



LA GRANADA



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The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez – Founding Chapter

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To educate the public on Spain's contributions to the American Revolution

San Antonio, TX

New Officers

The founding chapter of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Galvez conducted installation of new officers at the February meeting. The Founding Chapter's new Governor is Joe Perez (who previously served as Governor from 1997 to 2000) and the Deputy Governor is Roberto Flores, longstanding member who has served in various officer positions in the past.



The past officers have served our chapter well and are to be commended for all their work in keeping the organization active. Kudos go out to Jack Cowan who has led our chapter as Governor for the past two years and put many hours into the organization. He has kept us active with monthly meetings, our sponsorship of the Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony, the Flambeau Parade, presentations to various organizations at their meetings as well as other events. Rose Marie

La Penta has served graciously as our chapter Secretary and is to be commended for taking minutes of our meetings and actively participating in Granadero events. Thanks to both of you.



**THANK
YOU
JACK AND
ROSE
MARIE!**



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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Royal Inn Oriental Cuisine

5440 Babcock Rd Ste 150

6:30 p.m. Ph: 691-0602

Upcoming Events:

DAR Texas State Meeting

Granaderos will post the colors

Friday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Omni Hotel Colonnade

Grand Opening Picasso-Galvez Exhibit

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Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Texas A&M University - San Antonio

Tejano Monument Unveiling Ceremony

Thursday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

State Capitol – Austin

Fiesta Flambeau Parade

Saturday, April 28

Annual Dues are Due

This year's dues are currently due. If you haven't yet paid your annual dues, please send payment in the amount of \$30 to Roberto Flores at 5138 Wildflower Dr, San Antonio TX 78228. Please remember that dues are important in running our organization.



The Passing of a Remarkable, Longtime Granadero Antonio Reñazco. May He Rest in Peace

It is with regret that this newsletter reports the passing of a truly remarkable Granadero, el Señor Antonio J. Reñazco. Mr. Reñazco, member of the



Order of Granaderos de Gálvez since 1978, and founder of the Houston Chapter of the organization, passed on December 16, 2011, at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. He served several terms as Governor General, Texas State Governor, and as Governor for the Houston chapter as well as the Immediate Past Governor General. He had been extremely active with the organization and traveled to Spain where he was received in audience with other Granaderos and Damas by His Royal Majesty, King Juan Carlos.

Mr. Reñazco contributed greatly to the Granaderos organization at all levels, both in leadership and in telling the story of Bernardo de Galvez and of Spain's contribution to the American Revolution. He was a true friend to members of all chapters. He and his wife Margie, and other members of the Houston Chapter participated several times in the local Fiesta Flambeau parade, our Christmas luncheons, and the George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas.

We extend our condolences to Marjorie, his beloved wife of 43 years and to all other family members.

We are fortunate to have known Mr. Reñazco. He was a good friend, and he earned our respect as a thoughtful and faithful leader. We will surely miss him and his counsel.

Viva Bernardo de Galvez! ¡Viva Antonio Reñazco!



The full obituary of Past Governor General Antonio Reñazco as it appeared in the Houston Chronicle is on page five of this newsletter. In fond remembrance, may he rest in peace.

Texas A&M University – San Antonio Picasso – Galvez Exhibits

A new art exhibit featuring seventy original works of Pablo Picasso and other artists will be on display at Texas A&M University-San Antonio from March 17 to May 20. More importantly to Granaderos y Damas de Galvez, is that a set of newly constructed panels depicting the life of Bernardo de Gálvez will also be on exhibit. Having Picasso and Galvez exhibits side-by-side is completely appropriate, for as we all know, both men share the distinction of being from the province of Malaga, Spain.

Very special thanks and kudos go out to Dama Sylvia Sutton for being almost single-handedly responsible for bringing the world-class artwork to San Antonio. It was she who made the initial contact with the owners of the invaluable art and for spearheading much of the final agreements in Spain and at the local level. Well done, Sylvia!

Thanks also to Jack Cowan, Corrine Staacke and Joel and Sylvia Escamilla, among others. They will be conducting tours of the exhibits throughout the two-month period of the exhibits at Texas A&M- San Antonio.

The Gálvez historical panels will be featured on the first floor. The Picasso and other artwork will be featured on the second floor of the building. Admission will be free of charge to the public.

Schools can reserve guided tours from Mondays to Fridays.

The Granaderos de Galvez will participate in the grand opening ceremony on March 16th so mark your calendars. All uniformed Granaderos and fifers and drummers are encouraged to participate in the ceremony on Friday, March 16.

More information about the exhibits can be found at the following website:
<http://www.tamusa.tamus.edu/picasso/>





Antonio Renazco

Antonio J. Renazco, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend passed into eternal rest on December 16, 2011 in Houston. He was born in Managua, Nicaragua, on October 9, 1926. On his 85th birthday, friends and family joined him to celebrate.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife of 43 years, Marjorie; son Dr. Marco Renazco and wife Melanie; daughter Michelle and husband Terry Edwards; and grandchildren: Roman, Lillian, Baron and Giovanna Renazco; and Jacquelynn, Natalie and Kyle Edwards; a sister, Argentina Roddy of Miami FL and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Antonio grew up in Managua, Nicaragua, attending Catholic Schools. He went on to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester MA to complete a B.S. Degree in Engineering. His first job was at Buffalo Forge in Buffalo NY. In 1952 he moved to Caracas, Venezuela, to work at Tecno-mat and Creole Petroleum.

In 1960 Antonio became Commercial Attaché to the Nicaraguan Embassy in Caracas. In 1965 he was named Consul General of Nicaragua in New Orleans LA. A highlight of his career was when he accompanied his uncle President of Nicaragua, Rene Schick, on a Presidential trip to Europe in 1966.

Antonio met Marjorie in New Orleans. They married in St Louis Cathedral 9/07/68. He was transferred to Houston in 1969 as Consul General. In 1972 Antonio left diplomatic service for private business. In 1988 he joined Allstate Insurance as an agent until retiring in 2000.

He has been a member of the Institute of Hispanic Culture serving as President 2 terms and other positions over the past 40 years.

In 1978 he founded the Houston Chapter of The Granaderos & Damas de Galvez. Antonio has served several terms as Governor General for the group which has traveled to Madrid for several audiences with HRM Juan Carlos King of Spain. Antonio and Marjorie were founding members of the West Houston Italian Club. He was a member of the Old Geezers Poker club where he enjoyed camaraderie with friends. Antonio was a devout Catholic and a member of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

He touched many lives and will be greatly missed. Visitation and rosary will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, 12/20/11 with funeral mass at 11:00 am at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 6646 Addicks-Satsuma Rd., Houston 77084. In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Heart Association .