



LA GRANADA



The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez – Founding Chapter

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SAN ANTONIO, TX

¡Fiesta! King William Style



For our Fiesta event this year, we marched in the King William Fair Parade and staffed a booth on Saturday, April 27th.

Thanks go out to everyone who participated and helped out. We made a great showing in the parade and had some scouts from the San Antonio Living History Association helping us. The photo above left is the group picture and above right shows Governor Joe Perez addressing visitors to our booth. Below left is Secretary Briana Perez

staffing the booth during the parade. The booth was also staffed by Elizabeth Perez, Joel Escamilla, Roland Salazar and Yolanda Kirkpatrick.

Below center is Drum Major Rick Rodriguez who led us in the parade and below right shows the Fife & Drum Corps during a stopping point in the parade. As the saying goes, "This don't just happen". Many thanks to everyone who made it happen this year. ¡Viva Los Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez and Viva Fiesta San Antonio!





Our Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 5

Royal Inn Oriental Cuisine

5440 Babcock Rd

(Corner of Babcock & Hamilton Wolfe)

Dinner at 6:30

Meeting at 7:00

Guest Speaker:

Richard Whynot

"Who Was Alice Rodriguez?"

**How persistent research uncovered
the history of a prominent San
Antonio family of the 1700s & 1800s**

Get Ready For The 4th

The biggest event that we sponsor is coming upon us very quickly; The 4th of July Patriotic Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. We need everyone's help with this event and every member will be asked to contribute. We need all uniformed Granaderos for the Color Guard and Musket Party; all Fifers & Drummers for the musical portion of the ceremony, hosts and hostesses to help hand out water to our guests and form the wreath line and we need photographers as well. Please help us make this a ceremony to remember.

Upcoming Events

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**Thursday, July 4 10:00 a.m.**

We will sponsor our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. All members are asked to help out in any way they can.

**Thursday, July 4 7:00 p.m.**

For the second time, we will lead the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort Hotel. This is fun, short parade (about a half mile) and we lead several other groups who also participate. This event is important to us because we receive honorarium that helps us purchase items necessary to run the organization. After the parade, we will get together for a meal and fellowship.

**Saturday, July 6 10:00 a.m.**

We will conduct a brief ceremony at the meeting of Los Bexareños Genealogical Society at the main meeting room of the San Antonio Main Library. We will be donating the Churchill book about Gálvez and his troops to the Bexareños library.

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# Birthday Wishes

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Happy Birthday wishes go out to Yolanda Kirkpatrick who celebrates her birthday on June 8th, Crystal Benavides who celebrates her birthday on June 16th and Clifford Normand who celebrates his birthday on June 23rd. Make a wish and blow out the candles!

Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez Meeting Minutes

For the meeting held May 1, 2013 at Royal Inn Oriental Cuisine Restaurant

Submitted by Secretary Briana Perez

Attendance:

J.J.Zavala, Richard Whynot, Victoria Thonhoff, Robert Thonhoff, Elizabeth Salinas, James Salinas, Michael Rojas (with his wife and two daughters), Susan Rodriguez, Rueben Perez, Elizabeth Perez, Briana Perez, Joe Perez, Zena Pagan, Angel Pagan, Dr. Marian Martinello, Priscilla Marrah, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Larry Kirkpatrick, Sarah Justice, Karla Galindo, Frank Galindo, Lucila Flores, Roberto Flores, Reyna Araiza, Abel Araiza

- Governor Perez opened the meeting at 7:09 PM.
- The Invocation was given by Secretary Briana Perez.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dama Zena Pagan.
- The Governor welcomed guests Abel and Reyna Araiza, Susan Rodriguez, the wife & daughters of Granadero Michael Rojas, Guest Speaker Dr. Marian Martinello and Sarah Justice (Barnes&Noble).
- Secretary Briana Perez gave the Secretary's Report. A motion to accept passed.
- Treasurer Olga Lizcano was not in attendance due to illness but we wished her well.
- The Governor broke for dinner at 7:15 PM.
- The meeting resumed at 7:53 PM and Governor Perez gave a report about our participation in the King William Fair and Parade. We had a good turn out of musicians and were very well received by the audience. Our booth at the historic Wulff House generated numerous visitors. The booth was staffed by Briana and Elizabeth Perez during the parade then taken over by Governor General Joel Escamilla, Governor Joe Perez and Granadero Roland Salazar, our member from Houston. We sold some books, distributed several brochures and sold out of the replica Spanish Milled Dollars. Joe fired his musket every half hour. Overall, it was an excellent event for our organization.
- Honorary Governor General Robert Thonhoff announced that he is donating his historical collection of research and published materials to Texas A&M-San Antonio for a special collection. This will include every copy he has received of La Granada. He has been recommended to be a speaker at a Texas State Historical Association event and will give a presentation on Tejano families and ranches, tying in the Texas Connection and the Battle of Medina.
- The Governor announced that the Damas brooches are just a few weeks away. He also asked that everyone help out in some way with the upcoming 4th of July Patriotic Ceremony.
- Guest speaker Dr. Marian Martinello gave an outstanding presentation on her book "*The Search for Pedro's Story*" which was well-received by everyone.
- The Governor adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.