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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harold B. Crapo, Jr.

September 23, 2009

We are fast approaching the end of 2009 and the outlook for new Officers for the Saramana Chapter is looking pretty grim. We have more than 125 members in our Chapter and many of them have risen to positions over the years that complement the Florida State and National Society. However, this accounts for only about 15% of our membership. Further, I am aware that we are not recruiting enough new members to take up the helm and provide new leadership.

Our Registrar, Compatriot Phillip Tarpley and Publicity Chairman Billie Lowe have been very active in their recruiting efforts and they both have made some inroads this year. However, can we expect new members to take over some of the leadership roles that we so sorely need? That is one of the quickest ways to discourage new members from becoming involved. In fact, it is a downright insult to ask a new member, without experience, to take over a leadership role. They know that when asked to become an officer, it is not because of their experience but rather the Chapter is desperate for bodies. This is no way to treat new members; it was tried before and became a disaster that we have not yet overcome.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Compatriot Charles Riegler has asked that each member of our Chapter become involved in the recruiting efforts. He is particularly referring to existing members who have experience in accounting for the Treasurer's position, Administration for the Secretary's position and former leaders in whatever profession you were involved with, for the President and Vice President positions. Some of our officers have been pulling double and triple duty just to keep the Chapter afloat, but Compatriots, as my Navy son might say it, "We are pushing a bow wave." And that is not good.

I am not so sure that some of our officers have become ill over the past few years just trying to stay ahead of the assigned tasks, simply because we are short of help. If everyone would at least take a piece of the effort or volunteer to become an assistant to a position, it would make it so much easier to get everything done that is required. I was quickly reminded that our by-laws do not allow the Chapter to have Assistant Chairs but the by-laws do not forbid having Assistants to the Chairs. There are all too many reasons we cannot do something and it is incumbent upon us to find solutions as to how to become more productive. I ask that you please, at least contact a few of our members to become more active in this, what I consider to be the best Chapter in the whole State of Florida. We did not get that way by accident.

Fraternally

Harold Crapo, Jr.

President

WORDS of WISDOM



History lessons

As Bernardo de Gálvez began planning his attack on the fort at Baton Rouge he realized it was much more formidable than the one at Manchac. The British fort was surrounded by a ditch eighteen feet wide and nine deep. Inside the ditch was an earthen wall, and outside it a circle of palisades in the form of chevaux de frise. The armament consisted of eighteen cannon (eight more than Gálvez possessed), and four hundred regulars and one hundred and fifty settlers and armed negroes made up its garrison. An assault would be too costly unless a breach in the fortifications was first effected by the artillery.

Gálvez' maneuver on 20 September 1779 was the tactical climax of his lower Mississippi campaign. He sent a detachment of white militiamen, colored troops, and Indians to a small grove of trees reaching out toward the fort which appeared to be the most advantageous position from which to attack. Some of the men chopped down trees, others threw up earthworks, others fired on the fort as if protecting the laborers, but the chief function of the whole group was to make as much commotion as possible and thereby to attract the entire attention of the English. While the English, without wounding a single person, wearied themselves in an all-night bombardment of this grove the Spaniards were installing their cannon unmolested and unobserved in a garden on the opposite side of the fort and within musket shot of the fort. In the morning the English discovered their mistake and directed a heavy fire against the Spanish batteries. It was too late; the Spanish guns and gunners were well sheltered.

Early on the morning of 21 September 1779 the Spanish batteries opened fire on the fort at Baton Rouge with good effect; notwithstanding the spirit with which the besieged served their cannon, their fort was so damaged by the middle of the afternoon that they were compelled to submit. At half-past three two officers came out to propose a truce. Gálvez insisted that Dickson surrender at discretion and that Fort Panmure at Natchez, with its garrison of eighty grenadiers, be included. Dickson under the circumstances assented. Twenty-four hours were allowed the English in which to bury their dead, after which they marched out of the fort, delivered up their arms, surrendered their flags, and became prisoners of war. The three hundred and seventy-five surviving regulars were detained as prisoners, but the enlisted settlers and negroes were set free "because of the generous heart of our commander, and because of the impossibility of guarding them.

