

MEETING MINUTES
William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 –
Sons of the Republic of Texas
February 27, 2015

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14-Sons of the Republic of Texas met February 25, 2015 at C&J Barbecue in Bryan, Texas. President John Hicks called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. He welcomed all members and guests as cold and icy conditions in rural Brazos Valley delayed travel for some.

Secretary and Publicist Blair Fannin led the U.S. and Texas flag pledges. Hicks then welcomed guests Anna Kellett and Claire Lilly from the Robert Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Total attendance was 23 individuals – 19 members and four guests.

Hicks then led ancestor roll call. Charles Briggs III, Past President General and Knight of San Jacinto, gave the treasurer report. Chapter balance is \$2,972.08. The chapter will receive a \$6 rebate for dues that were paid on time before Jan. 1.

Hicks then inducted new member Terry Rosser into the chapter. Henry Mayo was also inducted as an Honorary Member of the William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Vice President Mervin Peters then gave an update on the log cabin project at Boonville Heritage Park. He said a Sons of the Republic of Texas member has donated a replica Twin Sister Cannon to be displayed at the park. Peters said the Brazos County Commissioners Court has approved the canon display and it will be situation under a protective canopy at some point.

District Representative George Nelson reminded members of the upcoming state meeting April 10-12 in Fort Worth. He also read a proclamation from the Matagorda County Commissioners Court recognizing Texas Independence Day.

Nelson proposed to the chapter that each of the commissioners courts in the surrounding counties in the Brazos Valley potentially issuing proclamations observing Texas Independence Day in Spring 2016.

Peters also noted that chapter member Kyle Jones has been nominated Educator of the Year from Sons of the Republic of Texas. Peters said Jones had done

an admirable job of educating middle school youth during recent Alamo Day activities at Sam Rayburn Middle School. The chapter provided funds to support the project.

With no further business, Peters then introduced guest speaker Tom Scaggs of the Fanthorp Inn in Anderson. Scaggs, dressed in period clothing, described in great detail the life of a stagecoach driver and historical accounts of travels between Anderson and Boonville during the 1800s.

Nelson closed the meeting with a benediction. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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