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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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.
NEW SRT MEMBERS

Brecken Shane Barnes  Gabriel Keith  Kansas City, MO
Ryder Brecken Barnes  Gabriel Keith  Kansas City, MO
William Arthur Clark  Richard Townsend  Little Elm, TX
Samuel Ethan Conaway  Captain John English  Baton Rouge, LA
Jeffrey Donivan Conaway  Captain John English  Baton Rouge, LA
Randall Robert Eggleston  Robert Bruce Mayes, Jr  Provo, UT
Judd Ashley Jones  Tibitha Hannah Evans  Victoria, TX
Kyle Blaine Lewis  Able Allison Lewis  Orange, TX
Dale Marlin Lovell  Peter Jackson  Bismarck, AR
Clifton Michael Mason  William Jasper Samford  Katy, TX
Tyler Wayne Romans  Captain John English  Rockwall, TX
Charles Westcott Wassberg  Benjamin Carver  Plano, TX
Richard Troy Dukes  Thomas Jefferson Rusk  Houston, TX
Carlos Alberto Elizondo III  Jacob T Woodward  Cypress, TX
Colin Thomas Fowell  Stephen Williamson  Cypress, TX
Yancey Cook Arrington  John R Slocumb  League City, TX
Warren Davis Cross III  Eratus “Deaf” Smith  Pearland, TX
Steven Grady Dunbar  Sion Record Bostick  Baytown, TX
George Franklin Emerson  John C McKean  Silver Springs, FL
Shaun Michael Gallion  Jonathan Albert Bittick  Pasadena, TX
Cole Avery Gordon  Elder John Parker  Pasadena, TX
Jeffrey Scott Hallinan  Solomon Adams  Shoreacres, TX
Darrell Ray Merryman  Andrew McMillan  Pearland, TX
Tamme Elizabeth Merryman  Andrew McMillan  Texas City, TX
Robert Ojeda  Jose Maria Gregorio Esparza  La Porte, TX
Joseph Lee Thomas  Micajah C Davis  Pasadena, TX
Jon Bradley Goller  Ananias Greene Oliver  Meadows Place, TX
William Marion Goller Jr.  Ananias Greene Oliver  Richmond, TX
Jimmy Robert Tatum  James Farmer  Sugar Land, TX
William Anderson Yates  William Greene Davis  Freeport, TX
William Joseph Yates  William Greene Davis  Freeport, TX
Frederick Cordus Bryant  Jesse Parker  Durango, CO
James Andrew Keck  Lewis Knight  San Antonio, TX
Stephen Wayne Johnson  Jacob Pevehouse  Garland, TX
James Bryan Cumby  John Beeman  Austin, TX
John Evans Murphy  Musgrove Evans  Murrieta, CA
Jonathon Chase Schoff  Rev, James Redmond McDonald  Driftwood, TX
James Allen Goldsmith  William Earl  Waco, TX
Richard K. Norton  Abigail Maxfield Anderson  Meridian, TX
Dalton Joseph Jones  Charles Keller Reese  Bryan, TX
James Calvin McNeill V  Elijah Floyd  College Station, TX
James Albert Ferguson  Susan N Garrison  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 Antonio, TX
Rafael Herrera Torres 40 Blas Maria Herrera San Antonio, TX
Luís 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 Eugene Sullivan 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 Portr, 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          Hometown
Frank Bell Bassford    Jacksonville, FL
John Eric Jarrett          Jacksonville, FL
Charles Wilton Becker      Angleton, TX
Julius Lyle Obenhaus,Jr.    Alleyton, TX
Hugh Morrison Hornsby,III  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 forethought 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.
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 Bevill 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.
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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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