Reference: John Walton Caughey, Bernardo de Gálvez in Louisiana, 1776-1783 (Reprint: Pelican Publishing Company, Inc, Gretna, Louisiana, 1972), pp. 154-157 The Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol. 12, No. 2, April 1929, pp. 255-265. -Submitted by Clifford Normand LASSAR Registrar

This seems to be what Congress is doing. While the news media focus Americans on one news item they use that diversion to pass legislation they know is controversial if exposed. The sunshine is no longer allowed on legislation. Members of Congress no longer read bills before they vote What is good for their political party which they put first may not be good for the American citizens.—The Editor

Louisville native Justice Louis Brandeis wrote, "Sunshine is the best disinfectant."

Educating the People



"A well instructed people can be permanently a free people"
-James Madison

***Your Chapter President Harold B. Crapo, Jr.** gave a speech during the Annual Constitution Week DAR/SAR combined membership luncheon September 19th. He delivered a message about the Constitution and how it was debated, structured and amended before it was accepted on 17 September, 1787. The membership of both societies started to listen as they would to a normal speaker. Within two minutes every person there paid full attention to what he was saying and heads were nodding in agreement. He received a standing ovation. I was proud of my good friend Harold. DAR members and Regents crowded around him requesting a copy.*

Don't you wish those elected to represent us whose oath of office includes the words "support and defend the Constitution" would do same including the Judges appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"A primary object...should be the education of our youth in science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing...than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country"

-George Washington

3 in 4 high school children can't name first U.S. president, is discovered in recent surveys and on some of the college campus TV interviews. In that miracle at Philadelphia 222 years ago, the Framers gave us a document which they hoped would secure our freedoms, but they knew that only a well-informed citizenry could remain free. If these research survey results are any indication, we are very much a free nation at risk."

-Tulsa World News-

Well it is a hard question as to who was the first President of the United States, unless properly educated in early American History. Who taught this early American History about our Founders and early government during the founding of America? It is not in our high schools the below was taught.

Peyton Randolph (Born ca. 1721, died 1775 - Served the First Continental Congress from September 5, 1774 until October 21, 1774 and the Second Continental Congress from May 10, 1775 to May 24, 1775, resigning due to ill health, and succeeded by John Hancock.

Henry Middleton 1717-1784 - Served October 22, 1774 to October 26, 1774

John Hancock 1737 - 1793 - Served May 24, 1775 to October 29, 1777, and again from November 23, 1785 to June 5, 1786.

Henry Laurens 1724 - 1792 - Served from November 1, 1777 until December 9, 1778.

John Jay 1745 - 1829 - Served from December 10, 1778 to September 27, 1779.

Samuel Huntington 1732 - 1796 - Served from September 28, 1779 until July 9, 1781.

Thomas McKean 1734 - 1817 - Served from July 10, 1781 to November 4, 1781.

John Hanson 1715 - 1783 - Served from November 5, 1781 until November 3, 1782, first President of the United States under the Articles of Confederation.

Elias Boudinot 1741 - 1802 - Served from November 4, 1782 until November 2, 1783.

Thomas Mifflin 1744 - 1800 - Served from November 3, 1783 to November 29, 1784.

Richard Henry Lee 1732 - 1794 - Served from November 30, 1784 to November 22, 1785.

Nathaniel Gorham 1738 - 1796 - Served from June 6, 1786 to February 1, 1787.

Arthur St. Clair 1734 - 1818 - Served from February 2, 1787 until January 21, 1788.

Cyrus Griffin 1736 - 1796 - Served as the nation's chief executive from January 22, 1788 until George Washington's inauguration as the 1st President **under** the new Constitution on March 4, 1789

In 1963 Representative A.S. Herlong of Florida read into the Congressional Record Communist goals as written in by author Cleon Skousen in his book *The Naked Communist* Below are just two of the goals noted:

17. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.

31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of **American history** on the ground that it was only a minor part of the "big picture." Give more emphasis to Russian history since the Communists took over.

Have you checked the school books for the revision of American history?

Just exactly what have teachers been teaching our children these past two decades"???

American History is being rewritten in alarming misinformation about our founding from landing at Jamestowne and the landing of the Mayflower. Early American history has been reduced as a subject taught in a summary in the lower grades. High school students receive very little true early American History. Seems the Civil War was the beginning of our Country as teachers talk about that and

Lincoln freeing the slaves. We are being blamed for starting wars instead of defending ourselves such as the attack on Pearl Harbor being our fault.

