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PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

The world-wide disruptions caused by the COVID-19 virus has had it's impact on the Sons of the Republic of Texas. As you know we had to cancel all of our hotel events for the 98th Annual Meeting. As documented in our Constitution and By laws certain events must be accomplished at that meeting. So to keep moving forward we quickly organized and held the meeting by teleconference. More than 52 dialed in and participated. The notice and phone number was pushed out through the District Representatives and Chapter presidents. I am sure that not everyone got the notice but we did our best on short notice and fulfilled the quorum requirements. As a result the new Executive Committee was elected and are identified in this Texian. Speaking for all, thank you for your trust and we will do our best to continue SRT operations to the best of our ability in these challenging times. Many thanks to Ed Heath, KSJ and the 2019 Executive Committee for their years of service to the SRT. Especially noteworthy was the creation by Ed Heath, KSJ and Mike Wilson of the first annual SRT commemoration of Texas Independence Day at Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 2nd.

Also during the teleconference we elected the 2021 class of the Knights of San Jacinto - Michael Wilson, Mike Young and Steve Manis. Congratulations all. For the year 2019 Ed Heath, KSJ named Dick Weitzel District Representative of the Year and Mike Wilson to the President's List. We also voted to approve a change to our constitution and by-laws to update our Administrative Assistants job duties and job title. Janet is now our SRT Office Manager. In accordance with our governing documents the SRT Foundation governing body was elected consisting of Robert Kendall, KSJ, Bob Steakley, KSJ, Ed Heath, KSJ and Ken Pfeiffer. Ed Heath, KSJ was also elected to a six year term as a director of the Foundation.

I look forward to working with our new Executive Committee, District Representatives and Committee Chairs to come up with creative ways to continue the work that fulfills our Mission Statement. I encourage the chapter presidents to also continue operations as best you can using teleconferencing and other means as long as the 'Social Distancing' orders are in effect. The June 6th SRT Quarterly Meeting in Brennan will be a teleconference. We hope to have the September meeting in Brennan.

Thanks again to all.
Kenneth W. Pfeiffer, President General

PAST PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

On March 2nd, SRT had a very successful historical program celebrating Texas Independence in 1836, at Washington on the Brazos. This will be a yearly event and I thank you for your support. After this exemplary event, SRT has encountered an unusual circumstance by not having our proper annual conference because of the Coronavirus. This pandemic

has caused a worldwide problem and a disruption in SRT programs. However, we are dedicated to Texas history and our devotion to SRT.

I want to thank all of you for your

support during my two years as your President General. We will excel.

God Bless Texas.

Edward A. Heath, KSJ

Past President General

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JANET's Korner

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June 6, 2020: Quarterly Meeting;

Teleconference 1-503-300-6862

8:30 AM (Conference code 961480)

Please log in early so the meeting can start on time.

- The website is up and running at srttexas.org. If you have any problems please let the National Office know or email Janet at: aa-srt-@son-rep-texas.net. I will be glad to assist you.
- Chapters that sent in their annual reports will be receiving rebates soon. For those who did not send your yearly reports in on January 31st remember to send them in for 2021.
- Dues notices have been mailed. The National office does not take credit card payment. If you did not receive a dues notice or have lost it, please email me at: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net and I will be glad to send you one.
- You can view "The Texian" newsletter on the website for free. You may also purchase "The Texian" and it will be mailed to you for a fee of \$20.00 a year. Please contact the National office.
- I would like to thank you for the articles and pictures you are sending for your newsletter; they have been GREAT. I need YOUR help with articles and pictures. If your chapter has or will be celebrating any events PLEASE email me at: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net. I will be submitting the October issue for publication; the deadline for submissions Sept. 24, 2020.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020 - 2021

