

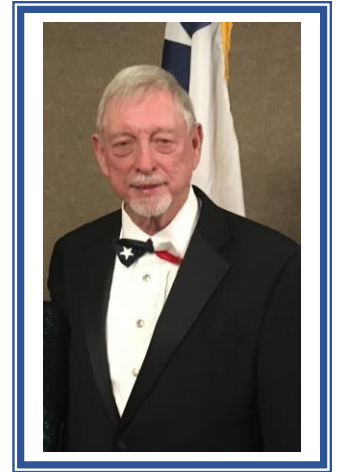
The Sherman Sentinel

FEBRUARY
2024

SIDNEY SHERMAN CHAPTER, NO. 2 – GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we reflect back 188 years ago, we are reminded of the approach of Santa Anna towards San Antonio and the siege that began February 23. Revolution was in the air and the people of Texas began to prepare for war. The men headed towards San Antonio to defend the Alamo, to Goliad to assist Fannin, or to join the Texian Army. A convention was called at Washington-on-the-Brazos and delegates from all over Texas began to plan to travel there. At the Alamo there is Davy Crockett and his Tennessee Mounted Volunteers having arrived on February 8 along with other Militia Groups from several other U.S. states.



The Mobile Grays a company of about 30 volunteers organized by James Butler Bonham are in San Antonio and two companies of the New Orleans Greys. Colonel Bowie, ill with pneumonia, relinquished command to Colonel Travis, who assumed command of all the men at the Alamo on February 11th. Susanna Dickinson and her little daughter Angelina are also in the Alamo. Juan Seguin left the Alamo, slipping through the Mexican lines to seek aid. General Santa Anna arrives in San Antonio on February 23rd and the 13-day siege of the Alamo begins. On February 24, Colonel Travis, penned his famous *“To the people of Texas and all Americans in the world.”* Travis wrote . .

“...Then I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character to come to our aid, with all dispatch, . . .”

*“I shall never surrender or retreat”
“Victory or Death”*

Colonel Fannin, after several pleas for assistance from Travis, left Goliad on February 26, but a wagon broke down and he returned to Goliad. On March 1, thirty-two men arrived from Gonzales to defend the Alamo. **THE IMMORTAL THIRTY-TWO.** The Alamo was bombarded daily and not one defender was lost. The last messenger left the Alamo on March 3rd, bearing several letters from Colonel Travis (Travis does not know that independence has been declared) in which he asserted in this letter to the convention meeting at Washington-on-the-Brazos:

“If independence is not declared, I shall lay down my arms and so will the men under my command. But under the Flag of Independence, we are ready to peril our lives 100 times a day”.

The next several weeks will be a very active time for our chapter. Along with our own chapter meeting on February 20, there are three Texas Honor Days - Texas Statehood Day, Texas Independence Day and Alamo Heroes Day, in addition to our State Convention in mid-March. You will receive reminders regarding all these events and if you plan to attend, please notify me as we will always take a group picture and there may be special seating arrangements.

As President, it is my honor and privilege to have such an experienced Executive Board for the chapter this coming year. I am deeply grateful that Robert Schnuriger, Robert Gindratt, Clark Wright, Steve Nicol and Larry Armstrong will continue to serve our chapter as officers.

I look forward to seeing many of you as we work together to observe these various Texas Honor Days. As descendants of our brave and courageous pioneer ancestors, we, **The Sons of the Republic of Texas** have as our heritage the unique responsibility to preserve and promote our illustrious Texas history. Please make a special effort to join us this year, as we follow our mission to

