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Order of Granaderos  
y Damas de Gálvez  
San Antonio Chapter

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## Battle of Medina Symposium



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, we staffed a table at the Battle of Medina Symposium in Leming, TX. We are fortunate to have the opportunity at this event every year to sell books about Spain’s participation in the American Revolution and to speak to people about our organization.

The symposium honors those who fought in the bloodiest battle on Texas soil. There were excellent presentations by various speakers and Granadero Jesse

Villarreal Sr. gave a heartfelt tribute to historian Robert Thonhoff, who helped bring attention to the Battle of Medina through his writings over the years.

We usually have very good sales of books at this symposium. This year, we brought in a total of \$370 with the sale of books and a challenge coin.

We sold 4 Saravía books about Gálvez, 3 Sons of St. Francis books by Governor Joe González, and one each by Past Governor General Joel Escamilla (Pacheco vs. Menchaca) and Dama Edna Gravenhorst (San Antonio’s Market Square).

The following books, all by Granadero Rueben Pérez, brought in \$110 of the total: 3 Laredito, Forgotten Neighborhood, 1 Caminos, Calles & Streets of S.A., 1 A Collection of Stories, Bernardo de Gálvez. The income from Rueben’s books goes directly to the scholarship fund. Thank you, Joe González, Janie & Manny Rodriguez, and Joe Pérez for staffing the table.

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## Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

La Fonda Restaurant

8633 Crownhill Blvd

Dinner: 6:30 Meeting 7:30

Guest Speaker:

Freddie Bustillo

Presentation:

Canary Islanders

The Past, Present and the Future

The Guest Speaker for our September meeting is a 10<sup>th</sup> generation native San Antonian and 7<sup>th</sup> generation Texan. Freddie T. Bustillo is currently serving as the President of the Canary Islands Descendants Association.

In his professional career, Freddie worked over 40 years in the Design and Construction Industry in multiple offices of an International Company. He is now the managing partner of Bustillo Enterprises LLC, a Management Consulting business.

He is active in multiple historical, civic, cultural, and educational organizations. Freddie married his high school sweetheart, Gloria, and they recently celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have two happily married daughters and two grandsons.



## September Babies

Sept. 6

Gustavo Hinojosa

Sept. 9

Dalyn Dominguez

Sept. 10

Freddie Bustillo

Sept. 15

James Brazee

Sept. 23

Lucila Flores

Sept. 27

Michael Boyd

Governor

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Deputy Governor

Elizabeth Pérez

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Janie Rodriguez

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Joe Weathersby

Drum Major

Ricardo Rodriguez

Sergeant Major

Adam Dominguez



# New Members

We happily welcome the three newest members to our chapter. Ron Finch and Valerie Samaniego-Finch have joined us. Deanna Rodriguez has also joined us. Deanna's late mother Eileen Barrientos was a member and her late great uncle Henry De Leon was a founding member. **Welcome, Ron, Valerie and Deanna!**

## HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER

At our August meeting, we presented Steve Chiscano with a Lifetime Honorary Membership to our chapter. Steve is currently the Honorary Consul of Spain in San Antonio and enthusiastically supports our organization. Congratulations, Steve Chiscano and welcome!

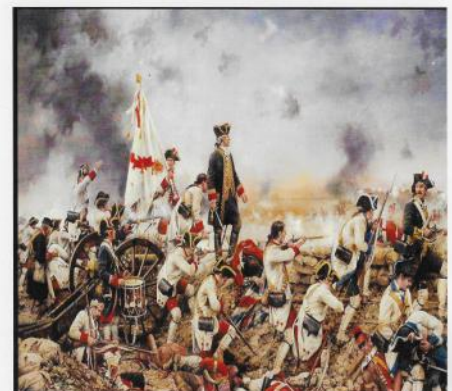


## BOOK DONATION BY RUEBEN PÉREZ

Honorary Granadero Rueben Pérez recently published his 20<sup>th</sup> book (Yes, his 20<sup>th</sup>!). As he has generously done with several of his previous books, he has donated this one to our chapter.

It is titled *A Collection of Stories: Life and Legacy of Bernardo de Gálvez* and it is a wonderful collection of short stories that are not only about Gálvez but about Spain's participation in the American Revolution and Spanish influence in this part of the world. There are also additional articles of interest.

Rueben's latest book is dedicated to his good friend, Robert H. Thonhoff, who also wrote about Gálvez and served as an inspiration to others to write about history. Thank you, Rueben for your generous donation of 15 copies of your latest book.



A COLLECTION OF STORIES:  
LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
BERNARDO DE GÁLVEZ

Rueben M. Pérez



Order of  
Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez



National Meeting

Baton Rouge, Louisiana ~ November 2 - 5, 2023

**Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center on the Mississippi River**

201 Lafayette St, Baton Rouge, LA 70801

(225) 344-5866

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/btrcphf-hilton-baton-rouge-capitol-center/>

*Recognized by Historic Hotels of America. On the banks of the Mississippi River, two blocks from Louisiana's Old State Capitol and a mile from USS KIDD Veterans Museum.*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** \$ 75 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday- November 2, 2023

Tribute Day- Honoring the “Marcha de Gálvez” and His Perilous Journey up the River to Baton Rouge.

