



May 20, 2023

- **Meeting Agenda**

- Supplies: Attendance Sheet, Pledge Cards, Flags, Lectern, Sign
- Call to Order
- Invocation (In the absence of a chaplain)
 - “Almighty God, we ask your blessing on this chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. As our purpose is to promote sound learning and true patriotism and to further all that is good in our community, so we pray that you will strengthen our hands in all that we undertake, that we may serve our nation to your honor and glory. Amen.”
- American Flag Salute
 - "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
- SAR Pledge
 - “We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

- **Introductions**

- Officer Reports:
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Youth Programs
- Introduction of New Members & Guests

- **New Business**

- Oration Awards Presented at Enochs
- Presentation at Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
- Invitation for October 6th: Family Heritage Day
- Contact Made with Director of Parks & Recreation
- Check for Life Membership
- State Meeting Recap
 - Outstanding Chapter Award
 - Wreaths Across America Certificate
 - December 16th: Wreaths Across America & Boston Tea Party 250
 - Consider Doing Something or Joining Something
 - SAR YouTube Chanel: Members Should Subscribe
 - George Washington Endowment Fund
 - Consider Donating
 - Use Funds for Project
 - Museum Foundation
 - CASSAR giving \$100,000 over next five years with a matching gift of \$25,000 and a donation of 1,000,000 left in a SAR member's will.
- Museum Wishlist Online

- Chapter to contribute towards an item?
- Kern Chapter Developed Video Modules for 5th Grade
 - We can talk to school districts and share this.
- Membership Inquiry Spreadsheet
 - I'm developing this to track people's progress
- Memorial Day: Join the Silicon Valley Chapter
- Check on Anniversary Date of Delta Chapter
- Sworn in as CSSAR State Chaplain
- Start Awarding Certificates for Members with 10+ Years in SAR
- Possible Color Guard Events: Modesto Nuts
- Poster Contest Theme: Boston Tea Party Theme
- BOM Nov of 2023 @ Queen Mary
- Other New Business?
- **America 250 Minutes**



- **America 250 Minutes: Daily History**

- On this day in history, May 20, 1774, Parliament shuts down self-rule in Massachusetts in response to the Boston Tea Party. In December of 1774, Boston citizens angry that Parliament was taxing imported tea, even though they had no elected representatives in Parliament, responded by dumping 42 tons of tea into Boston Harbor.
- Parliament responded with a series of acts intended to reign in the unruly colonists. The acts were officially called the Restraining Acts, but were commonly called the Coercive Acts in England. The colonists, however, called them the Intolerable Acts and this set of acts was largely responsible for igniting the American Revolution.
- The first act to be passed was the Boston Port Act which closed Boston Harbor to all trade until the ruined tea was paid for. This was accomplished with a naval blockade and thousands of troops in Boston. Naturally, the citizens of Boston resented the occupation of their city, just as they had when it was occupied a few years earlier, during an occupation which led to the Boston Massacre.
- On May 20, 1774, Parliament enacted the next set of acts. The Massachusetts Government Act required that most government positions be filled by appointment of the King or the governor, who was himself appointed by the King. This effectively gave control of the government to the King. Massachusetts had a long tradition, as did all the colonies, of self-rule, with locally elected officials controlling local governments. As you can imagine, the citizens were outraged. In addition, the Act forbade town meetings (where much of the rebellion was being fomented) to meeting only once a year.
- Along with the Massachusetts Government Act, the Administration of Justice Act gave the governor of Massachusetts the right to remove trials of colonial officials to other colonies or even to England. The purpose of this act was to remove the authority of colonial laws and colonial juries over government officials. Such locally created laws and local juries were often at odds with royal

prerogatives. The Administration of Justice Act was actually called the “Murder Act” by George Washington because it allowed colonial officials to commit crimes against local laws and get away with them.

- The final two parts of the Coercive Acts were the Quartering Act, which renewed the British army's authority to house troops on private property, and the Quebec Act, which expanded British French-speaking Quebec south to the Ohio River and west to the Mississippi. It granted freedom of religion to Quebec's Catholic speaking residents and also removed the right to self-rule in this territory. The Quebec Act outraged American colonists because the French were still seen as an enemy after the French and Indian War and Catholicism was viewed with disdain by many Protestants, not necessarily because of religious differences, but because of Catholicism's history of entanglements in authoritarian European governments. So the colonists viewed the strengthening of French Catholic Quebec as a direct threat.
- Colonists in all thirteen colonies were alarmed by the Intolerable Acts. If self-rule could be closed down in Massachusetts, Parliament could do it in any colony. Their response was to form the First Continental Congress to deal with the Acts as one body. When the First Congress met in Philadelphia in September of 1774, they remonstrated with Parliament for changes to be made, but also warned all the colonies to begin gathering arms and ammunition to prepare for war.

- **SAR Recessional**

- “Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.”

- **Benediction (In the Absence of a Chaplain)**

- “May God bless and keep you. May the Lord grant us nobility of character and compassion for the needy, and bind us in fraternal love until we meet again. Amen.”



Delta Chapter Sign In Sheet - May 20, 2023

SAR Members

Guests