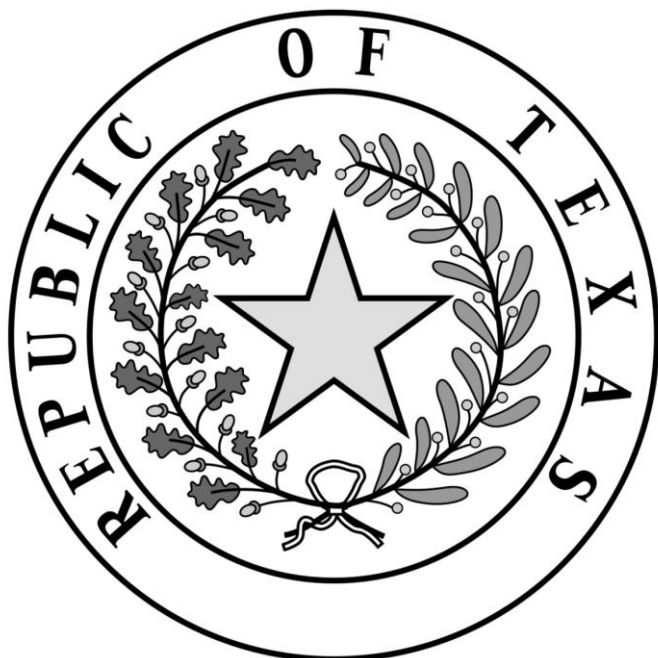
perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.

In the immortal words of Colonel William Barrett Travis,

**“I shall never surrender or retreat”
“Victory or Death”**

God Bless Texas

*Carl V. Hill,
President*



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JANUARY MEETING

President Hill announced that the Chapter had won First Place in the Individual Entry at the Texas City Christmas Parade and the trophy was on display during the meeting. He also reported that the annual report is in the works and is being prepared by Clark Wright. Jim Nonus, who is a member, indicates that there will be a Mardi Gras party on February 13th at Antiques Pavilion where all are invited. Following the presentation, President Hill called the 2024 officers to the front of the room to be installed by Ron Schoolcraft, Past-President.

Judge Ken Wise provided an inspiring Talk on the **“Indian Raiders tried in Civilian Courts”** during the events between 1867 and 1872. He began with describing what the Administration of President Ulysses Grant had established to manage the various tribes centered at Fort Sill in the Indian Territory, which would eventually become the State of Oklahoma. Judge Wise explained that the Anglo-American and Native Tribe lack of understanding of each society caused major conflicts during this period. The tribes were satisfied to move into the area for a time but did not understand that the rules of governance applied outside the area. They considered it lawful to pillage and plunder outside the designated area. Judge Wise focused on three of the Kiowa Chiefs and the manner in which they reacted to being convicted of depredations into Texas.



Above - Justice Ken Wise presenting **“Indian Raiders tried in Civilian Courts”**



Left to right - Ron Schoolcraft, Past President; Carl Hill, President; Clark Wright, Secretary/Webmaster; Robert Gindratt, 2nd Vice President; Steve Nicol, Registrar; Robert Schnuriger, 1st Vice President and Larry Armstrong, Sergeant-at-Arms.



Sidney Sherman Chapter No. 2

WINS

Individual Entry

Texas City Christmas Parade

One of the highlights of 2023 was winning First Place as an Individual Entry in the Texas City Christmas Parade with the theme "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". The Chapter received a trophy and a check for \$300.00. The main attraction to our Float was Steve Manis who portrayed "The Grinch" along with his "Grinch Sleigh".

Other parades the chapter has participated in are the Texas City Mardi Gras Parade (2023 & 2024), the Galveston County Rodeo Parade and the 4th of July Parade in Galveston. These parades provide us with an opportunity to reach out to the community and promote our Texas Heritage.

The Parade Crew



Standing – George Armstrong, Steve Nicol, Albert Seguin, Larry Armstrong, Carl Hill with trophy, Robert Gindratt, Robert Schnuriger and Mike Mitchell.

Seated – J. B. Kline and Steve Manis.



Texas City Mardi Gras Parade



On a very chilly day in late January, 7 brave members of the Sidney Sherman Chapter Parade Crew bundled up and participated in the Texas City Mardi Gras Parade. Even though the sun was out, temperatures were in the low 40's and it was quite windy. Because of the weather, the parade was not as long as the year before and the crowds were fewer. **Upper left picture** - The Parade Crew – Mike Mitchell, Robert Schnuriger, Albert Seguin, Larry Armstrong, Robert Gindratt, Carl Hill and Steve Manis.



