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## **Sidney Sherman Chapter #2**

### **Minutes**

August 17, 2021

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 August 17 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:28 PM President Schoolcraft brought attention to the Chapter Scrapbook which took first place at the Annual Meeting held in San Antonio in late July at San Antonio. He then called the meeting to order at 6:30. Chaplain Yancy Arrington led us in prayer. Vice-President Wueste led us with the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags. Several members had guests whom they introduced. Steve Manis was introduced as our only Knight of San Jacinto. Steve passed the medallion, so all could see it. Steve was also recognized at that meeting with a Distinguished Service award. President Schoolcraft had no new members to swear in.

**Chapter Members attending:** George and Larry Armstrong, Yancy Arrington, Harry Elmendorf, Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Steve Manis, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Marty Roberts, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste (Vice President). 14 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 18 in attendance.

**Honorary Members attending:** Christy Erickson and Chaille Manis

**Other Guests:** Bobby Manis and Chris Kneupper (our speaker)

**Business:** President Schoolcraft called for the Secretary's Report, it is online, and I indicated that I had a change. The Minutes are located in the "Links" section of the web site for any to observe. I indicated that I will "finalize" them upon approval. Ron moved to accept the report, Billy seconded the motion, and with no dissension, they were approved by acclamation. Billy reported that we have about 2600 dollars in the Chapter Bank Account. As Old Business, President Schoolcraft announced that meals are now twenty dollars each. He continued to report the activity of the Annual Meeting held in San Antonio several days ago. The highlight was the installation of Steve Mania as Knight of San Jacinto. Others Knighted were Mike Wilson, Mike Young and Dennis Deprive. Steve also received the Distinguished Service Award which is displayed as a orange sash. Ron also commented on the excellent job that Chaille did with their Hospitality Room opened both evenings of the meeting. Ron discussed the page designed to advertise the Society indicating that it is suitable for online display. He then presented Steve with a Speciality Bottle of Republic of Texas Tequila, and gave Chaille a gift card for her work on the scrapbook. We then discussed the activities expected Texian Navy Day, September 18 to be celebrated at San Jacinto. Rolling Thunder is expect to participate.



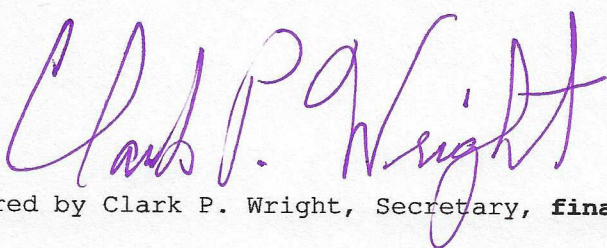
**Speaker:** President Schoolcraft then introduced our speaker Chris Kneupper of the Brazosport Archaeological Society, Texas Archaeological Society, Cradle of Texas Conservancy, Sons of the Republic, and Master Naturalist Societies. The best way to study Chris's material is to look at the web site <https://velascohistoricalyarchaeology.weebly.com>! Archaeological work in the area over the past fifty years has revealed that a number of forts were erected on the eastern shore of the Brazos river had been constructed to protect the waterway. Chris gave details of several, starting with the one built during the Spanish occupation of the area. He went on to the breastworks constructed during the American Civil War, and covered recent archaeological discoveries.

Upon completion of his presentation, President Schoolcraft presented gift card from Olive Garden to Chris.

At 8:04 PM Ron had Chris draw a ticket for the raffle. Yours truly (Clark Wright) won the bottle of 1835 whiskey. Ron officially adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM, after which we all gathered near the podium for a group photograph.

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Your officers met on September 17 for lunch at the IHOP in Texas City. Only Billy Mayo was absent due to a medical condition. Ronnie has received several letters one containing the rebate from the SRT office in Bay City, and another from the President General, explaining that ONLY he speaks to the Sons of the Republic of Texas, as President General. This was issued privately understanding current atmosphere regarding the history of Texas. The December meeting of SRT Officers will be in Victoria, with a side trip, as usual, to Goliad. The next Annual Meeting will be locally at the South Shore Resort, all are encouraged to attend. Ronnie indicated that all of need to gather artifacts related to Texas to present at this meeting. The speaker for the September meeting of the chapter will be Paul Spellman professor at Wharton College who will speak about Ashbel Smith who founded UTMB in Galveston. Ron brought out several cards similar to "Dare" cards to promote Texas History, he had a sample of his own, and several of Sidney Sherman. This will be brought forward as a Chapter Project with possible cards for: Jane Long, Mirabeau Lamar, Ashbel Smith, David Crockett, etc. We will not have a ceremony this year for Burnet/Sherman at Lakeview as in the past, but will endeavor to have one in 2022 to include the children for the school name in Burnet's name.



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