Kenneth W. Pfeiffer, President General

Randy Pollard, KSJ, Frist Vice President General

Ronald W. Brown, KSJ, Second Vice President General

Mike Wilson, Secretary General

Devin Lindsey, Treasurer General

Steve Manis, Historian General

Jeff Corbin, Chaplain General

Edward A. Heath, KSJ, Executive Committeeman

Michael Young, Executive Committeeman

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES 2020 - 2021

George Nelson, Brazos Valley District

Bob Steakley, KSJ, Frontier District

Scott Leopold, Gulf Coast District

Richard Weitzel, Heart of Texas District

Mike Wilson, Lone Star, District

Devin Lindsey, North Central District

Johnnie Holley, North East District

Jim Toungate, Post Oak District

Steve Manis, San Jacinto District

NEW SRT MEMBERS

Brecken Shane Barnes
Ryder Brecken Barnes
William Arthur Clark
Samuel Ethan Conaway
Jeffrey Donivan Conaway
Randall Robert Eggleston
Judd Ashley Jones
Kyle Blaine Lewis
Dale Marlin Lovell
Clifton Michael Mason
Tyler Wayne Romans
Charles Westcott Wassberg
Richard Troy Dukes
Carlos Alberto Elizondo III
Colin Thomas Fowell
Yancey Cook Arrington
Warren Davis Cross III
Steven Grady Dunbar
George Franklin Emerson
Shaun Michael Gallion
Cole Avery Gordon
Jeffrey Scott Hallinan
Darren Ray Merryman
Darrell Ray Merryman
Robert Ojeda
Joseph Lee Thomas
Jon Bradley Goller
William Marion Goller Jr.
Jimmy Robert Tatum
William Anderson Yates
William Joseph Yates
Frederick Cordus Bryant
James Andrew Keck
Stephen Wayne Johnson
James Bryan Cumby
John Evans Murphy
Jonathon Chase Schoff
James Allen Goldsmith
Richard K. Norton
Dalton Joseph Jones
James Calvin McNeill V
James Albert Ferguson

Gabriel Keith
Gabriel Keith
Richard Townsend
Captain John English
Captain John English
Robert Bruce Mayes, Jr
Tibitha Hannah Evans
Able Allison Lewis
Peter Jackson
William Jasper Samford
Captain John English
Benjamin Carver
1 Thomas Jefferson Rusk
1 Jacob T Woodward
1 Stephen Williamson
2 John R Slocumb
2 Eratus "Deaf" Smith
2 Sion Record Bostick
2 John C McKean
2 Jonathan Albert Bittick
2 Elder John Parker
2 Soloman Adams
2 Andrew McMillan
2 Andrew McMillan
2 Jose Maria Gregorio Esparza
2 Micajah C Davis
5 Ananias Greene Oliver
5 Ananias Greene Oliver
5 James Farmer
6 William Greene Davis
6 William Greene Davis
7 Jesse Parker
7 Lewis Knight
8 Jacob Pevehouse
12 John Beeman
12 Musgrove Evans
12 Rev, James Redmond McDonald
13 William Earl
13 Abigail Maxfield Anderson
14 Elosha Floyd
14 Charles Keller Reese
27 Susan N Garrison

Kansas City, MO
Kansas City, MO
Little Elm, TX
Baton Rouge, LA
Baton Rough, LA
Provo, UT
Victoria, TX
Orange, TX
Bismarck, AR
Katy, TX
Rockwall, TX
Plano, TX
Houston, TX
Cypress, TX
Cypress, TX
League City, TX
Pearland, TX
Baytown, TX
Silver Springs, FL
Pasadena, TX
Pasadena, TX
Shoreacres, TX
Pearland, TX
Texas City, TX
La Porte, TX
Pasadena, TX
Meadows Place, TX
Richmond, TX
Sugar Land, TX
Freeport, TX
Freeport, TX
Durango, CO
San Antonio, TX
Garland, TX
Austin, TX
Murrieta, CA
Driftwood, TX
Waco, TX
Meridian, TX
Bryan, TX
College Station, TX
Austin, TX