New Texas Navy Admirals



On January 17, 2024, at the First Navy Squadron meeting at K2 Steakhouse in Bay City, Albert Seguin and J. B. Kline received their Admiral's commissions.

Left picture

Top row: Admirals Ron Schoolcraft, Beth Fisher and Robert Gindratt along with Chris Barbee, Mayor of El Campo who officiated the commissioning.

Bottom row:

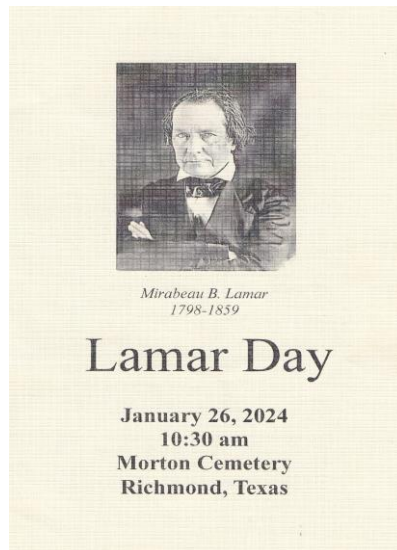
Admirals J.B. Kline, Ray Beall, and Albert Seguin.

Texas Honor Day

Mirabeau B. Lamar Day “Father of Texas Education”

The Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2 was well represented at the Lamar Day Ceremony sponsored by the Mirabeau B. Lamar Chapter, No. 5. Jess Stuart, President, was the Master of Ceremonies with presentation of the Colors and musket salutes by the Texian Army and the Brazoria Historical Militia. The schoolchildren of Shady Oaks Christian School performed “America the Beautiful” and “Texas our Texas”.

Dennis Giuffre, KSJ, Sam Houston Chapter, SRT was the speaker with another presentation given by Albert Davis, Morton Masonic Lodge, #72. A wreath was laid by the Fort Bend Settlement Chapter, DRT. Randy Billingsley, a San Jacinto Descendant brought “Little Sister” and delighted everyone especially the school children with numerous cannon salutes.



Above - Jess Stuart with the Presentation of the Colors.



Left picture – Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger, Mike Mitchell, Steve Nicol and Robyn Davis.

Below left
Robert Schnuriger giving the Benediction. Called upon during the program, to give the Benediction, Robert gave a moving and touching closing to the Ceremony.

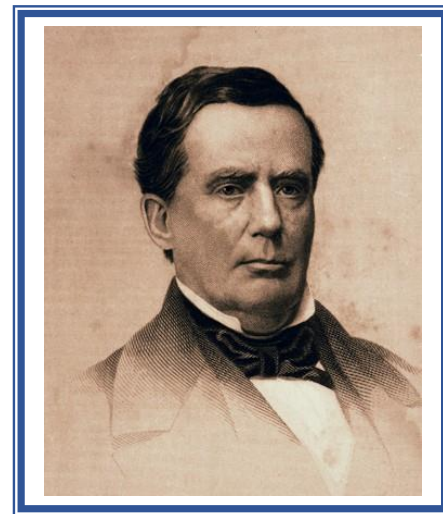


Upcoming Events



Texas Honor Day - Texas Statehood Day

This **Texas Honor Day Event** will be held at the Anson Jones grave marker in Glenwood Cemetery, 2525 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 on February 19, 2024. The time of the ceremony will be 10:30 a.m. and is sponsored by the Sam Houston Chapter, SRT. The San Jacinto Chapter, Children of the Republic of Texas will lay a wreath. Dr. Anson Jones served as the last President of the Republic of Texas before it became a part of the United States. During the Texas Revolution, Dr. Jones served as a judge advocate and surgeon to the Texas Army, though he insisted on holding the rank of private throughout the Revolution. After the war, Dr. Jones returned to Brazoria and resumed his medical practice.



