



LA GRANADA



December 2019



Order of Granaderos
y Damas de Gálvez
San Antonio Chapter



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A New Chapter!



Wendy Leishman accepting an award from Governor General Fidel Santos.

The National Meeting of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez was held November 15-17 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The organizers did a fantastic job of planning a memorable weekend. The biggest part of the business conducted was the establishment of the Louisiana Chapter based in New Orleans. It has been several years since a new chapter has been started and it is exciting that the chapter is in the city in which Gálvez governed Spanish Louisiana.

There were many involved in creating the new chapter but it was spearheaded by Wendy Leishman, who is a member of the Pensacola Chapter but resides in Louisiana. With encouragement from Maria Davis and Nan Harper of Pensacola, Wendy coordinated the efforts of Robert Freeland and Cliff Normand of Louisiana as well as others to form the chapter. They are off to a great start and will develop their chapter bylaws and officers, with Robert Gray Freeland accepting a nomination to serve as Chapter Governor. This is an exciting development in our organization as it continues to grow.

In addition to establishing a new chapter, the National Meeting weekend was a resounding success with events at various locations such as the historic Cabildo Museum, the Hotel St. Marie and the New Orleans School of Cooking. It could not have been planned any better. (More photos page 4.)



Robert Gray Freeland is the Governor of the newly-formed Louisiana Chapter.

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Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at La Fonda Restaurant where we have our regular monthly meetings. A registration form was in last month's newsletter and also appears in this newsletter as well.

We must provide a headcount to the restaurant no later than November 30, so please get your registrations in by then. For more information, please see the registration form on page 5 in this newsletter.

The room will be decorated for the season so come enjoy great camaraderie and a delicious meal and helping in the holidays at the party.

We will have a raffle to win beautiful designer Christmas ornaments with several chances to win. We will also have a fun Christmas trivia game. Please remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy that our chapter can donate to the San Antonio Children's Shelter.

DUES ARE DUE

Dues are currently due and there are two options. One is Full Membership for \$30/year with voting privileges and officer qualification. The other is Associate Membership for \$15/year without voting privileges or officer qualification. Both memberships qualify for discounts on items sold by the chapter.

Please support our efforts. You can make your check out to Granaderos de Gálvez and mail it to Granaderos de Gálvez, PO Box 47785, San Antonio TX 78265.

Your dues help us throughout the year. Thank you!

December Birthdays

Dec 1

Ann Reynolds Bergeron

Dec 8

Bill Bowlin

Dec 12

Robert Thonhoff

Dec 13

Terrence Burke, Jr.

Dec 16

Lynda Normand

Dec 19

Frank Galindo

Dec 20

Robert O'Bryan

Dec 26

Adam Dominguez

Dec 29

Jesse Benavides
Elizabeth Salinas

Governor

Joe Perez

Deputy Governor

Alex Zamora

Treasurer

Manny Rodriguez

Secretary

Briana Perez

Drum Major

Ricardo Rodriguez

Chaplain

Joe González

Veterans Parade 2019

On Saturday, November 9th, we made a very impressive entry in the Veterans Parade as we marched through downtown San Antonio with a Drum Major, three Fifers, three Drummers, two Flagbearers, two Guards, two Scouts and two Native Americans, all of which are impressions of people who would have followed General Bernardo de Gálvez in his Gulf Coast Campaign against the British during the American Revolution.



While marching down Houston Street, past the VIP section, the announcer let the audience know that we represent the Spanish troops, Scouts and Native Americans who participated in our War of Independence and helped us become the United States of America.



The photo at top left shows Granaderos Jesse Guerra, Adam Dominguez, Tim Thatcher, Manny Rodriguez and Joe Perez.



Beneath that photo are Drum Major Ricardo Rodriguez, Alex Zamora,



Janie Rodriguez, Mario Martinez, Julie Soto, Jesse Benavides and Crystal Benavides. At top right are Sally Avila and Ricky Reyes as Natives. On the right are Bill Grisham and Bob O'Campo who joined us as Scouts.

We marched proudly and could be heard blocks ahead with the drum and fife music bouncing off of the tall buildings in downtown San Antonio. Thankfully, it was a cool morning, which helped as

we were in heavy clothing along the two-mile parade route.

The photo at right shows us marching to the fife and drum music.

A big Thank You goes out to all who participated and who came out to watch us in this patriotic parade.



