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The next meeting of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is on the second Saturday of October; October 10th at 9:15 AM at M&I Bank [Mitchell and Ilsley Bank, 18811 Valley View Parkway, Independence, MO]. The web address of the Harry S. Truman Chapter is <http://www.hstchapter.com>. Please visit this site for a lot of good information.

**Minutes of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Missouri Society
Sons of the American Revolution
292nd Meeting
September 12th, 2009
9:15 AM.**

Call to Order: President: Dirk A. Stapleton, on Saturday, September 12th, 2009, called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order at 9:15AM at the Mitchell and Ilsley Bank, 18811 Valley View Parkway, Independence, MO.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Romie Carr.

Presentation of Colors: Compatriots Robert L. Grover and David McCann presented the colors.

Pledge of Allegiance: Compatriot George DeLapp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge: The SAR Pledge was given by Compatriot James G. Walden.

Introductions: SAR Compatriots present were C. I. Bare, Romie Carr, George DeLapp, Robert Grover, David McCann, James Nail, Courtney Sloan, Dirk Stapleton, Bill Hartman, James Walden, Donald Lewis, Jr., and Harry Dexheimer. Guests: Lois Walden, and Theresa Lewis. Total present 14 people, 12 members, and 2 guests.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were: President: Dirk A. Stapleton; Vice President James Nail; Registrar-Genealogist David McCann; Chaplain Romie Carr, Treasurer Courtney Sloan, Chancellor George DeLapp; Surgeon; Chester I. Bare; Honorary Vice President, William W. Hartman, and Sergeant at Arms, James G.

Walden. Absent were Historian Brian Smarker and Acting-Secretary Carroll R. Reinert. Both members were considered excused absences.

Program: In lieu of the Harry S. Truman Chapter Genealogy Workshop, at the Midwest Genealogy Center, there will be no official program. Compatriot David McCann will be conducting the Genealogy workshop at 11:00 AM. I would also like to thank everyone who was able to attend last months meeting and the Harry S. Truman Chapter 25th Birthday. We honored the founding Charter Members. Both Chancellor George DeLapp and Compatriot Grover, as Charter members, were present for the ceremony. I hope everyone had a fun and a safe Labor Day weekend. It is my sad duty to report the recent passing of Inez Dexheimer, wife of Harry Dexheimer, who is a current member of the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Inez Dexheimer passed away at the age of 88 on Sunday, August 30th at her home in Blue Springs. I would like to thank the Members of our Chapter who attended her funeral service and showed support for Harry and his family. On behalf of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Condolences were also provided to the family.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Robert Grover, second by James Nail that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Treasurer' Report: Courtney Sloan reported that the net checking account amount as of August 31, 2009 is \$2,855.56. It was moved by George DeLapp and seconded by James G. Walden that the treasurer's report be approved as given. The motion carried. A 2010 Dues List has been received by H. Lee Capps, MOSSAR Executive Secretary. Membership Dues are due by 31 December 2009 to Courtney Sloan.

Officer's Reports:

1. Vice-President Nail reported that Carolyn Grover will be our guest speaker at the October 10th meeting. Her topic will be on the Orphan Train. There are also two tentative guest speakers that he is working with.
2. Registrar-Genealogist David McCann reported that we have four prospective new members, Addison C. Lawton, Christopher A. Wehnes, Henry J. Stewart and Dale Edwards. All four application packets have been mailed to NSSAR. In addition, we have submitted three pending supplementals for Romie Carr. On behalf of the Harry S. Truman Chapter, we would like to thank Registrar-Genealogist David McCann for hosting the Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, September 12th, 2009 at the Midwest Genealogy Center. Dave assisted numerous members and also provided additional guidance in assisting two prospective members.

Unfinished Business:

1. At the last meeting, it was mentioned that coordination for a Christmas Luncheon would need to be made. Compatriot McCann stated that the John Knox Village is now charging \$200.00 to host luncheons. Other locations were also mentioned which could possibly host the Christmas Luncheon. After discussing this topic, a motion was made to cancel the Christmas Luncheon, and to hold only one luncheon per year. The motion was approved.
2. President Stapleton provided the Summary of the 2009 National Congress Report as follows:
 - A. Annual dues were raised by \$5 to \$30.
 - B. Life Membership is redone. For those under 40 years of age, the Life membership now will be \$900 from \$750. The new Life members older than 40 will be pro-rated.
 - C. Junior membership fees were raised from \$5 to \$10.
 - D. Application fees were raised to \$80 from \$60.
 - E. Supplemental application fees were left at \$30.
 - F. The second year for new members will NOT be "free" as was desired.
 - G. Some of the by-laws were updated related to the National officer's duties and responsibilities.
 - H. Next Year's NSSAR Congress will be in Cleveland, OH.
 - I. MOSSAR DID NOT RAISE THE STATE FEE, APPLICATION FEE or any other fee.
3. Compatriot David McCann was asked to provide an update on the Name Badges that are for sale by the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Compatriot McCann is currently taking orders for Name Badges. The Name Badges annotate a member's American Revolution ancestor(s), which can be proudly displayed on a coat or jacket. Please contact David McCann at dar-sar@sbcglobal.net for further details.
4. Compatriot David McCann was asked to provide an update on the status of placing a SAR Grave marker on the gravestone of Herbert F. Simon; MOSSAR Genealogist from 1996-2000. It was proposed that on Saturday, October 10th 2009, after the Harry S. Truman Chapter meeting, and pending any inclement weather, that the chapter hold a Grave Marker Ceremony for Herbert F. Simon. A motion was