CELEBRATION OF TEXAS INDEPENDENCE



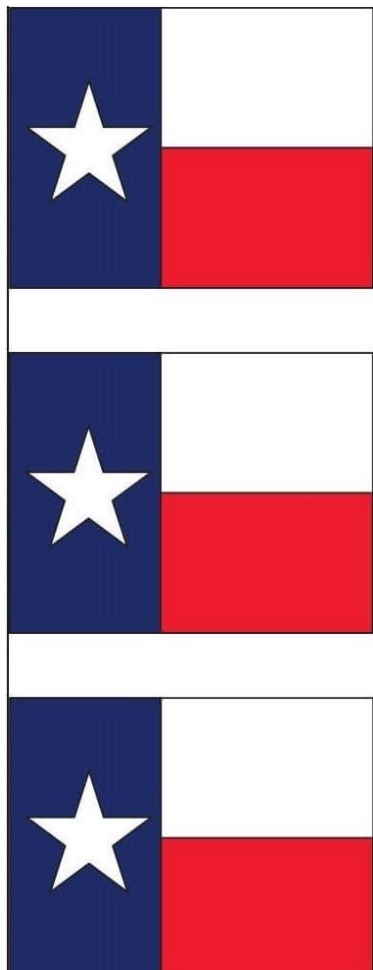
Join the Sidney Sherman DRT Chapter #1 for a
Celebration of Texas Independence Day
March 2nd, at 11:00 am

Where: Fisherman's Wharf, the Wharf Room
2200 Harborside Drive
Galveston, TX
Speaker: Robert Meaux PhD
Topic: "60 Days to Freedom"
A Timeline of Events in the last days of the Texas Revolution

Location: Cost is \$45.00 for Buffet Luncheon

Please RSVP to Gwen Lejsal at glejsal@aol.com

RSVP By February 29

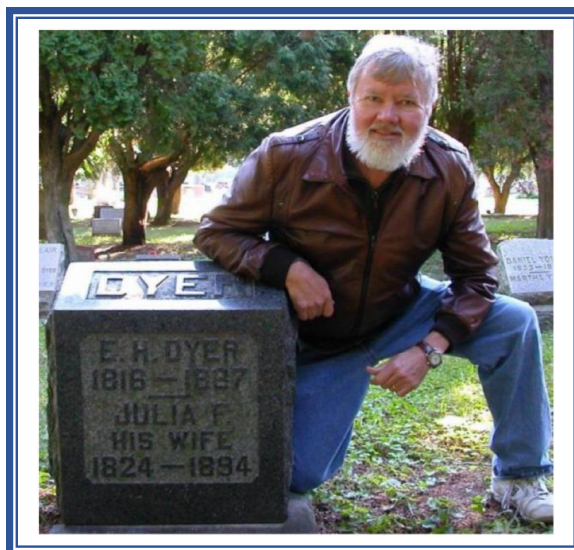


February Meeting

Dave Dyer is an independent investor and stock market commentator specializing in growth stocks. He also frequently guest hosts a radio talk show about investing. He has written more than 300 publications including editorials, stock market newsletters, and history articles.

He has an M.A. in Philosophy from The University of Michigan. His interest in history is based on trying to understand why his ancestors behaved so badly.

