synopsis about their ancestor's contribution to the Republic.

Recent Chapter Events: The Ceremony held at Lakeview Cemetery on October 17 to remember the final day of the David Burnet Administration of the Republic was celebrated along with the memory of Sidney Sherman's contribution to the Republic. Several of our members traveled to the Museum in San Felipe in celebration of the birthday of Stephen F. Austin

Upcoming Events: Participation is needed for the ceremony Thursday October 17 in Lakeview Cemetery located off 61st Street in Galveston. The choir from the Burnett Elementary School should be in attendance. Your officers have set December 10 as the Christmas get together.

Upcoming National Events: Texas Independence Day will be celebrated on **March 2** in the morning in Hermann Park, then in the afternoon in Washington on the Brazos. The next Sunday we hope to gather in San Antonio for "Dawn at the Alamo". On November 11 We had a good attendance to our first annual **Barnes/Forward Award** given at Santa Fe High School.

New Business: We expect to participate in several holiday parades during November and December. Our December meeting will be held **December 10**, being the second Tuesday of the month. This is our Christmas celebration.

Speaker: Kathleen Maca was out speaker. She is now focusing her attention on finding hidden and little known stories from history, and sharing them with her readers. In the process, she has found that non-fiction can be even stranger and more fascinating than fiction. Kathleen has been researching genealogies, local histories and cemeteries for over 40 years. A graduate of Sam Houston State University, she is a member of the Texas Chapter for the Association for Gravestone Studies as well as the Friends of Galveston Cemeteries group. Her research on Galveston's burial grounds has resulted in the book "Galveston's Broadway Cemeteries." Kathleen's book titled "Galveston's Broadway Cemeteries" will be available for purchase and signing. As a feature writer for Galveston Monthly Magazine, her second book "Ghosts of Galveston" has now been released and she will be discussing new projects she is working on. Among the stories she shared with us, were those of several prominent residents of Galveston. She also had a photograph of a Freedman who was a grave digger for years and who was also buried in the cemetery on Broadway. Several photographs demonstrated the restoration of a monument, of which only the capital was above ground when the restoration was begun. One picture showed the original rail about three (3) feet below the surface and the base well below five (5) feet. The entire monument was above ground when complete.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM. with a group photo taken after the meeting.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, posted October 17