

CHARLES GRATIOT CORRESPONDENCE
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
BLUE WATER CHAPTER
OF THE
MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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Robert May
President

Matthew Van Wormer
Vice President

Karl Goodrich
Secretary

Robert Zimmer
Treasurer

Robert Eager
Registrar/Genealogist

HUZZAH!
TO GEORGE WASHINGTON

During the February meeting, the chapter conducted a tribute to this Revolutionary leader in remembrance of his birthday. Those who attended had the chance to read small passages that addressed the character of Washington. Each reading ended with, “Long live the memory of George Washington.” The members then responded with a hearty Huzzah! Several of these readings can be found throughout this newsletter.

“Let his countrymen consecrate the memory of the heroic general, the patriotic statesman and the virtuous sage,” read the official message of the United States Senate. “Let them teach their children never to forget that the fruit of his labors and his example are their inheritance.”

-Founders’ Almanac

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BWC FIRST MEETING



**Blue Water Chapter
Michigan Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Minutes**

Date: February 20, 2016
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: Dorsey House

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Robert May. This was the first official meeting of the Blue Water Chapter of the MISSAR.

Opening Ceremony:

The Opening Ceremony concerned, in part, the symbolism of the colors of the Flag of the United States of America. Members participated in the ceremony. A brief discussion was held and there was consensus that Opening Ceremony was meaningful.

Roll Call:

Those present were President Robert May, Matt Van Wormer, Bob Eager, Randy Easton, Larry Camp and Stephan Jankowski

Agenda Approval:

It was moved by Eager, seconded by Easton that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Reading of Minutes:

Since this was the first official meeting, no minutes were available

Treasurer's Report:

None given. President May stated that the Chapter has no money.

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New Member Installation:

Two new members will be installed at the April meeting: Stephan Jankowski and Adam Jankowski

Officers Reports:

None given

Old Business:

The Charter of the Blue Water Chapter of the MISSAR will be presented at the May 17 meeting by a member of the State Society. It was moved by Eager and seconded by Easton that those that signed the Charter, new members, any other current members in the process of transferring membership from another Chapter or any potential person seeking membership prior to the presentation of the Charter on May 17 be considered a Charter Member of the Blue Water Chapter of the MISSAR for historical purposes. Discussion held. Motion carried.

New Business:

President May will maintain the Chapter's newly established Facebook page and keep it current with photos and information concerning the Chapter.

The November meeting will be a regularly scheduled 5:30 PM meeting. For those wishing to attend the local chapter of the DAR at the Dorsey House at noon are encouraged to do so.

The Board of Governors meeting was set for March 5 at President May's residence.

President May discussed the numerous ways the Chapter can earn points towards the National Society's points competition. The many ways can be found on the National Society's website. It is President May's goal to earn as many points as possible.

Present May discussed numerous upcoming events for the year. Many of these events will be eligible for points towards the competition.

Program: President May gave a program entitled **George Washington Celebration**. Using various sources, short quotes or writings of Washington were read concerning the thoughts and character of Washington. After each short presentation George Washington was toasted.

Closing Ceremony: The Closing Ceremony was given.
President May adjourned the meeting at 2:00 P M.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 16	11:15 am	East Lansing	MISSAR Annual Meeting
April 19	5:30 pm	Dorsey House	Lexington and Concord
May 17	5:30 pm	Dorsey House	Charter Night
May 28	10:00 am	Pine Grove Park (PH)	Feast of the Ste. Clair
June 18		Bloomfield Hills	MISSAR BoM
September 13	5:30 pm	Dorsey House	TBD
October 18	5:30 pm	Dorsey House	TBD
October 28/29		Grand Rapids	Great Lakes District Meeting
November 15	5:30 pm	Dorsey House	TBD

NEXT MEETING

It expected that the business part of the meeting for April (4/19) will be very short. However, members can also expect the program to be very engaging. For April, the month of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the L&C battles will be the focus of an interactive activity. This will be very family friendly. You will want to make sure that wives and children make this event.

“President John Adams was more to the point: His example is now complete, and will teach wisdom and virtue to magistrates, citizens, and men, not only in the present age, but in future generations, as long as our history shall be read.”
-Founder’s Almanac

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THE DORSEY HOUSE
WELCOME TO THE DORSEY HOUSE!

The historic Dorsey House, originally built in 1847, served as a half-way house for those traveling by horse and buggy between Port Huron and Yale. The location, ten minutes west of Port Huron off of M-136, makes this a place that both city and rural folks enjoy.

The original establishment was demolished in 1995 and a beautiful new building was raised of steel, mortar and brick, with a promise of a long and prosperous future. The new Dorsey building maintains a unique design and atmosphere, welcoming everyone. The main dining room exudes comfort with its large fireplace and imported English furniture.

The lounge is also patterned after an English pub, paneled with dark oak and has a hunter green tin ceiling, a dance floor, and a unique beehive-shaped fireplace. Upstairs, an open ceiling bar and game room provides fun for all.