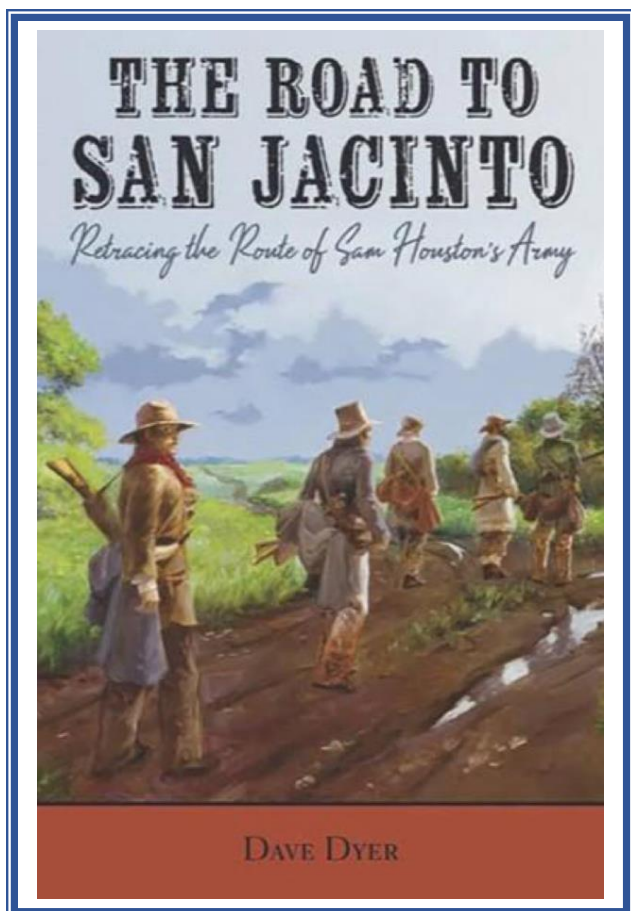
One of his history book's, *"Steel's, A Forgotten Stock Market Scandal From The 1920's,"* was published by Syracuse University Press in 2013. Dave Dyer currently resides in Houston.



Since this book is not self-published, Mr. Dyer is unable to bring any books to sell. His contract with his publisher gives them exclusive rights to sell the book. It is available from both Texas A&M Press and Amazon. He will be happy to autograph if you bring a book. Here are the links:

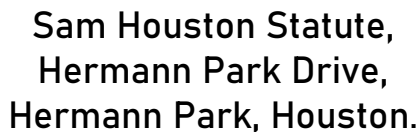
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On March 11th, General Sam Houston took command of the 378-man Texas Army in Gonzales. Forty-one days later and 150 miles east, he faced off against General Santa Anna at San Jacinto. During the retreat east, Houston fought to stay one step ahead of the advancing Mexican army while also holding his growing and increasingly rebellious army together. Houston's often unpopular decisions on the road to San Jacinto eventually led to his victory.

Without knowing how the Texas Army reached its destination, Houston's actual skill as a military leader cannot be understood. However, despite its significance, the Texas Army's retreat during the San Jacinto Campaign is poorly documented and often overlooked. At *The Road to San Jacinto*, author Dave Dyer retraces Houston's route east based on extensive primary and secondary research, bringing each one back to life.



Cordially Invites You to the 2024 Texas Independence Day

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Presenting: "Rediscovering and Interpreting the Republic
Capital of Washington-on-the-Brazos"
Nations, as well as individuals, are amenable
for their acts to the public opinion.

Time-use of every nation is for other aims, which are essential to its defence, which people belong to independent nations
the acceptance of our constitution, and the inclusion only to tyrannical governments.

It has invaded our country both by sea
and by land, with the intent to lay waste and
destruction of nations.

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site
Washington, Texas
[Link to Map](#)

Ceremony organized and hosted by
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Alamo Day



Dawn at the Alamo Commemorative Ceremony will begin at 6:00 a.m. in Alamo Plaza. The Sons of the Republic generally gather on the North side. Our chapter will be presenting a wreath to honor the sacrifices of the Alamo Defenders at dawn. The ceremony describes the events leading up to the morning hour of the Alamo Battle and includes readings, vignettes, music, wreath-laying and a musket volley.

Robert Schnuriger, Carl Hill, Steve Manis, Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt and Steve Nicols with the Sidney Sherman Chapter Wreath

Alamo Day, March 6, 2023

Robert and Cindy Schnuriger graciously donated the Wreath

Following the Dawn Ceremony there is a **Buffet Breakfast at the Menger Hotel** sponsored by the Alamo Heroes Chapter, SRT.

At 10:00 a.m. at the Centopath the Alamo Heroes Chapter will also hold a ceremony, **"After the Fall"**.