I leave off the new school curriculum dealing with a banana, Heather has two mommies, that 2x2 may not = 5, but that's close enough.etc, etc. ---- Some education still needs to begin with parents at home.

The U.S. Constitution is being violated and ignored by the Government from local to the Federal. Congress is passing laws that absolutely violate the Constitution. The Presidents are signing these Acts of Congress thus; violating the Constitution. The Supreme Court itself is not defending the Constitution. All these elected representative of the people, appointed Judges and officials violate their Oath of Office to; ...Protect and Defend the Constitution ...

They get away with these violations because the Constitution and Bill of Rights is not a subject given to school children (except freedom of speech) to learn. We lose because too many Americans have little if any knowledge of the Constitution. They need to learn what "WE the PEOPLE" means.

Phillip H. Tarpley-Editor

~An Ode to America ~

A view from some outside the picture frame

Read this excerpt from a Romanian Newspaper. The article was written by Mr. Cornel Nistorescu and published under the title 'C'ntarea Americii, meaning 'Ode To America ') in the Romanian newspaper Evenimentul zilei 'The Daily Event' or 'News of the Day'.

"Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs.

On 9/11, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the Army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about.

Instead the Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic, they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing. On every occasion, they started singing: 'God Bless America!'

I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being? Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put into collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy. What on earth can unites the Americans in such way? Their land? Their history? Their economic Power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace, I thought things over, I reached but only one conclusion... Only freedom can work such miracles."

-Cornel Nistorescu

Provided to the Editor by Saramana Compatriot J. Laurens McMaster

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

September 23, 2009

A summary of the Secretary's report is provided. The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR convened on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, FL. No votes were taken as a quorum was not present. The Secretary Pro-tem Charles Riegle was still out of state. Reports of Committee Chairmen present were given.

Reports: Chapter activity has been light during the \summer recess

Victor McMurry, Treasurer reported Membership Cards and renewal notices for 2010 were mailed. The NSSAR dues increased by \$5.00 as of January 1, 2010 Please detach your card and remit the dues with the balance of the notice. Should there be any personal information changes please include them with your check.

Victor McMurry, Treasurer of the Operating Trust Fund briefed the members on the latest values.

President Harold Crapo, FLSSAR Sgt at Arms, Phillip H. Tarpley, FLSSAR South West Regional Vice President, FLSSAR Past Presidents and state officers Frank X. Hodalski and Hal Miller attended the August 28-29, 2009 Board of Management (BOM). Phillip Tarpley accepted Chairmanship of the State ROTC Committee.

Chaplin Bradley reported Compatriots Frank X Hodalski suffered a serious injury to his eye socket from a fall against a corner of a dresser, Hal Miller is home after knee replacement surgery and Robert Grant's son is undergoing treatment for cancer. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Publicity: Compatriot Lowe had to go out of state for a death in the family therefore President reported several articles are being printed in local papers.

Registrar: Phillip Tarpley reports 8 new member applications forwarded to NSSAR along with 7 supplemental applications. Five applications for membership are in progress. Phil noted application fees for national increased by \$20.00 for 2010. Those members wanting to add other family Patriots may want to work on them now. Those working on applications should seek help to finish before the increase that's place.

Eagle Scout Committee: Lester K. Hunt reported on his work to work with the Scout Troop leaders in order to identify those Scouts earning the Eagle Scout designation so they can be awarded certificates and enter the Essay Scholarship contest.

Veteran's Affairs: Robert Grant Sarasota Chairman gave his report on Veteran Affairs. President Crapo reported that we have delivered clothes, personal care items, books, DVDs, etc. to the Port Charlotte Veterans Home. Another trip is planned soon, should you have items to share and donate please contact Harold Crapo. He will arrange for pickup.

The President asked for the Nominating Committee to report on nominees for 2010 No report was available and members stated they had not had contact with the Chairman. Any member willing to serve should contact the President and he will provide your name to the committee or contact Nominating Committee Chairman Charles Riegle for the 2010 Officers. Members of the Committee are Compatriots Lowe, Huff, Williams, Bradley.

Happy Birthday greetings to the Saramana Compatriots born this month.

