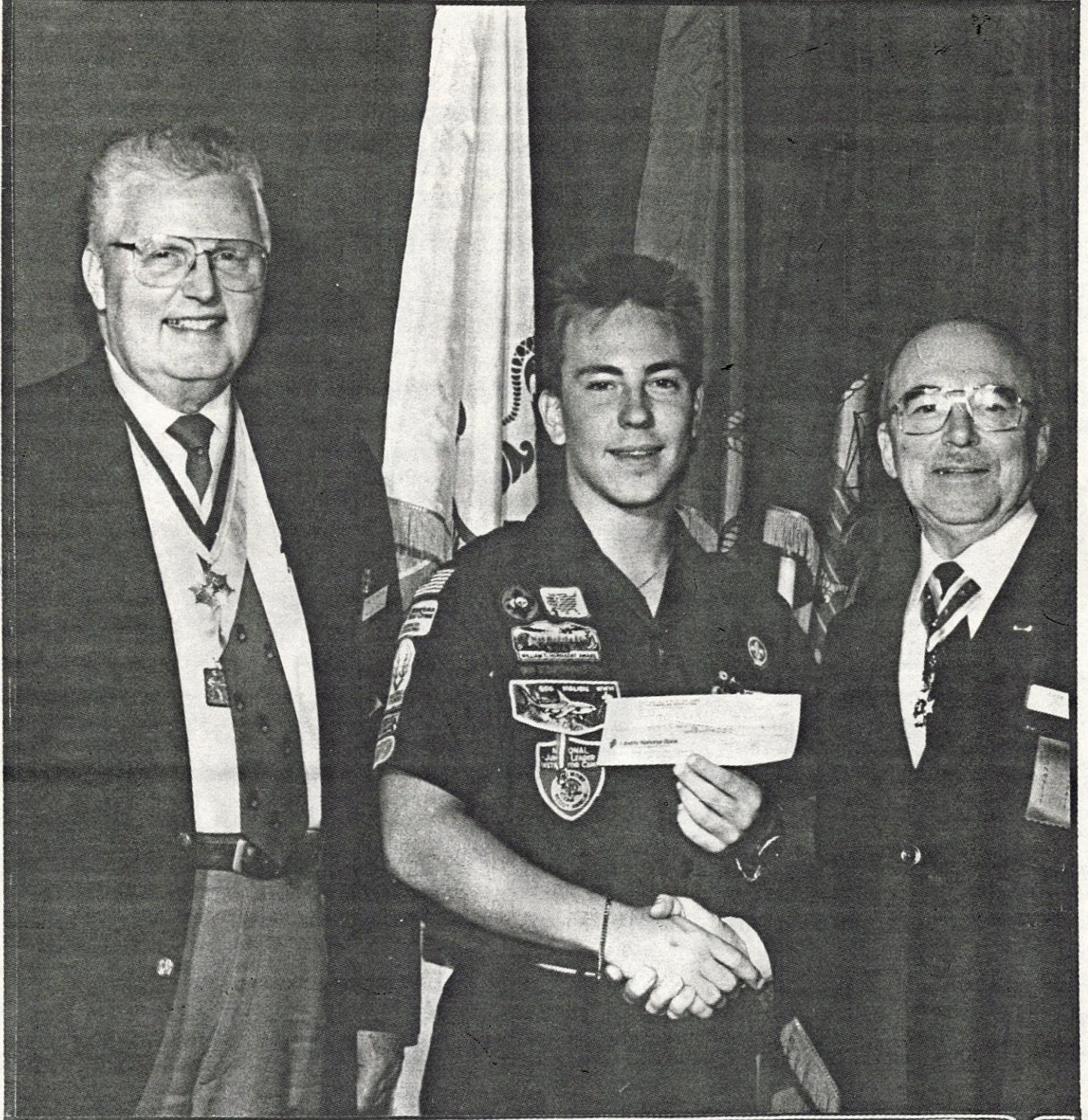


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 FEES AND DUES

Life Membership:.....	\$500.00
New Application fees:.....	75.00
If under 25 years of age:.....	24.00
Sons, Grandsons, brother or Nephew.....	20.00
Reinstatement:.....	34.00
Supplemental Applications.....	30.00
Dual Membership fees.....	10.00
Ladies Auxiliary annual dues.....	5.00
Youth Registration fee.....	10.00

FUNDS

In addition to our annual dues, many of our important programs are completely funded by tax deductible donation.

