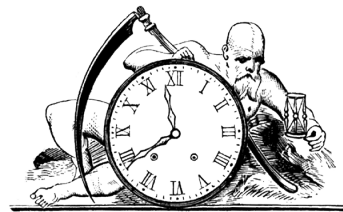
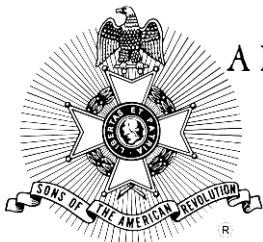




Happy New Year!



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Sons of the American Revolution



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Minutes of Our Last Meeting

November 8th, 2011

The Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter held its Fire Safety Commendation Award Meeting at Fiorello's Restaurant at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Newport News. President Joe Shipes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. After the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge, members introduced themselves, their guests, and remarked on their Patriot Ancestors.

Our Chapter was honored to welcome a very special guest, Ms. Victoria McSwain, the recipient of the Chapter TNCC Scholarship. Ms. McSwain expressed her appreciation and thoroughly charmed all attendees with an eloquent recitation of her noble educational goals.



Thomas Nelson Community College student Victoria McSwain thanks the Chapter and details her education

Newport News Fire Department Master Firefighter Robert "Bobby" Moore was awarded the Chapter's Fire Safety Commendation Medal for 2011. Newport News Fire Chief Scott Liebold cited Firefighter Moore's dedicated and exemplary service in the department.



President Joes Shipes (l.) welcomes Compatriot Mason Ware (r.) into the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter

The guest Speaker was Compatriot Captain Christopher A. Melhuish, USN (Ret.). Compatriot Melhuish, a member of the Norfolk Chapter and 65th Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution, provided many uncommonly known details regarding the rich history of this renowned vessel.

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Our Next Meeting

January 14th, 2012

Social 6:00pm – Cash Bar

Meeting 6:30pm

Induction of Williamsburg & Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter Officers for 2012

Crowne Plaza/Ft. Magruder Inn
6945 Pocahontas Trail
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Dress: Coat & Tie/Black Tie Optional

Guest Speaker:
Mark Brennan, VASSAR President



Meal Cost: \$25.00 Per Person

Menu Options:

Choice #1: Sliced London Broil
with Wild Mushroom Sauce

Choice #2: Seared Corn Dusted Salmon
with Sun Dried Tomato Cream

RSVP By: Tuesday, January 10th, 2012

Rick elofson at fnecpa@msn.com
or 757-596-6825

Ladies Encouraged To Attend

The SAR Afield

Upcoming Events in Our Region & Beyond

★ **DECEMBER 1st, 2011** ★
2012 Membership Dues – PAST DUE

JANUARY 2nd, 2012

BINGO!

VA Hospital, Hampton, VA

JANUARY 7th, 2012

Board of Managers Meeting – 8:30am

The Lunch Bell, Newport News, VA

JANUARY 14th, 2012

Joint Meeting with Williamsburg Chapter & Induction of 2012 Officers

FEBRUARY 19th, 2012

Crossing of the DAN –

South Boston, VA

FEBRUARY 24th-27th, 2012

VASSAR Annual Meeting –

Richmond, VA



2012 Chapter Officers

President	Joe Shipes
Vice-President	Ken Wood
2 nd Vice President	Sam Endicott
Secretary	Jeff Brown
Treasurer	Rick Eloffson
Registrar	Jim Sample
Chaplain	Dr. Dan Warren
Surgeon	Dr. Tom Sale

2012 Committee Chairmen

Citizenship	Walt Neville
Eagle Scout	Bruce Meyer
Flag	Vacant
Graves	Sam Endicott
Newsletter	Mark Carroll
Public Safety	Jeff Brown
ROTC/JROTC	Ken Wood
Veteran's Affairs	Walt Neville, et al

Board of Managers

Walt Neville
 John Speirs
 Robert Coleman

Minutes of Our Last Meeting

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The Chapter had the honor of inducting Compatriot Mason Ware and warmly welcomed him into the Society.



Newport News Firefighter Bobby Moore accepts the Chapter Fire Safety Commendation Medal from President Shipes and offers comments on his duties



Compatriot Captain Christopher Melhuish, USN (Ret.) 65th Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution and member of the Norfolk Chapter begins his presentation on the ship

Officer and Committee Reports were given, including updates on the Eagle Scout Recognition Program. Chapter Officers for 2012 were nominated and elected and the meeting closed with the SAR Recessional and Benediction.

Announcements

All Things in the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter



BINGO!

VA Hospital, Hampton, Building 148

January 2nd, 2012, 7:00pm

Still Need Help

Meet at the Domiciliary at 6:30pm to set up for the games and refreshments. Bingo starts at 7:00pm and plays for one hour or until our money (\$50) is gone, whichever comes first. We clean up and leave by 8:15pm. To do a respectable job takes a minimum crew of four, but the more volunteers, the higher our Stark score. If you can arrive earlier and/or stay later to visit with the long-term patients in Bldg. 146, that's even better!



If those receiving a copy of this newsletter by USPS have an email account, please reply via email to: **Mark Carroll** at sonarmark@gmail.com or **Rick Eloffson** at fnecca@msn.com



There is a vacant Committee Chairmanship. If interested, please let a Chapter Officer know and they can provide details.



“John Fea: Religion and the Founding Fathers”
Richmond
American Revolution
Roundtable

Wednesday, January 18th, 5:30 pm
 Heilman Dining Center
 University of Richmond, Richmond, VA
<http://arrrt-richmond.org/>
 804-755-1809 or 804-323-1759

2012 Dues Notice Form
Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter

Name: _____

Address: _____

(please provide the following information so we may update our records)

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

National Society SAR Member No. _____

Virginia Society SAR Member No. _____

Are you a NSSAR Life Member? _____

Yes / No

If yes, what is your Life Member number? _____

If no, what State Society is your primary
 SAR State Society? _____

2011 DUES

National Society	\$30.00
Virginia Society	\$20.00
Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter	\$25.00
TOTAL DUES	\$75.00

Make checks payable to:

**Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter, SAR
 and return to:
 Rick Elofson, Treasurer
 21 Paula Maria Drive
 Newport News, VA 23606**

If you are a NSSAR Life Member, or if your primary SAR membership is
 With another State Society, you do not have to pay the \$30.00 National
 Society's Annual Dues through the Virginia Society.

Junior Members pay only \$5.00 National Society dues, and do not pay
 Virginia Society dues at all.

Youth Registrants do not pay any dues.

PAST DUE – PLEASE REMIT SOONEST, IF NECESSARY