March 5 - Alamo Dinner

A group of us gather the evening before Alamo Day for dinner at the Salt Grass Steak House, Riverwalk. We meet in the Menger Lobby around 4:45 p.m. and walk over for dinner at 5:00 p.m. We have gathered as a group for the past 10 years. More information will be provided as we get closer to early March. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carl Hill – easygoal1@hotmail.com



*"I shall never
surrender or retreat"*

"Victory or Death"



The Sons of the Republic of Texas Annual Meeting 2024

March 8 - 10, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn Granbury, Texas

Make hotel reservations by calling: Hilton Garden Inn Granbury, Texas, Hilton Garden Inn, (817) 579-3800; 635 East Pearl Street. cut off February 7, 2024. The room costs \$169.00 Plus Tax. Please state you are with The Sons of The Republic of Texas for this special rate

Schedule of Events

Saturday March 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee (Any member is welcome to attend but may not vote)

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Knights of the Order of San Jacinto (KSJ only)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Summerfield G. Roberts Award Luncheon (Dress: Jacket and Tie)

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. SRT Foundation Meeting

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Awards Banquet (Dress: Black Tie optional)

Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

SRT REGISTRATION FORM

This form must be received by February 15, 2024

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

SRT Registration (required, for member only) \$25.00 per members = \$ _____
SGR Luncheon \$45.00 pp. X # _____ = \$ _____ Annual Meeting (member only)
Indicate # _____

Annual Awards Banquet \$50.00 pp. X # _____ = \$ _____

Grand Total: Make checks payable to SRT in the total amount of
\$ _____

Names of those attending: _____

Mail to: SRT Office, 1717 8th Street, Bay City, TX 77414 by February 15, 2024

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

If you are planning to attend the State Convention, please let me know. See deadlines of February 15, 2024 for Registration with the National SRT office.

Thanks, Carl V. Hill

Reminder

If you are planning on attending The Sons of the Republic of Texas Annual Meeting, there is a deadline of February 15, 2024 to submit your reservations and payment

Hilton Garden Inn deadline is February 7, 2024

Save the Date

STATE OF TEXAS
CEREMONY COMMEMORATING
188th ANNIVERSARY
BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO



On April 21, 1836 the Battle of San Jacinto was fought and Texas secured its independence from Mexico. This year the ceremony will be on SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Monument.

This letter is to ask you to participate and donate to the underwriting of this event. Please use the bottom of this letter for your donation.

Thanks for your support and will see you on San Jacinto Day!

San Jacinto Day Planning Committee

DONATION FORM Year 2024
SAN JACINTO DAY CEREMONY

Monument Sponsor	\$ 300	San Jacinto Sponsor	\$ 200
Texian Sponsor	\$ 100	Lone Star Sponsor	\$
50			
Victory Sponsor		\$	_____

Person-Chapter-Organization Name _____

Address, State, Zip _____

Contributions should be sent to:
San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association
Attn: David Avila
One Monument Circle
La Porte, TX 77571-9585

The San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association is an IRS 501 (c) (3) organization



ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2024

FEBRUARY 19, 2024

TEXAS STATEHOOD DAY

Anson Jones Gravesite, Glenwood Cemetery

"The Republic of Texas is no more"

February 20, 2024

Chapter Meeting

Speaker – Dave Dyer
"The Road to San Jacinto"

MARCH 2, 2024

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

MARCH 6, 2024

ALAMO HEROES DAY

March 8-10, 2024

SRT State Convention
Granbury, Texas

March 19, 2024

Chapter Meeting

Speaker – Nancy Potter
"Barbour's Cut"

MARCH 27, 2024

GOLIAD HEROES DAY

April 16, 2024

Chapter Meeting

Speaker – Jess Stuart
"The Old Three Hundred"

April 19, 2024

San Jacinto Battleground
School Days

April 20, 2024

San Jacinto Festival – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

APRIL 21, 2024

SAN JACINTO DAY

Commemorative Ceremony
2:00 p.m.

April 27, 2024

San Jacinto Symposium

MAY 14, 2024

TREATY OF VELASCO



Chapter Meetings are held at Kelley's Country Cooking, 4604 Gulf Freeway, La Marque, Texas. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. The meeting is gaveled to order at 6:00 p.m.



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*God Bless
Texas*