made and approved. In addition, Compatriot Simon's executor of his estate, has graciously accepted an invitation to attend this dedication. Forest Hill Cemetery has stated that no permission is required for this type of marker to be placed on Compatriot Simon's gravestone. A map to Forest Hill Cemetery and

Unfinished Business (continued):

Compatriot Simon's grave location will be provided at the October 10th meeting. Please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like more information or a map to Forest Hill Cemetery. In addition, a motion was made and approved that the Harry S. Truman Chapter will no longer incur the cost of grave markers.

5. Compatriot Robert L. Grover reported on events concerning the South West District meeting, in Irving, TX August 21-22, 2009.

6. The SAR Blue Blazer Ambassadors was discussed, as an option to wearing the Continental uniform, which can be cost prohibitive. The SAR Blue Blazer Ambassadors program is being proposed at both the NSSAR and MOSSAR level. It has been proposed that members who would like to participate in this program, wear a blue blazer, with SAR blazer patch, medium gray trousers, shirt, and tie. This group could perform functions of the color guard when not the color guard is not available. It was suggested as a backup to the color guard. Several members of the Harry S. Truman Chapter seemed receptive to this program. At the MOSSAR October Quarterly meeting, we are to discuss this proposal further.

7. Concerning the Bronze Missouri State Society Medal, anyone interested in purchasing this medal, please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like further information or an order form. Further guidance will be provided at the next MOSSAR Quarterly meeting in October on criteria for awarding the Silver and Gold medals.

8. Concerning the MOSSAR History DVD entitled "SOME MOSSAR HISTORY DVD", anyone interested in purchasing this DVD, please contact President Dirk Stapleton if you would like further information or an order form. Chapters are encouraged to place copies in all libraries in their membership area. All profits will be donated to the 2013 National Congress in Kansas City.

9. At the September meeting, President Dirk Stapleton reminded members that Congressman Emanuel Cleaver will be conducting a Vietnam Veterans Town Hall Appreciation event on Saturday, September 12th on the front lawn at the Harry S. Truman Library at 2:00 PM.

10. The next MOSSAR Quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, October 31st, 2009 at the Lenoir Woods Community Center in Columbia, MO.

11. Please mark your calendar to attend the 24th Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration to be held on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park, Kansas.

12. The 120th MOSSAR State Conference will be in Columbia, MO on Friday & Saturday, April 23 & 24th, 2010. It will be located at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Boulevard in Columbia. The room rate per night will be \$89.00 per night with one King bed with sofa sleeper. For a Double Queen, it will be \$99.00 per night.

13. The Missouri and Kansas Societies have been approved to host the 123rd Annual Congress in Kansas

City, Missouri from July 7-11, 2013.

14. Harry S. Truman Chapter members are encouraged to complete and return the "Members SAR Resume" form to the Harry S. Truman Chapter. Please complete and mail this form back to the Harry S. Truman Chapter with the self-addressed, self-stamped envelope that was enclosed with the August 2009 Newsletter. The mailing address is: Harry S. Truman Chapter, c/o Dirk A. Stapleton, 603 NE 97th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64155. Completion of this form is strictly optional but highly encouraged. Non-use, Non-disclosure, and Confidentiality: The sole purpose of this form is to request information on Harry S. Truman Chapter members, in seeking better ways to improve communication, interests, and any recommendations for improvement. All information provided on this form will be used solely in conjunction with SAR activities. All information provided will remain confidential and will not be used in any unauthorized use or disclosure.

