



**GENERAL JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW CHAPTER**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
CHARTERED OCTOBER 21, 1975

**Chapter Meeting Minutes:** March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – St. Luke Union Church, Bloomington, IL

**Attendees:** [32] Members and Guests:

**Members:** J Gordon Bidner, Jay Cummins, Kevin Crutcher, Clay Held, Steve Jiles, Rob Jones, Steve Kern, Jeff Kretlow, Danny Leifel, Calvin Lunny, Rick Milner, Brandon Roberts, Kyle Roberts, Kevin Roberts, Dale Simpson, Jeff Stout, Alan Washburn, Hadley Welsch, David Williams, Terry Willis

**Applicants:** Micah Cutter

**Guests:** Sandra Bidner (DAR), Katrina Held (DAR), Sabrina Held (CAR), Jared Lambert, Edith Lunny (DAR), Carolyn Jiles (DAR), Kara Jones, Susan Kern (DAR) , three (3) other members of Roberts family

List members dressed in uniform: [ ] None

List Awards Given/Received and the recipients: [ ] None

Welcome/Introductions	Jay Cummins, GJB SAR President
Pledge of Allegiance	Jeff Kretlow
SAR Mission Statement	Jay Cummins
SAR Pledge	Rick Milner
Invocation	Kevin Roberts
DINNER	
Summary of key topics:	

1. Secretary’s Report Rick Milner, Secretary
  - a. 08 Nov 2024 Meeting Minutes Summary
  - b. Current membership status:

	11 Mar 2025	08 Nov 2024
Active	56 (+6)	50
Applicants	3 (-5)	8
Associate	1	1
Emeritus	4 (-1)	5
Honorary	1	1
Military	1	1
At Large	1 (+1)	0
Total	67 (+2)	65

2. Treasurer Report Rob Jones
  - a. Income: Dues + ILSSAR Citizenship



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- b. Expense: Memorial + Stamps & Envelopes + Newsletter Article
- c. Money Market – avoid 2025 anticipated volatility by making that amount more liquid
- d. Steve Kern reported on the changes to the money market fund

3. New Business:

Chapter Reporting Jay Cummins

**Stark:** Annual report of veterans' support by individuals and/or chapter. Feeds into

**Americanism:** 2024 is GJBSAR first submission. We appear to be in top 10% of medium-sized chapters. Feeds into

**Annual Report:** Submitted to ILSSAR annually by May 1.

Veterans Support Opportunities – N/A

Citizenship Luncheon/Awards Jay Cummins

Preparing for Woodford-McLean County Luncheon in April. Luncheon cost is \$33.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Jay Cummins

Saturday 13 Oct 2025 luncheon for GJBSAR anniversary. Tentative speaker is Clifton Truman Daniel, the grandson of President Harry S. Truman and the official Truman family representative.

ROTC Awards Dan Leifel

Approved award for the ISU ROTC candidate to be named later in March by the ISU ROTC commander.

Liberty Tree Proposal for 250<sup>th</sup> Jay Cummins/Steve Kern

LGSDAR already place a 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative in McLean County. GJBSAR exploring placing a liberty tree, possibly on Constitution Trail. Dale Simpson Will make some phone calls.

Welcome New Members Jay Cummins/Rick Milner

**Tim and Michael Harshbarger** – Bob Harshbarger accepted the certificates for his sons, who were accepted 20 Sep 2024. Patriot: Samuel Strain.



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**Mark Gurra** – was accepted 19 Dec 2024 and is Jay Cummins cousin. Jay plans to present the certificate at Mark's first Fox Valley SAR Chapter meeting. Patriot: Henry Garrett.

**Gary Langston** – was accepted 24 Jan 2025 and is Jay Cummins' father-in-law. Patriot: Solomon Langston.

**Clay Held** – was accepted 24 Jan 2025 and received his certificate tonight. He is the son-in-law of Calvin Lunny. Patriot: David Peebles.

**Robert Williams** – was accepted 24 Jan 2025. He is the brother of David Williams. Patriot: Isaac Clason.

**Kyle and Brandon Roberts** – were accepted 06 Feb 2025 and received their certificates tonight. They are the sons of Kevin Roberts. Patriot: Jonathan Houghton.

**Steve Jiles** – was accepted 06 Feb 2025 and received his certificate tonight. Patriot: Amasa Spencer.

**Andrew Argo** – was accepted 06 Mar 2025. Patriot: Walter Nichols.

#### 4. Program: BATTLE OF LEXINGTON & CONCORD

Kevin Roberts

*This program was of particular interest to Kevin because the participants include his patriot, Jonathan Houghton, and several other relatives.*

#### Outline:

- Background of Colonial Discontent
  - Sons of Liberty
  - Boston Massacre (1770)
  - Tea Act & tea Party (1773)
- The Road to Revolution
  - Patrick Henry's Speech (1775)
  - Formation of First Continental Congress (1774)
- Key Figures Leading to Lexington and Concord
  - Dr. Joseph Warren
  - Paul Revere
  - William Dawes
  - Dr. Samuel Prescott
  - Colonel James Barrett
- The Battles
  - Battle of Lexington (19 Apr 1775)
  - Battle at North Bridge, Concord
- Casualties and Aftermath
- Key People and Their Legacy
  - Dr. Joseph Warren



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- Dr. Samuel Prescott
- Colonel James Barrett

5. Benediction – “Make Us One Nation Under God”
6. SAR Recessional
7. Meeting adjourned.

Kevin Roberts  
Steve Kern

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard L. Milner*

Secretary, Rick Milner