These funds are:

- National Society S.A.R.'s Washington Fund
- California Society S.A.R.'s Permanent Fund
- California Society's. S.A.R.'s Education Fund
- San Fernando Valley Chpt. S.A.R.'s Permanent Fund
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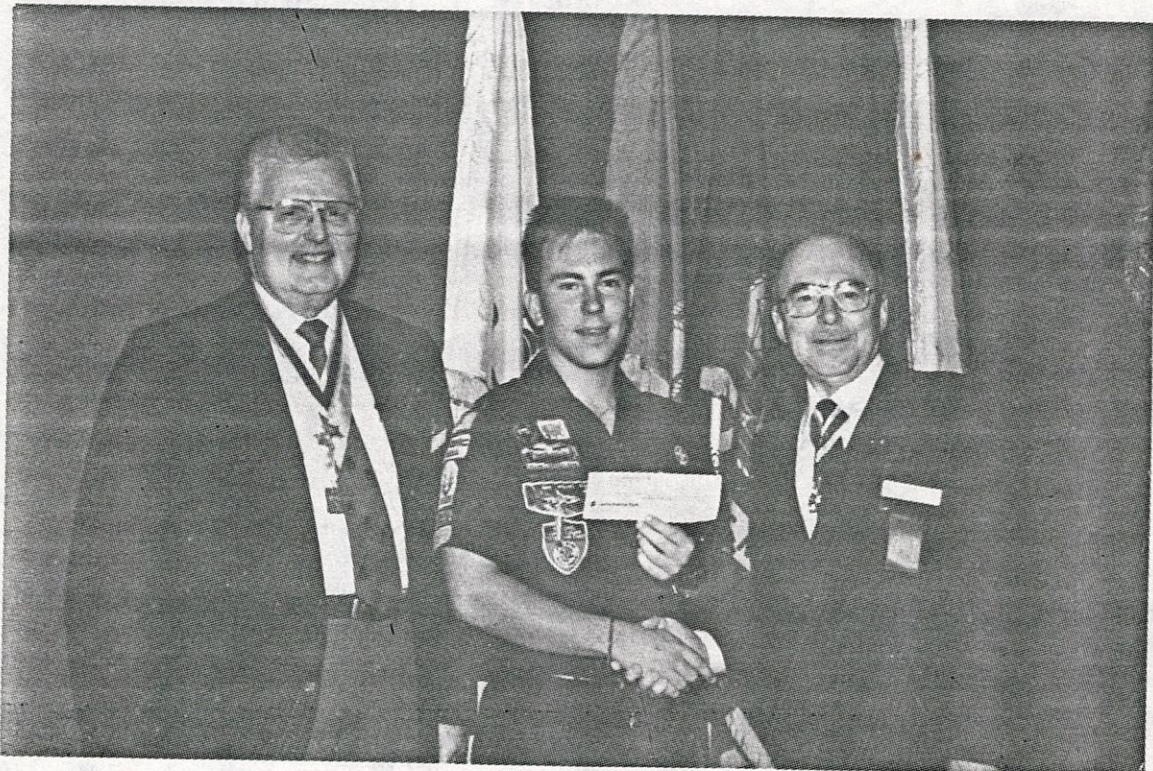
**EAGLE SCOUT WINNER
WILLIAM THOMAS ARMAND LUGG**



ur Eagle Scout William Thomas Armand Lugg was declared the winner of the San Fernando Valley Chapter's Eagle Scout Scholarship contest winner. At our January 27th, 1990 Installation and Awards Banquet. he was presented with the S.A.R.'s Eagle Scout medal, certificate and patch. In April, at the California Society, S.A.R. Annual meeting in Sunnysvale, he was presented with the Bronze Eagle as the winner of the State Society's Eagle Scout contest. Then, in June, William was declared the winner of the National Society's Scholarship. He and his Mother, Mrs. Marlene Lugg, were flown to Louisville,

Kentucky all expenses paid to attend the 100th Annual National Society Congress. At the Tuesday luncheon William Lugg President-General James Westlake and our Chapter President Audel H. Hicks, Sr. presented him with the National Society, S.A.R.'s Eagle Scout Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000.00.

In the February issue of the Valley Compatriot we provided our members with a biographical sketch of William and his numerous achievements. It took two full pages! Obviously both the State and National Societies were as impressed as we were. He is a find young man and is well deserving of this recognition.



NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
l-r: President General JAMES WESTLAKE, Eagle Scout WILLIAM LUGG holding the \$4,000.00 check and President AUDEL H. HICKS, Sr.

PRESIDENT AUDEL H. HICKS, SR.
ADDRESS TO THE
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TOAST MASTERS



e all agree that getting the message out about the S.A.R. is very important to the Society. Making speeches to other organizations is therefore very important. Sometime ago the Chapter established a Speaker's Bureau and through it we have been able to "get that message out". That message earns support for what we are trying to do - preserve our precious heritage. Our President, Audel H. Hicks, believes in leading by example, so when invited to address the San Fernando Valley Chapter of Toast Masters International, he gladly accepted. We felt that his speech on the S.A.R. was exceptional and would be of interest to our readers.

"THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

"The pioneer and national organization known today as the Sons of the American Revolution or just "S.A.R." began as a local society in San Francisco on October 22nd, 1875 - - 115 years ago. On that date 90 men who were direct descendants of Revolutionary War veterans including ten who were "real" sons met to formulate plans for means to express their patriotism and their love for our Country. They named their new association "The Sons of Revolutionary War Sires". In the ensuing years they did such things as flying the flag on holidays, participating in parades even though some of the older gentlemen required a carriage, admitted women to their "Sons" and met with similarly disposed societies throughout the United States.

These other Societies with the "Sires" finally convened in New York City on April 30th, 1889, in the Long Room of Fraunces Tavern. The date was significant: It was the 100th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration as the first President of the United States. You may recall from

your own knowledge of American history the significance of the Long Room for it was here that General Washington bid his fellow officers good-bye at the end of the American Revolutionary War. Most could not speak as they advanced to shake Washington's hand, instead they embraced and wept quite unashamedly as they broke a close relationship that had been nurtured by 8 years 3 months and 26 days of war.

From this meeting came the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution which today has active State Societies in every State of the Union and in 5 foreign countries. In the embryonic organization there were 212 "real" sons of the American Revolution which included 8 in our own California Society.

Although the California Sires included women, the newly created S.A.R. excluded them, but they were not to be outdone! In the following year the women formed their own organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution, assisted then and subsequently by the S.A.R. Today their membership dwarfs that of

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the Sons of the American Revolution!

Seven hundred and fifty "real" daughters were the founders of the D.A.R. with other 3rd and 4th generations Daughters. The last "real" Daughter passed away on December 1st, 1943, at the golden age of 100.

The S.A.R. continues, as its predecessor, to pursue patriotic endeavors. Both "Flag Day" observed on June 14th and "Constitution Day", on September 17th, were first publicly observed by the S.A.R. The records show that, during the Civil War or the War between the States, if you prefer, an editorial appeared in the Connecticut "Courant" on June 8th, 1861, suggesting the celebration of a "Flag Day" throughout the Country. The Author, Jonathan Flynt Morris, joined the Connecticut Society of the S.A.R. in 1890 which Society ultimately proposed the adoption of his idea for a National Flag Day.

The S.A.R. began, continues and will continue to erect monuments to commemorate men and events of the American War for Independence. It is our bounden duty - - no, our birthright! The S.A.R. began, continues and will continue to search for unmarked graves of our patriotic dead to give them proper recognition, respect and due regard. Again, it is our duty - - our birthright! One effort in this regard has resulted in the building of the National Archives in Washington for the protection of the vital records of this Nation.

Perhaps you've been to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Deep in the depth of the Academy's

beautiful Chapel lies the body of Admiral John Paul Jones, the father of our United States Navy. He lies there encased in the full dignity befitting his efforts to this Country. Contrast this scene with the pauper's grave in Paris, France, in which he lied for 113 years. Thanks to the S.A.R., John Paul Jones is where he is in the Academy's Chapel.

Every year thousands of citizens along with the S.A.R. honors another of America's Patriots at the Jefferson Memorial. Yes again, the S.A.R. was instrumental in getting this lasting memorial built in honor of Thomas Jefferson.

Perhaps without France, America would not have won its independence from England. Thousands of Frenchmen who gave their lives for our cause lie buried in American soil. Little wonder we have such a strong French Society. A great-grandson of General LaFayette, the Marquis de Chambrun, is a member of that Society. I love to say the full name of LaFayette even though I probably mispronounce it - - - Maire Joseph Paul Ives Roche Gilbert du Motier, Marquis for LaFayette. A Major General in our Continental Line at the ripe old age of 19! He was the "spiritual son" of the childless Washington.