New Business:

1. The new SAR Library Dedication, which is now called the new Center for the Advancement of American Heritage (CAAH), at NSSAR, was dedicated on Tuesday, August 25, 2009. This opens a new

chapter in SAR history. The Center is on Main Street in downtown Louisville, KY in a prime location. The construction work to bring the building up to code and rehab it for our needs begins. The first entity to move into the new building will be our library. This will enable the public to utilize it and will be the beginning to make our presence known. On September 24, 2009, there will be a Masonic cornerstone dedication service including the installation of a plaque. With the signing of the construction project on August 25th, it can be said that the build-out of the new Library – Known as Phase I – is a done

New Business (continued):

deal. All that remains is the renovation and occupation of the new facility, and the first phase will be complete. The SAR Foundation has embarked upon a \$10 Million Capital Campaign called ADVANCE: Campaign for New Generations for The Center for Advancing America's heritage. There will be an all-States giving challenge (State and Chapter Recognition program). The leadership of NSSAR are working to bring about 2000 historical artifacts to make our Center their home. Included in this collection is one of only five remaining copies of the original Magna Charta document. NSSAR is asking that all members DONATE TODAY! To make an online contribution, please go the SAR Foundation, Inc. web page at... www.sarfoundation.org/donate.htm or mail your check or pledge to: The SAR Foundation, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203. Let's keep the momentum going!

2. There is now a new Streamer Award. MOSSAR State President Dan McMurray states that the SAR Foundation and the Capital Campaign Cabinet, has developed a new recognition program for state society and chapters giving with a special award from the SAR Foundation: The SAR Streamer Award. This award will be presented at each Fall Leadership Meeting to those state societies contributing a minimum of \$1,000 annually and those chapters contributing a minimum of \$500 from Congress to Congress in support of The Center for Advancing America's Heritage from 2008 - 2013. The flag streamer will be in the colors of the national society and will state "Support for The Center" along with the year presented.

3. NSSAR is sponsoring an academic contest with a call for papers. This first annual contest will be at West Point Academy next summer in 2010. In 2011, the contest will be in Louisville, KY and the following year at the University of Virginia. The participants will be University historians who are professors of history teachers. Success means that they will be teaching those historical values that we at the SAR hold dear.

4. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to recognize our chapter members currently serving in the Armed Forces. We know of at least two chapter members who are currently serving on active duty – Compatriot Justin Bush, who is in Afghanistan, and Compatriot Joshua Comeau (grandson to Compatriot Romie Carr) who has recently graduated Basic Training at Ft. Sill, OK. If anyone knows of a chapter member who is currently serving on Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve status, please let President Dirk Stapleton know.

5. Compatriot Bragg Stanley, Chairman of the State Teacher of the Year Award, would like to remind Chapters to begin the process of nominating a teacher from a school in your chapter area for the M. Graham Clark Teacher of the Year Award. The nominations are due in January 2010, so it's critical that we use the fall to get the application process going. All the information for the award is on the MOSSAR Website under "Teacher Award" in the menu section. We have had outstanding teachers nominated the last couple of years. Let's keep this going. We need to recognize and publicize those teachers who really do impart not only the knowledge about our heritage but the spirit as well. They are the key to instilling in our kids the foundation on which our country was founded. Let's recognize and celebrate their dedication and work.

6. The Harry S. Truman Chapter would like to wish a Happy Birthday to members who are celebrating a Birthday in the month of September. Please let President Dirk Stapleton know if we have missed anyone. Happy Birthday gentlemen!

William Johnson	September 9th
Christopher Baxter	September 11th
Phillip Kelley	September 14th
Galen Snodgrass	September 21st

Justin Bush
Arthur Krebs

September 21st
September 28th

7. Constitution Day will be Thursday September 17th, 2009, the 222nd anniversary of our nations founding document. Compatriot Robert L. Grover received a Proclamation signed by the Mayor of Independence, Mayor Don Reimal, recognizing Constitution Week.

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8. Carolyn Grover, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR for Missouri, has announced that they are having a raffle for a quilt donated by Laura DeVenney, from Columbia, for money to help with the National Convention to be held in Kansas City along with the Kansas Society in 2013. The quilt is a small one that can be hung on the wall or used for a table covering. The tickets are being sold at five dollars for six tickets. You can send the money to Carolyn Grover, with your name and address, and she will get the tickets to the right person. Carolyn Grover's mailing address is: Carolyn Grover, 3929 S Milton Drive, Independence, MO 64055-4043, csq228@aol.com. They are keeping a record of the person's name and number of the ticket in a book so if the person loses their ticket we will have a second record. We will raffle the quilt at the National Convention being held at Cleveland, Ohio next year. This money is going into the fund for the 2013 Kansas City NSSAR 123 rd convention. They felt that this would be a great way to help you make the money needed for the convention.

Motion to Adjourn: It was moved by David McCann and seconded by George DeLapp that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The Benediction: Chaplain Romie Carr gave the benediction.

The SAR Recessional: The recessional was given by Compatriot James Nail.

Retirement of Colors: The Colors were retired by Compatriots Robert L. Grover and David McCann. The meeting was adjourned.