Bernardo de Gálvez Award



The Asociación Bernardo de Gálvez, Conde de Gálvez (Bernardo de Gálvez, Count of Gálvez Association) has bestowed upon our organization the very impressive Bernardo de Gálvez award, an award that was also bestowed upon the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution this year.

Representing our Order at the ceremony in Málaga, Spain, were John Espinosa, Dr. Caroline Crimm, Bill Adriance, Viqui Arbizu, Cesar Castillo and Luis Alfonso Duluc.

This distinguished organization in Spain selected our group in recognition of our endless efforts in promoting Spain's vast contributions during the American Revolution and especially the efforts of Bernardo de Gálvez of Málaga, Spain.



More Photos From the National Meeting in New Orleans





Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
La Fonda Restaurant
8633 Crownhill Blvd

Please indicate your name & entrée below.
Guests are welcome.

Name: _____

Entrée: _____

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Entrée: _____

of people= _____ x \$22/person = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Granaderos.
Mail this form with a check to:
Granaderos de Gálvez
PO Box 47785, San Antonio TX 78265
no later than November 30.

Everyone gets a raffle ticket for a chance to
win a lovely designer Christmas ornament.

Please bring a new toy to donate to the
Children's Shelter on behalf of our chapter.



Appetizers:

Tortilla Chips, Salsa Rojo & Roasted Salsa

Choice of Entrees (1 per person):

Tacos al Carbon

2 marinated beef fajita tacos, guacamole,
pico de gallo, rice, beans

Chicken Enchilada Plate

2 chicken enchiladas with white sour
cream sauce, rice, beans

Cheese Enchilada Plate

2 cheese enchiladas, rice, beans

La Fonda Salad

Fresh mixed greens topped with zesty
black bean & corn medley, grilled
chicken breast, avocado & dressing
(Ranch or Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette)

Dessert: Sopapillas

Beverages: Tea or Water (Cash bar avail.)

Check here for gluten-free

Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez

Minutes for the meeting held November 6, 2019 at La Fonda Restaurant
Submitted by Joe Perez

Attendance:

George Aguayo, Joe Aguayo, Michael Aguayo, Edward Aranda, Sally Avila, Dr. Jason Bourgeois, Charlie Carvajal, Rafael Cavazos, Joaquin Faz, Pauline Faz, Carlos Garza, Vivian Garza, Carlos Gonzales, Julio Gonzales III, Joe González, Stella González, Elsa Herbeck, Walter Herbeck, Melinda Iruegas, Sergio Iruegas, Monica Aguayo Johnson, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Norma Langwell, Al McGraw, Joe Perez, Dr. Amy Porter, Ricky Reyes, Delia Rodriguez, Johnny Rodriguez, Janie Rodriguez, Manny Rodriguez, Alex Zamora, Melissa Zamora, J.J. Zavala

- The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Governor Joe Perez.
- The Invocation was given by Chaplain Joe González.
- Joe Perez led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Joe Perez introduced all of our guests.
- Treasurer Manny Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's Report for October. We had a Beginning Balance of \$4,942.17. We had Expenses of \$286.63 for guest speaker dinners, p.o. box renewals, 2 award plaques, parade entry fee, and 6 dozen color packs for Education Committee. We had Income of \$80.40 from the sale of books at the October meeting, membership dues and interest on account. This left an Ending Balance of \$4,735.94. A motion to accept the report was made by Walter Herbeck and seconded by Michael Aguayo. After a vote, the motion carried.
- Education Committee Chair Joe González reported that his committee continues to work on a documentary. It is in the planning stages but they have made progress and want to ensure a quality product.
- For old business, Joe reminded everyone that dues are currently due and there are two options. One is Full Membership for \$30/year with voting privileges and officer qualification. The other is Associate Membership for \$15/year without voting privileges or officer qualification. Both memberships qualify for discounts on items sold by the chapter.
- For new business, Joe reminded everyone about services for Dama Eileen Barrientos, the Veterans Parade, the National Meeting as well as the Christmas Party on December 7th.
- Joe introduced our Guest Speakers Sergio and Melinda Iruegas. They gave an interesting presentation on the Juan Ignacio Pérez Ranch and its significance to Spanish Colonial Texas. Their presentation was very well received by the group with several questions afterwards.
- Governor Joe Perez adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