The Dorsey House offers fantastic food and superb service in a clean, friendly and casual atmosphere, welcoming everyone. The Brunhuber family appreciates the opportunity to serve you!



<http://www.thedorseyhouse.com/home.php>

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
JULY 9, 1799

**...And it is my expresses desire that my Corpse may be
Interred in a private manner, without parade, or funeral
Oration.**

-George Washington: A Collection

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Americanism Award

The NSSAR Americanism Committee is responsible for organizing and directing the National Society's efforts to promote the principles of freedom and liberty for all Americans. This includes dissemination of NSSAR programs and resolutions relating to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. The Committee judges the President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Competition Award and the President General's Cup Award, which are presented at the Annual Congress. The worksheet / form for this contest can be found at the following web page <https://www.sar.org/node/283>.

Members of The Blue Water Chapter have begun recording their activities on this worksheet. The following is an update to the recorded activities.

Americanism = 520 pts

President General's Streamer = 195 pts



Chapter President May delivered the NSSAR's Public Service Announcement cd to the Radio First stations. He was then invited to be interviewed by Paul Miller of WPHM on February 22, 2016 at 9:00 am.

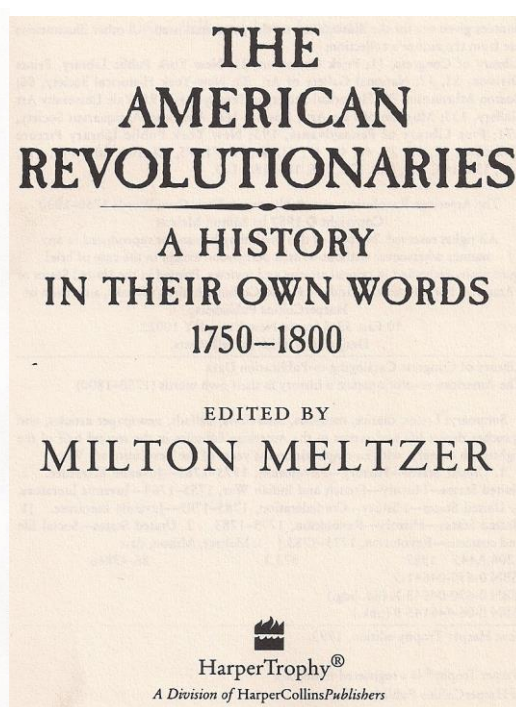
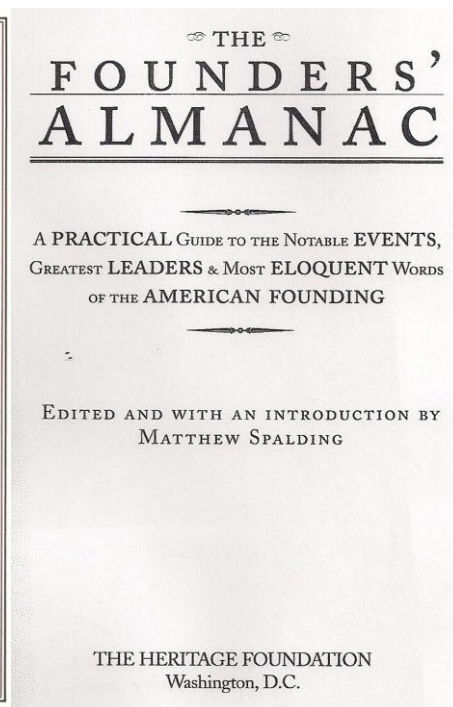
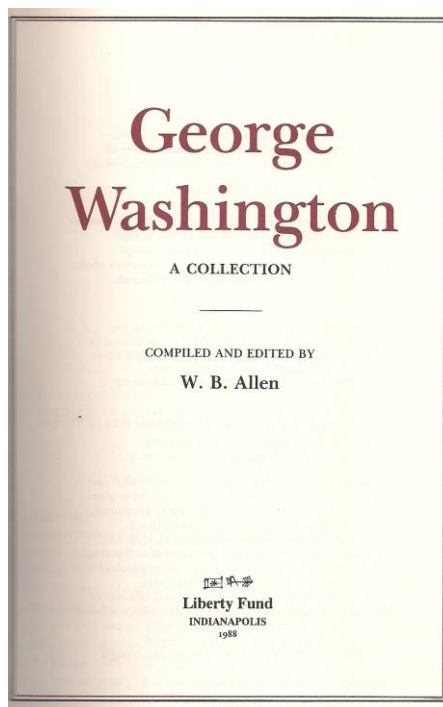
The interview can be found on the BWC Facebook page.

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BOOKS

These books were used for the George Washington readings.



...I luckily escaped without a wound, though I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me... I was the only person then left to distribute the General's orders,...
-American Revolutionaries

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