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Another Patriotism Museum

Did you know there is a National Museum of Patriotism and it is in Atlanta? See: <http://www.museumofpatriotism.org/>

Its Mission Statement - The National Museum of Patriotism is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the history of patriotism. The Museum is a research center for exploring the development of patriotism through educational displays and exhibits.

In 2000 The Museum was designated an official Character Education Resource Center by the Georgia Department of Education.

Legend has it that on the night of December 2, 1777, Philadelphia housewife and nurse Lydia Darragh single-handedly saves the lives of General George Washington and his Continental Army when she overhears the British planning a surprise attack on Washington's army for the following day.

On the evening of December 2, 1777, Darragh overheard the British commanders planning a surprise attack on Washington's army at Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania, for December 4 and 5. Using a cover story that she needed to buy flour from a nearby mill just outside the British line, Darragh passed the information to American Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Craig the following day. The British marched towards Whitemarsh on the evening of December 4, 1777, and were surprised to find General Washington and the Continental Army waiting for them. After three inconclusive days of skirmishing, General Howe chose to return his troops to Philadelphia.

It is said that members of the Central Intelligence Agency still tell the story of Lydia Darragh, one of the first spies in American history.

Source: <http://www.history.com>

Next Meeting: Dec. 8

Breakfast @ 8am

West Dining Hall

Aldersgate Village

~ 8:45 am <Dr. Phil Baker>

"The Palatines"

"Please note this new address for Brian - zebrasrs@sbcglobal.net .

For attendance at the meeting,
please respond to Brian Vazquez
at sarbmvy@sbcglobal.net ."

Patriot Ancestors of Freeman, David, Jay and William Vicory

SYLVANUS TUTTLE was a member of the New Jersey branch of the Tuttle family; about the year 1784, he was married to a comely young woman -- Mary Brown -- who seems to have been possessed of the same venturesome spirit that characterized her husband. Soon after their marriage, they emigrated to western Pennsylvania, and after a few years, to the vicinity of Clarksburg, West Virginia. From there they removed to Clark County, Ohio, in the year 1806, and took up their residence near the headwaters of Buck Creek, about six miles northeast of New Moorefield, where they resided about two years, when they removed to a tract of land which Sylvanus Tuttle entered on Sinking Creek, about one and one-half miles from its mouth, in the eastern end of Springfield Township and about six miles east of Springfield.

When they settled on this land, there were in the Tuttle family six boys and two daughters. A third daughter, the eldest, had married in Virginia, and she, with her husband, accompanied her parents to their new home in the wilds of the new State of Ohio. Sylvanus Tuttle was a Minute Man" in the Revolutionary Army, and was in the battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, and at other places. When the family came to Ohio,

TJC webpage:

http://members.cox.net/tjchptrtopekaks/TJC_SAR.htm

they brought with them a goodly supply of garden and apple-tree seeds, a flock of fifteen or twenty sheep, two or three cows, and the horses and wagons used in their journey to Clark County. After a long and useful life, Sylvanus Tuttle died at his home on the farm, and was buried in the Byrd Cemetery, Springfield Township. He was in the eighty-second year of his age, at the close of his life. His remains were removed to the Tuttle Farm Graveyard, one-half mile southwest of the Sinking Creek Church.

MERRIFIELD VICORY was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War, and had his drum shot from his side at the Siege of Yorktown, receiving a pension for his services in the conflict. He was an odd but genial character. He located in Springfield in 1814; he was a short, round man, with a jolly face, and soon became known as "Little Daddy Vicory." He did not lack courage, as will be seen from the following narrative. "Early on a Sunday morning, while living in Springfield, he discovered a thief stealing bacon from his smoke-house; securing a rope he caught the thief and tied him securely until the hour when people were on their way to church, when he drove him to the Presbyterian Meeting-House, under the persuasive influence of a large club, with two sides of bacon tied to his shoulders, taking him to the door of the church he asked the people, there assembled, if they claimed him as one of their members. This was such a humiliating lesson that the thief, upon being released, disappeared and never was seen in the town again." Soon after locating in Springfield, Merrifield Vicory bought ten acres of the land on what afterward became the east end of High Street. He died in March, 1849, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and was buried with military honors in Greenmount Cemetery.

Source: Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Clark County Ohio, Ohio History, Volume 37, pages 99-100.

Guests: Kenneth W. Smith, Dr Medford Shively, Jim McHenry, Sr., Wayne Wasson

Minutes: Members and guests of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met for breakfast in the west-dining hall at Aldersgate on November 10, 2007. There were 16 members and 4 guests present.

The Chapter Color Guard (Compatriots Vicory, Klotzbach and Johnson) presented the Colors. Vice President Ken Coover gave the invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the pledge to SAR.

Vice President Coover then gave a program on scouting including the various stages of scouting, the local Boy Scout council activities and leadership training provided by the scouting program. Vice President Coover then asked Compatriot Roger Johnson to distribute copies of the Chapter minutes from the October 13, 2007, meeting and introduce guests. Compatriot Johnson also presented correspondence received by the Chapter which consisted of an invitation from the Salvation Army to participate in their annual bell

\$3,344.12 at November 10, 2007. In addition the Chapter had certificates of deposit of \$3,728.95 at November 10, 2007.

Compatriot Kleinschmidt then discussed the 2013 National SAR convention to be held in Kansas City and a proposal to use our Chapter reserves to provide \$2 per year per member over the next five years to assist in funding the convention. Compatriot Martin Klotzbach asked that the proposal be tabled. Compatriot Kleinschmidt also mentioned that he had received a donation of soap, shampoo and other items from the Emporia Best Western Motel to be distributed to pa-

National SAR activities, including the November BOG meeting, and noted that a naturalization ceremony will be held at the Topeka Federal Courthouse on December 14th and that Westar had donated \$100 to the Chapter in his name to be used for a Chapter banner. Compatriot Klotzbach then collected donations from the members for the Topeka VA Hospital.

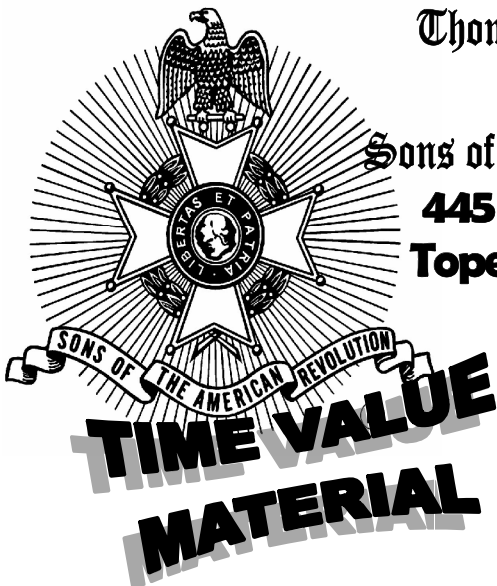
Vice President Coover then discussed the Eagle Scout essay contest and the orations contest. He also reported on Compatriot Robert Slemmons death. Compatriot Freeman Vicory then discussed the need for calendars for the VA Hospital, an e-mail received from Kyle Bell regarding membership and Compatriot Phil Baker's recent donation to the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library to be used for their genealogy activities. Compatriot Kleinschmidt reported that he had turned in the Chapter's 2006 financial information today for audit by the Chapter auditor. Vice President Coover reported that the SAR members were invited to the November 17th DAR meeting.



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Under new business, Compatriot Martin Klotzbach gave an update of State and

With the conclusion of business, Vice President Coover gave the SAR recessional and the meeting was adjourned.



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