October

Evert H. Blount, Walter W. Botkin, Jack H. Chaille, Dr. John H. Deam, Nicholas, Billie C. Franklin, Jr., William A. Glasser, Daniel F. Kennedy, Hal F. Miller, Richard G. Powell, James C. Shive, James Lee Simpson, Richard N. Thrower, Donald J. Wemple, John H. Wilbanks, Roy M. Williams

NEW MEMBERS

Foster Gaines Finley induction October 9, meeting

Membership Chairman Billie West Lowe is at work seeking out prospects. **Remember DAR** is a great source for new members. Please join Compatriots Lowe and Tarpley in the search for new members. It is very important to seek out and induct new members to keep our great heritage alive and pass the effort. Please give it your full attention. Talk to your friends in DAR to recruit their husbands, sons or grandsons as eligible new members.

Next regular chapter meeting and luncheon is Friday October 9, at 12:00. It will be held at Lido Beach Holiday Inn. **A very special guest speaker** will be presenting a health issue very important to all our members and family. Discovering life threatening diseases in time saves lives. The new method finds diseased areas that before this were missed most of the time. **Cancer is one of the diseases found by this new technology. This is important so please plan to attend and ask questions during or after his presentation. Many people die because they fail to find out in time.**

**SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD
A UNIT of the FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF LIBERTY BRIGADE**



Month of September Activity

Color Guard Member events

DAR/SAR meeting September 19, 2009

Bradley, Crapo, Cushing and Tarpley presented the Colors

October 23-24, 2009

FLSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade

November

Veterans Day Parade

SARAMANA CHAPTER - SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Chapter Meeting Notice

October 9, 2009 11:45 A.M. is our next chapter luncheon

October 14, 2009 is the next BOG meeting

Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota

Special Notice of our new meeting location

Holiday Inn Sarasota-Lido Beach on the Beach, 233 Ben Franklin Drive,
7th floor Banquet Room

Directions: From (Rt. 41) Tamiami Trail & John Ringling Blvd. Travel west across the bridge toward Lido Beach about 3 miles. Follow the signs directing you to Lido Beach from Armand Circle along Ringling Blvd. to the (Y) at the end.

Bear to the left onto Ben Franklin Drive for a couple blocks. The Holiday Inn is on the left. Turn left, the parking lot is in the rear. The ramp into the building goes directly to the express elevator to the Seventh floor only, our table is there.

Meal Selection

Luncheon Meeting Reservation information

11:45 and Cash Bar available 11:30 AM

Please leave home early to arrive by 11: 30 -11:45 AM

Call Harold Crapo only for phone reservations

**941-756-7272 If not available, leave message on your menu selections
#1, #2 or #3 and names of guests with your phone number for call back
if needed**

E-mails only: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@verizon.net to make your reservation
Provide meal selection # 1, #2 or #3 Please pay at door on your arrival -- Please give all names of
your guests and meal selection

Call or e-mail to make reservations by 4:30 PM Tuesday afternoon October 6, 2009

Note this is the cut off time for this luncheon's reservations. Late reservations cause problems but showing up without making them causes more problems for the hotel kitchen preparing and the wait staff serving everyone on time. The hotel is firm on no changes to increase meals after 9:30 AM Wednesday morning.

Please indicate your entrée selections:

#1 _____ Sanibel Salmon Salad: - \$20 = _____

Seared Salmon Filet on a Bed of Field Greens and Baby Spinach with Vidalia onion
Marmalade, Gorgonzola Cheese, Candied Walnuts and Raspberry Vinaigrette

#2 _____ Chicken Parmesan - \$20 = _____

#3 _____ Vegetarian - Entrée Size Salad with a Fruit cup - \$20 = _____

All entrees include beverage, rolls, salad and dessert

PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE AT DOOR. WE DO NOT HAVE A CHANGE FUND.

Vic McMurry, Treasurer

To cancel your reservation; It must be done by calling the Secretary by 9.30 AM Wednesday morning before the Friday Luncheon or you are responsible and billed for your meals. The chapter has to pay when your meal is ordered whether you come or not. Your full cooperation is very important.



YOUR SAR KEEPS MARCHING FORWARD!

We just concluded a very ceremonial and
successful groundbreaking
for our new Genealogical Library...

Let's keep the momentum going!

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Contact Victor McMurry for information



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contributions**