NEW SRT MEMBERS

Kenneth Ray Flake	32 Peter DeMoss	League City, TX
Leslie Prentice Leonard	36 Seabern Joseph Coffman	Mauldin, SC
Kyle Lynn McAdams	36 Thomas Jefferson Jackson	Hasle, TX
Phillip Gerald Williams	36 William "Cow" Cooper	North Richard Hills, TX
Bartholomew Andrew Hornsby	37 Reuben Hornsby	Austin, TX
L. Brand Webb	37 Jonathan Anderson	Salado, TX
Frank Bell Bassford	38 Barnwell David Basswell	Jacksonville, FL
John Eric Jarrett	38 Barnwell David Bassford	Jacksonville, FL
Joseph Aaron Barlow	40 Wilhelm Julius Reuter	Buda, TX
Jacob Finger Barlow	40 Wilhelm Julius Reuter	Buda, TX
Matthew Carson Cottingham Miles	40 James Harris Swann	San Antonio, TX
Garry Lee Stephens	40 James Edward Stephens	Devine, TX
Michael Anthony Torres	40 Blas Maria Herrera	San Abtonio, TX
Rafael Herrera Torres	40 Blas Maria Herrera	San Antonio, TX
Luis Ray Torres	40 Blas Maria Herrera	San Antonio, TX
Gerald Glenn Hooper	49 Richard Hooper	Deer Park, TX
William Preston Hooper	49 Richard Hooper	Houston, TX
Ernest Eugne Sullivent II	50 John Padre McCoy	USASF Academy, CO
Paul David Breedlove	52 William Wllace Moore	Tyler, TX
Gary Charles Cole	52 William Hardy Bennett	Bullard, TX
Jack Dale King	54 Thomas Hudson Barron	Granite Shoals, TX
Joe Ed Allen	56 Benjamin Allen	Lufkin, TX
Anthony Lynn Clark	56 William Clark	Lufkin, TX
Travis Wayne Aldridge	58 Laban Memefee	Tomball, TX
Allen Monroe Kerr	58 Lucy Kerr	Houston, TX
Charles Eugene Kerr	58 Lucy Kerr	Tomball, TX
David Allen Kerr	58 Lucy Kerr	Porrter, TX
Stephen Frederick Kock	58 Micajah Byrd	Magnolia, TX
Wesley Dean Reid II	58 Micajah Byrd	Cypress, TX
Avery Wayne Smith II	58 Edmund J Smith	The Woodlands, TX

In Memoriam

Name

Frank Bell Bassford
 John Eric Jarrett
 Charles Wilton Becker
 Julius Lyle Obenhaus, Jr.
 Hugh Morrison Hornsby, III

Hometown

Jacksonville, FL
 Jacksonville, FL
 Angleton, TX
 Alleyton, TX
 San Antonio, TX



MEMBERSHIP

Gentlemen, the time has come for us to make a concerted effort to move this SRT one step forward. We have all been to events and participated in events where The Sons of The Republic of Texas name is proudly displayed. While being active and in the public eye is important to say the least, one of the most important goals of this organization is to grow the membership. Membership by far is the lifeblood of any organization and if you are not growing, you are dying. While we continue to participate in events we normally take part in, I'd like to suggest we make membership our fore- thought in these events. If each member would bring in only one new member our membership would double. As an example, I have contacted some of my relatives and at this time I am working on 7 new applications. It's nice to see how excited family members become when they learn their family history. Ask someone in your chapter to be the Chapter Historian and help prospective members. Women will keep digging for information, when guys hit a brick wall, they quit! Don't let them quit! Help them! You never know, this could be very important to someone very close to you. If you don't do this for at least your family members, no one else will!

Please forward this email to all of your Chapter members.

Some Suggestions for Membership Opportunities:

- 1) Relatives – Sons, Grandsons, Great Grandsons, Brothers, Uncles, Nephews and Cousins, just to name a few!!
- 2) High School Contact List
- 3) Next Door and Community Pages
- 4) Prayer Meetings

Steve Manis
Historian General

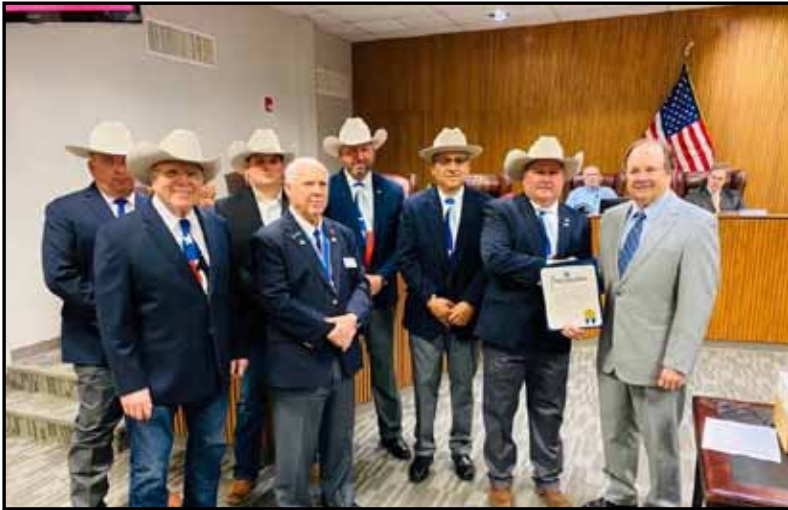
SRT CHAPTER 6 TEXAS HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

The Texas History Month Proclamation presentation by the Brazoria County Commissioners Court to the Sons of the Republic Stephen F Austin Chapter 6 on 10 March 2020 in Angleton, Texas.



