



Sons of the Revolution in the State of Illinois  
Minutes of August 16, 2014 Meeting  
St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Fairbury Illinois

The 2014 Annual Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Donald Gradeless; Members present Father Scott Archer, Donald Gradeless, Rex Gradeless, Rex Gradeless II, Robert Rati; and guest Margaret Rati. Vice President Thomas Siegel was excused. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Rex Gradeless II. The opening prayer was given by the Father Archer.

The agenda was presented and accepted. Father Archer was appointed as the acting recording secretary. Thanks were give to Father Archer and St. Andrews for hosting the meeting & luncheon. Attendance was taken and a quorum was found to be present. Our Guest Mrs. Robert Rati was introduced.

The Minutes of the June 2014 meeting were presented, on motion of Rex Gradeless and second by Rex Gradeless II the minutes were approved.

President Gradeless pass out the current membership lists. It was noted that a great number of member were delinquent in membership. Several members had claimed to be Perpetual Life Membership but they were found to be annual members when the records were check. Members were reminded that they must notify the society when there is a change in their mailing address, telephone number, email address so that we will be able to contact them otherwise they are listed an inactive.

Treasurer Rex Gradeless present the current financial reports. Funds will be moved to gain more interest than our current accounts. On motion of Robert Rati and second by Father Archer the treasurer's report was accepted for audit.

Registrar Donald Gradeless reported that he had just received an application which failed as two copies were not presented on archival paper and that replacements had reportedly been mailed but have not arrived. A need for another fire resistant file for papers was discussed but no action taken at this time.

Vice President Siegel had delivered flags and records to St. Andrews earlier in the week. It was noted that these were the only records that we had on hand as many had been placed with a Historical Society in Chicago by former President Kelley several years ago. Rex Gradeless II volunteered to make a discovery of what those items were and would report at a future meeting.

Rex Gradeless made a motion to donate \$50.00 to St. Andrews Parish, second by Rex Gradeless II. Motion passed. Robert Rati gave his report as representative to the General Society and urged members to visit the headquarters in Williamsburg, Virginia. Robert Rati was appointed to continue as the Representative for the Fall 2014 General Society Meeting. General Vice President Robert Rati reported on behalf of the General Society and encouraged that our new President should attend the meeting in Williamsburg this fall.

President Gradeless presented the unopened envelopes containing the ballots. The meeting went into recess while the Nominating/Election Committee counted ballots. Meeting called back to order at 11:23 and the election Committee reported the results. The term of office was for 3 years ending December 31, 2017 Officers elected for the 2014-2017 term were:

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| President: | Rex L. Gradeless II |
| Treasurer: | Rex L. Gradeless    |
| Registrar: | Donald E. Gradeless |
| Chaplain:  | Father Scott Archer |
| Historian: | Robert D. Rati      |

Elected to the Board of Managers for 2014-2017 were the above named officers and Charles A. Berry, Paul Fay Christian, Michael J. Kasper, Ralph D. Keen, James M. Liptrap, Lewis V. Morgan, and David C. Royer. Vacant offices will be filled by appointment by the President.

Notices of subsequent meetings was given by President Donald Gradeless: Winter Encampment Luncheons will again be held at the Hotel Jacaranda in Avon Park, Florida on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday December through March. Details of the Winter Encampment luncheons are posted on our website at <http://lineage.gradeless.com/AvonPark.htm>. Sites and hosts for the SR-Illinois meeting in 2015 will be announced by new elected President Rex Gradeless at a future date.

President Donald Gradeless explained about the transfer protocol and handed over the SR Illinois Gavel and then transferred the SR-Illinois President's Medal and Ribbon to Rex L. Gradeless II and he was installed into office as the President of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Illinois.

President Rex Gradeless gave welcoming remarks.

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Rati and we were Adjourned after the closing prayer lead by Father Archer

Everyone went to a luncheon at an area Restaurant

Respectfully submitted.

Father Scott Archer  
Acting Secretary