

**Mary Ball Chapter, NSDAR  
December 18, 2021**

Regent Lynne Stallcop convened the chapter meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Board Members:

Regent	Lynne Stallcop
First Vice Regent	Maureen Vanek
Second Vice Regent	Melanie de Leon
Chaplain	Tami Reynolds, absent (ill)
Recording Secretary	Jean Meier, absent (excused)
Corresponding Secretary	Kay Southwell
Treasurer	Gail Sawyer
Registrar	Melonie Lining
Librarian	Annette Huvler
Historian	Pat Kurtz

A Quorum was present.

**OPENING:** The DAR Ritual was conducted by Regent Lynne Stallcop and acting Chaplain Ann Crawford. Response was provided by members present.

Pam Gassman led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy Myers led us in the American's Creed.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Regent Lynne Stallcop introduced the Executive Board and Honorary Chapter Regent Gail Sawyer, Honorary Chapter Regent Lee Gentemann, and current State Chaplain and Honorary Chapter Regent Pam Gassman. Next Lynne introduced our prospective members who were present: Mara Barthel, Suzanne Foster and Nancy Gilchrist.

The President General's message was delivered by First Vice Regent Maureen Vanek.

Kay Southwell read a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as approved as distributed by email and posted on the chapter website. Motion Carried. This month's minutes reviewers will be Pam Gassman and Richelle Tilzer.

Pat Kurtz and Ann Crawford conducted the Patriot Ancestor's Ceremony. (A copy is attached).

Regent Lynne went over the instructions for the auction and the gingerbread building contest.

The meeting was recessed for social time at 10:45. During this time we built the gingerbread houses, bid on auction items and enjoyed some refreshments.

Meeting was reconvened at 12:00.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next chapter meeting is January 15th.
- The Nominating Committee will be chosen at the January chapter meeting.
- WSSDAR Board of Management meeting is January 22.
- January 23 is an open house reception at the Rainier House to celebrate the completion of the WSSDAR Adopt-a-Regent Project.

The 10 poinsettias table decorations were “raffled” off.

Gingerbread House votes were tallied and the first and second place winners were presented with Sol Sisters pins.

Pam Gassman gave the Benediction.

Regent Lynne Stallcop adjourned the meeting at 12.10 p.m.

Submitted by

Kay Southwell, Corresponding Secretary

(For Jean Meier, Recording Secretary)

## **Patriot Ancestor's Ceremony**

**Chaplain:**

We gather to recall the men and women who imperiled their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to form these United States of America.

**All:**

Let us always remember

**Chaplain:**

We recognize their boldness, their courage, their character. We honor their vision, their selflessness, their resolve.

**All:**

Let us forever respect.

**Chaplain:**

As the descendants of ordinary men and women who achieved extraordinary things, we salute their determination to forge a democracy within a republic, and we recommit to our fundamental responsibility to fulfill our obligations as active, engaged citizens.

**All:**

Let us pledge our patriotism.

**Chaplain:**

### **Our Patriot Heroes**

Tami Reynolds

Today we remember our Patriot Heroes,  
We remember their sacrifice, no matter what time goes.

Let's call to mind what they then endured,  
So, our freedom today is steadfastly assured.

Each man, woman, and child whose lives were in peril,  
Deserve our respect, our honor, our care, all.

Let's take time today to ponder and remember,  
Our departed heroes as we celebrate this December.

Take your ornaments home to your family's celebration  
So, all will know their part in this our great nation.

Merry Christmas Mary Ball, Merry Christmas one and all.

