



# The Southern Maine Patriot

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Sons of the American Revolution

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## From The Chapter President

After an unintended break from formal meetings over the summer, we are off and running again, though as you have seen from the last edition of this newsletter (and will see in these pages) members have not been idle.

One key effort that is now getting underway is the establishment of Chapter Bylaws. These Bylaws will help direct and govern our group and provide necessary structure. The goal is to discuss and possibly vote on these Bylaws at the **February 16, 2019 meeting**. Please plan to attend this meeting so that input can be provided. The proposed document will be distributed prior to the meeting. Please come to the meeting having already read the document. You can also ask questions or provide suggestions prior to the meeting by sending them to me.

Once we have approved bylaws (whether it is at the February meeting or approval gets delayed by a month if there are concerns or significant changes), we will hold elections for officers. All current officers (except for Chaplain) have now been in office for more than a year. While this is not an issue and all officers may continue to serve, it is time to hold elections. Please consider which members you think would be best served to serve our Chapter – remembering that the member who is best suited may be YOU!

As members of the Sons of the American Revolution, we all have a shared interest in history and the Revolutionary War era. To that end, we strive to always expand our knowledge and to share that information with each other. All members are encouraged to attend talks, lectures, or events on topics of historic interest. If you do, please share your

findings and information with the chapter, either through a brief presentation at a meeting or by submitting an article to this newsletter.

Adam W. Bartow

President, Southern Maine Chapter

## Welcome New Members!

*Approved for the Southern Maine Chapter*

*If you know of someone interested in joining, please put them in contact with either Adam, David, or Bruce and we can get the process started!*



*Tim McCarty (holding certificate) is officially welcomed to the Maine State Society, Southern Maine Chapter during the State Meeting on November 10, 2018. Pictured here with: (L to R) State President Wayne Mallar, his sponsor Bruce Roulland, and Chapter President Adam Bartow*

## Chapter Officers

President – Adam W. Bartow

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Vice President – Bruce Roullard

Registrar – David Manchester

Chaplain – Tim McCarty

Color Guard Commander – Ernie Packard

## Donations Needed



The Southern Maine Chapter is in immediate need of financial support. As a chapter, we want to be active in the community and in our meetings, but to do this, we need money and we currently do not have enough to do any of the plans we have. That includes: promoting youth programs – because we don't have the money to offer a prize; paying honorariums for speakers; purchasing supplies or promotional materials; or really anything else. Please consider making a donation of any amount. You can bring cash or check to any meeting and give it to Bruce Roullard or email Bruce at [bruceroullard@gmail.com](mailto:bruceroullard@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.

With our financial concerns in mind, we have developed a plan. There will be a donation basket at every meeting. Also, we are working to arrange a seminar, open to the public with a registration fee, about how to use Ancestry.com and the basics of genealogical research. Please stay tuned for more details!

Other ideas include: a lecture series open to the public with a donation jar; antiques appraisals; a yard sale/bake sale; and having a table at local fairs, historical events, and/or genealogical events.

All of these events have benefits beyond the anticipated financial boost. Some help us provide a service to the community, but all help provide us with publicity and visibility to the community. Also, they all help generate revenue from outside our own ranks.

As we make plans for these fundraiser events, please offer your own time and efforts to help. The more money we raise and the more people we involve, the more active we can be moving forward and the greater impact we can have in our community.

## Chapter Activities

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2018, the Southern Maine Chapter held a ceremony in the Mount Auburn Cemetery in Auburn, Maine to celebrate Veterans Day, mark 100 years since the end of World War 1, and dedicate a stone marker at the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot (and ancestor of Chapter member Andrew Palmeri) Jonathan Nash. Approximately 40 people attended the ceremony, representing SAR, DAR, Boy Scouts of America, and Freemasons. The event was also covered by local media, including the Lewiston Sun Journal and WMTW News 8.



*President Adam Bartow presides*



Boy Scouts Troop 111 in Auburn presented the colors



Andrew Palmeri and his sons place a wreath on the grave of Patriot Jonathan Nash

## Mark Your Calendar



February 16 – Southern Maine Chapter meeting. 9a.m. ***Please note the departure from normal schedule. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, not the 2<sup>nd</sup>. This meeting will include a discussion of Chapter Constitution and Bylaws. Please plan to attend and please RSVP to Adam***

February 18 – Presidents' Day

## Approved Motions From Recent Meetings

*Minutes from previous State or Chapter meetings are always available. Please contact Adam Bartow if you would like the full minutes from a particular State or Chapter meeting.*

### ***State Meeting, November 10, 2017***

Motion #1. That the \$20,100 gift from a member in Texas be placed into a savings account until such time as the State Society decides how to use it.

Motion #2. That the State President send a letter of support to the Indiana State Society concerning the efforts of constitutional change, without specifically endorsing the language.

Motion #3. That the state society reimburse Charlie McGillicuddy for repairs to the State Color Guard drum.

### ***Southern Maine Chapter meeting, December 8, 2018***

Motion #1. Bruce Roullard moved that the minutes of the April 2018 meeting be approved as distributed. Seconded by Ron Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion #2. Ken Hall moved that Tim McCarty be elected as Chapter Chaplain. Seconded by David Manchester. The motion carried unanimously.

Nomination #1. Ernie Packard was nominated as the Chapter nominee for State Flag Coordinator. There were no other nominations.