

**Meeting Minutes
William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 –
Sons of the Republic of Texas
November 19, 2014**

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14-Sons of the Republic of Texas met November 19, 2014 at C&J Barbecue in Bryan, Texas. This meeting was the final meeting of 2014.

Vice President Mervin Peters presided with President John Hicks in attendance, recovering from a recent surgery. Following lunch, Peters called the meeting to order at approximately 11:45 a.m. A total of 30 attended the meeting – 25 members and five guests. This was the highest-attended meeting of the year. The September meeting minutes stood approved and are available on the chapter website.

District Representative and Past Chapter President George Nelson then inducted Rusty Adams as a new member. Scott Watkins, member of the Lone Star chapter, was also inducted and will be a dual-chapter member.

Knight of San Jacinto and Past President General Charles Briggs gave the treasurer report. The balance on chapter funds stands at \$3,532.12. Dues notices have been mailed and members were encouraged to submit their payment as soon as possible. The chapter will receive a \$6 rebate on each of the dues paid if received before December 31.

Secretary Blair Fannin then introduced Chapter Historian Kyle Jones, who presented proposal requesting financial support for the upcoming Alamo Day Celebration at Sam Rayburn Middle School in Bryan. The proposal would help fund t-shirts and printed materials that would be used as part of curriculum materials in teaching seventh graders about the battle at the Alamo. A motion to fund the project in the amount of \$250 was made by Nelson and seconded by Hicks. The chapter voted in favor of the financial support.

Jones led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Fannin then briefed members on a recent request from Bryan City Hall to lead the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags at the Nov. 11 Bryan City Council Meeting. Fannin, Nelson and Briggs represented the chapter at the meeting. Fannin also had a digital photo that was taken with the Bryan City Council for chapter members to view.

At noon, Fannin then introduced chapter member Barry Handler, who gave an in-depth program on financial documents dating back to the Republic of Texas and prior to this time.

Handler began his presentation prior to the Republic of Texas with several financial documents and currency on display during the Spanish period. He showed members digital images of vintage Texian loan documents, which helped get the provisional government of Texas established. These loan documents were secured by land as there

were no other forms of collateral to secure the loans. Interest rates were as a high as 8 percent and as low as 6 percent.

Hundler also had several pieces of his financial collection on hand for members to view and discuss upon the conclusion of his presentation.

After the program, Peters thanked everyone for their attendance and led a closing benediction. He wished everyone a safe holiday season and looked forward to everyone returning for the chapter's next meeting in January. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Blair Fannin
Secretary, William Joel Bryan Chapter #14,
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