Our loyal French members keep an American Flag flying over LaFayette's grave in Paris. That flag flew even during the German occupation, but the Germans let it fly unmolested. Germany had troops on both sides during our War for Independence so they respected this display of

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patriotism and the sanctity of the grave so the American Flag was permitted.

In September, 1983, the bicentennial of the Treaty of Paris was celebrated in Paris, France. The Treaty formally ended the Revolutionary War between England and America along with its ally, France. Many organizations participated in the celebrations and a parade up the Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe. The Largest group marching was from the United States - - yes, the Sons of the American Revolution.

Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon Baines Johnson, Gerald Ford, and Jimmy Carter are or were members of the S.A.R. A miscellaneous assortments of other notable members include William Randolph Hearst, Bernard Baruch, John D. Rockefeller, Lowell Thomas, Norman Vincent Peale, Cecil B. DeMille and Bing Crosby.

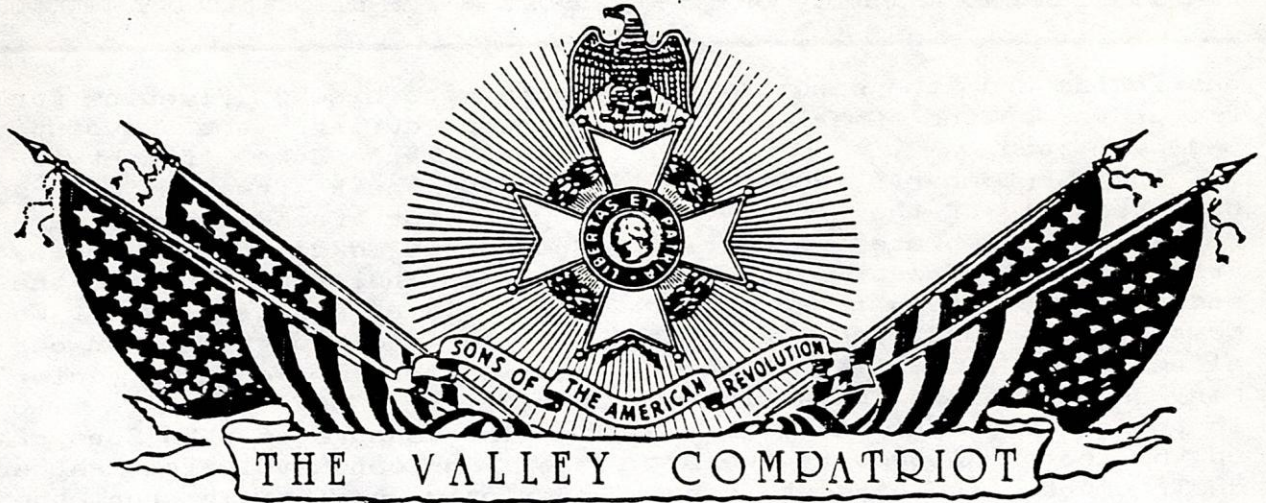
On a local level, the San Fernando Valley Chapter of which I am the current president is involved in such activities and programs as Good Citizenship, Law Enforcement, Junior and Senior R.O.T.C., Eagle Scouting, Veteran Hospitals, etc. etc, and Ect.! Annually we hold a "Massing of the Colors" to commemorate George Washington's Birthday. This year we had 24 color guards at the Washington monument in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills.

We are frequently asked if we have any black members and the answer is a positive "Yes".

There were blacks fighting for America during the Revolutionary War. Some fought to preserve their freedom; others fought for freedom! We are frequently asked if we have any American Indian members and the answer is a positive "Yes". We have no race questions on our applications. We are color blind!

The measure of the Sons of the American Revolution as a patriotic society is not the size of the organization. We are strong and vigilant as members and private citizens in guarding our Constitutional privileges and immunities. We feel competent to intelligently communicate on those God-given rights. We have strength, because . . . because, we just simply love our Country.

Today there are positive signs in Americans' attitudes and behavior. Once again we have pride in our Great Country. Our Revolutionary War ancestry does not necessarily make us good citizens, but it does afford us an opportunity to understand our Government - - the privileges it bestows and the obligations to preserve it. A good evaluation of America was expressed by the French historian, Alexis de Torqueville, when he wrote, "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there. in her fertile fields and boundless prairies, and it was not there. Not until I went to the Churches of America did I understand the secret of her genius and powers. America is great because she is good, and, if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great. Thank you."



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