Pictured are members of the Brazoria County Commissioners Court and SRT members, Left to Right: Commissioner David Linder, Commissioner Stacy Adams, former SRT President General Tom Green, Brazoria County Judge L.M. "Matt" Sebesta, SRT 6 President Ron Obenhaus, Commissioner Donald "Dude" Payne, Commissioner Ryan Cade, SRT 6 Secretary Jerry Leist, SRT 6 Newsletter Editor Michael Bailey.

CITY OF LA PORTE TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY PROCLAMATION



Members of the Sidney Sherman chapter were presented a proclamation to recognize and celebrate Texas Independence Day in La Porte.

This was a huge success for our Chapter as well as for The Sons of the Republic of Texas.”

SAN JACINTO CHAPTER WINTER SOCIAL

Each year, the San Jacinto Chapter gathers for a Winter Social. This kicks off our fund raising for our Sailor of the Year award and gives a chance to recognize one of our members with the Curtis Osborne San Jacinto Star award.

The social was held this year on January 25 at the Steamboat House. The San Jacinto Star was presented to Maurice Nassar, in appreciation, in part, for his handling of the leadership transition upon the passing of Curt Osborne, in whose honor the award is named.



Maurice Nassar, Past Chapter President, on the left, receives the award from Paul Powell, Chapter President.



*Current honoree along with the previous recipients. They are: Seated: Dick Reese, KSJ
First row l to r: Maurice Nassar, Tom Geen, KSJ, Will Haddock, Joe Davidson, KSJ, Jim Beville
Rear l to r: Tom Houston, KSJ, Randy Pollard, KSJ, Ron Brown, KSJ.*

TEXAS HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST 80TH YEAR CELEBRATION

For the past 80 years The Sons of the Republic of Texas have been fortunate enough to have High School Seniors submit an essay of up to 2500 words on a subject that varies from year to year. The essay subject for 2019-2020 was: “Dr. Anson Jones, Last President of the Republic of Texas.” Thank you to the readers and evaluators: Tom Green, KSJ, Larnce Barker, Dennis Giuffré, and Maurice Nassar. Also, thanks to the Sam Houston State University’s committee.

First Place award goes to: Mitchell Susswein. Thanks to Mr. Jason Escandell for being Mitchell’s sponsor at the Liberal Arts and Science Academy of Austin, Texas. The Second Place award goes to: Jennifer Lee Searle. Thanks to Karmen Mundt for being Jennifer’s sponsor at James Taylor High School of Katy, Texas. The Third Place award goes to: Meghan Haley Malcik. Thanks to Ms. Cristi Jungmann for being Meghan’s sponsor at Rogers High School of Rogers, Texas. These winners did not get their awards presented on the steps of the San Jacinto Monument this year due to the Covid-19 shutdown. The awards have been mailed.

DAWN AT THE ALAMO



Approximately 75 SRT members gathered at the Alamo on March 6th to commemorate the 184th anniversary of the fall of the Alamo. President General Ed Heath, KSJ, led the group in a toast to the fallen at the conclusion of the program. After breakfast at the Menger Hotel the group participated in the “After the Fall” SRT event at the Cenotaph where not only the history was covered but Doug McDonald CEO Alamo Trust and Kristi Nichols Alamo Archaeologist spoke on current activities to preserve the Alamo.

Calendar of Events

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Sept. 11-12, 2020 Quarterly Meeting = TBD

2020 SRT Events

March 2	Texas Independence Day
March 6	Fall of the Alamo
March 27	Goliad Massacre (Palm Sunday - 1836)
April 21	San Jacinto Day
August 5	Texas Ranger Day
September 19	Texian Navy Day (San Jacinto Monument)
October 2	Battle of Gonzales
November 3	Stephen F. Austin's Birthday (Father of Texas)

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