



**SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY**  
**MEETING MINUTES – November 2, 2019**

**Call to Order:** The every-other-month meeting of the Signers Chapter of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NVSSAR) was held on **November 2, 2019**, at O’Aces Grille, 4955 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89118. Because President Charles B. Smith V was out of town, the meeting was called to order by Treasurer Al Conant at 9:09 AM.

**Attendance:** Our November meeting was attended by 26 people - 12 members, 5 candidates, and 9 special guests.

**Blessing:** Compatriot Larry Kesler provided us with an inspirational invocation and asked for a blessing on the meal we were about to share.

**Pledge:** Compatriot Conant led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the SAR pledge.

**Introduction of Guests:** Secretary Robert Till introduced our special guests at this meeting. The guests were Jan Thompson, Elaine Kesler, Beth Till, Stan Fields, Rob Revere, Tim Lord, Kevin Lord, Lexi Stone, and Marilyn Maschgan.

**Induction of New Members.** Compatriot Conant carried out the induction for the four candidates approved to become new members: Darold Haug, Steven Hemphill, Andrew Martin, and Patrick Wright. All four were sponsored by Pres. Smith. Each received the rosette pin and certificate of membership. Each spoke briefly about his patriot ancestor.

**Awards:**

Compatriot Conant presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Darold Haug for his efforts as volunteer at this summer’s fireworks booth.

**Minutes Approval:**

1. The minutes of the September meeting, as prepared by Secretary Till, had been distributed to the membership via the Internet.
2. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Compatriot Charles Musser and seconded by Compatriot Larry Kesler.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

**Officer Reports:**

**President, Registrar:** Pres. Charles Smith was out of town at the California Board of Managers Meeting.

**Vice President:** Compatriot Michael Gravitt was not present.

**Secretary:** Secretary Till summarized information from the written report submitted by Pres. Smith for his recent activities as State Registrar. For our Signers chapter, during the past two months, 3 new members were

approved and 7 have applications awaiting approval at the SAR national office. Pres. Smith also worked with another 3 individuals interested in membership. (See Attachment 1.)

**Treasurer:** Compatriot Al Conant gave the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the chapter currently has \$7,105.51 in the operating budget, \$3,876.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,375.45 in the scholarship savings account. (See Attachment 2.)

The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Compatriot Larry Kesler and seconded by Compatriot Randy Balice. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:** In the interest of time, Compatriot Conant did not ask for committee reports.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business:** Compatriot Conant announced a "Hat Fund Challenge." Compatriot Charles Musser is offering to put up \$100 toward our scholarship fund if anyone will match this offer. The offer stands until our next meeting in January. Those interested should contact Compatriot Conant.

#### **Announcements for Good of the Order:**

Compatriot Conant noted that a flier is circulating about the Wreaths Across America (WAA) activities. The ceremony will occur at 9 AM on December 14 at the veterans' cemetery. Wreaths can be purchased online or from Compatriot Conant. If you are able to help with the distributing of the wreaths on December 14, let Compatriot Conant know.

#### **Speaker Program:**

Compatriot Conant introduced today's speaker, Kevin Lord, who presented on the subject of his upcoming book about his father's WWII service as an airman on a B24 bomber and as a POW in Germany after being shot down. The multimedia presentation generated a lot of interest and covered only a portion of the story. There will likely be a second part to the presentation, given at our January meeting.

#### **Master Calendar**

Compatriot Conant reviewed the various events listed on our calendar, including the WAA activities and the chapter Christmas party, both in mid-December.

**Adjournment:** The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM by Compatriot Conant.

**The next breakfast meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 am on Jan 4, 2020, at O'Aces Grill located at 4955 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89118 (just south of Tropicana Ave.).**

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Till*

Secretary, Signers Chapter

Attachment 1

Attachment 2