

Captain Matthew Mead Branch Newsletter

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Annual Meeting- Saturday, April 5th

The Annual Meeting of the Captain Matthew Mead Branch, CTSSAR will be held at the Masonic Lodge, 354 Post Road, Darien, CT, beginning at 12:00 Noon. Lunch will be prepared and served by restaurateur George Moscos, and will cost \$20.00 per person. Send your check to Treasurer, Ken Brown 106 Park Drive, East Chester, NY 10709-5109.

The meeting agenda will include the swearing in of our new Board of Managers and the induction of 5 new members.

Our guest speaker for the day will be Mr. James Wade D'Acosta, who will be in costume and will speak on George Washington and Masonry in the Colonial period.

Compatriot Harry Schanck, Chairman of the Nominating Committee will present the candidates for office for 2003/2004 and it is important that we all turn out to support our Branch officers.

Officers for 2003/2004 will be:

Charles W. Riegle, President/Secretary

Dr. Charles Lucas, 1st VP

George Mead, 2nd VP

Kenneth Brown, Treasurer

David Maxwell, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Richard Slagle, Esq., Chancellor

Carl Stone, Historian

Warren Dennison, Chaplain

Kelly Stewart, John Berger, Charles Riegle,

Trustees

Jim Walters

We are proud to announce that Compatriot James Allen Walters was recently installed as the new Chief of Police for the Town of Greenwich.

Jim has been with our police department for a number of years and has served the Town in many capacities within that organization.

100 + Years

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Compatriot Philip Hardin Cass has reached the exalted age of 101.

While Phil is now living in Columbus, Ohio, we want him to know that we have not forgotten him. He has been a Life Member of the NSSAR and CTSSAR since 1975 and an Honorary Life Member of our Branch since 2000

Phil's birthday was March 9, 1902

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PHIL

Editor's MESSAGE

I feel honored to have been asked to serve as your President for yet another term. I know that this is not a common occurrence, but it is an expedient one. We do not have a line of officers ready to step upwards, as they should in such an organization. We have good men in our upcoming Board of Managers who want to do this, after receiving some training. It will be my job to see that they receive this training and their personal initiative will do the rest. Our Branch has been in business for over 75 years now and never suffered from a lack of leadership or apathy. We need a few good men (to borrow a phrase) who will pick up the reins of the organization and see it succeed.

There is much to do this year. Our goals are simple. We want to provide our community with events of historical interest. Events of interest to our youth and citizenry. We should all participate willingly in the historical days celebrated in our Towns and we should remember our Patriot ancestors with ceremony and grave markings.

Have you considered becoming a **LIFE MEMBER** of National, State and Branch? Ask your editor for the one time cost, based on your current age. This step will save you a lot of dues notices and be beneficial to all concerned.

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LOST TO OUR BRANCH -

~~Robert Bantle — Unpaid Dues~~

~~John Coffin — Unpaid Dues~~

~~John Engelhardt — Unpaid Dues~~

~~Michael Harke — Unpaid Dues~~

~~George Sherwood — Unpaid Dues~~

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We now have 54 active members.

Have you given an SAR membership to your son or nephew?

It is very easy and a great gift.

Email your editor for details.

CRiegle@AOL.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

March:

Philip Cass - 9th

Chuck Riegle – 21st

Tom Sutcliffe – 22nd

Benedict Smith – 25th

Penfield Mead – 26th

April:

Robert Bromley – 9th

Harry Schanck - 10th

Warren Dennison - 11th

Luke Fichthorn III - 26th

Arthur Hutchinson – 28th

David Ayers - 30th

Editor's Note:

As I was checking birth dates for the Happy Birthday column, I began to wonder just how our membership has served our country in the past. I found that over 20 of our members were born in the 1920s and probably were the right age to serve during World War II. There are also members who served in the Korean Conflict, Vietnam and the more recent desert and Middle Eastern campaigns. Please, email or mail me a résumé of your military or non-military service during these periods in our nation's history. I will publish them in an upcoming newsletter. And, if you have comments or anecdotes to offer on the time or specific incidents, please include these. This will be of great interest to our membership. Thanks and don't forget to do this today.

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