**Tickets, Lunch, and Transportation Included-**  
**Limited to the first 50 people.**

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

USS KIDD Veterans Museum

[8:30 a.m. Board the bus at Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, 201 Lafayette St]

305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Museum historians will present Naval aspects of the American Revolution with a focus on the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi River. We will then visit the Water and Conservation Project; Gálvez story on the River; The Battle at Manchac.

<https://www.usskidd.com/>

**10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. LSU Center for River Studies at the Water Campus**

150 Terrace Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Guided tour of the Water Campus covering the Mississippi River system and how the river has changed since the Colonial Period.

<https://coastal.la.gov/>

**1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch at Roberto's River Road Restaurant**

1985 LA-75, Sunshine, LA 70780

Louisiana-style seafood is the specialty at this quaint, popular spot.

**2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. St. Gabriel Catholic Church**

3625 LA-75, St. Gabriel, LA 70776

<https://diobr.org/st-gabriel-the-archangel-st-gabriel>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pE0gDNDPP4U>

Parish at St. Gabriel was established in 1769. The oldest still-standing church in the entirety of the Louisiana Purchase. It is believed that Galvez prayed here before the Battle of Baton Rouge. Clifford and Lynda Normand, long time members of the Granaderos, are members of the Parish and conduct educational tours for schools and the public. (*Donations for the Church will be accepted at the door.*)

[Return to the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, 201 Lafayette St.]

$\$125 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \$ \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$

**Dinner is on your own – lots to do in Baton Rouge!**

**Friday- November 3, 2023**

**Friday morning you are on your own to explore Baton Rouge!**

**Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lecture- Battle of Baton Rouge, by Stephen Estopinal**

Capitol Park Museum. Stephen is an author of a series of non-fiction books on the Galvez campaigns and a well know lecturer on the subject. He is Quartermaster of La Luisiana and his books will be available for purchase during the meeting.

660 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 **Boxed lunch (optional) \$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

<http://www.estopinal.com/about.html>

**1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Battlefield Tour and Wreath Laying Ceremony**

Capitol Park Museum Area – Stephen will lead us from the museum to important points of the Battle of Baton Rouge to lay wreaths in honor at each spot. These include the Pentagon Barracks, the site of the British fortifications and the Memorial Park dedicated to all the wars fought by the United States.

660 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception- Magnolia Mound Plantation**

2161 Nicholson Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Magnolia Mound Plantation was built in 1791 during the Spanish period, so is part of Baton Rouge's Spanish heritage.

Chef Nora Wetzel

**Tapas; Wine Cash Bar \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

<https://theeducatedpalate.us>,

Transportation Friday is on your own. There will be some walking in the Capitol Park area.

Magnolia Mound Plantation is 2.7 miles from the Capitol Park area.

Dinner (if wanted after the reception) is on your own.

## Saturday-November 4, 2023

**9:00 a.m. - Noon**                      **Symposium- Spain ~ Louisiana, Capitol Park Museum**  
660 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lunch and Business- Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center**  
201 Lafayette St, Baton Rouge, LA 70801

**Kingfish Restaurant**                      \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**                      **Farewell Dinner- The Woman's Club, Inc**  
259 T.J. Jemison Blvd (East Blvd), Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Chef Nora Wetzel

*Spanish fare; Cash Bar \$60 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

## Sunday-November 5, 2023

**10:30 a.m.**      **St. Joseph Cathedral**  
412 North Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Noon**                                      **Breakfast / lunch(dutch treat;) post-meeting**  
**visit and farewells (Location TBA)**

Donations are greatly appreciated + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*[\$20 Late Fee if postmarked after September 30, 2023]* + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

- Make checks payable to Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez

- Mail to:

Jill Sullivan, Treasurer  
36730 Highway 38  
70450

Mt. Hermon, LA

***Questions? Please call Robert at 504-861-7876***

**Please Register Early.**

**All registrations are due by September 30, 2023.**

Registrations postmarked after September 30th will incur a \$20 Late Fee.

**All venues and buses require a financial commitment and an accurate, early headcount**

Will you please let us know if you are arriving by Car \_\_\_\_\_ or by Plane \_\_\_\_\_?

## Lodging Options with Conference Discount:

### Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

[Site of Meeting]

201 Lafayette St, Baton Rouge, LA 70801

(225) 344-5866

<https://book.passkey.com>

### Hotel Indigo

200 Convention St

Baton Rouge, LA 70801

225-343-1515

<https://www.ihg.com/hotelindigo/hotels>

### Marriott Watermark Baton Rouge, Autograph Collection

150 3rd St

Baton Rouge, LA

225-408-3200

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations>

*We are honored to host you in  
Baton Rouge for the  
~ 2023 ~  
Los Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez  
National Meeting!*

## Recent Article on the Internet

### American Revolution – Battles, Natives, and Spain

This is an article about Blacks, Natives and Spanish fighting in the American Revolution.

<https://www.usacarry.com/revolutionary-war-key-battles-weapons-native-indians-spain/>

# **Granaderos want to Reconquer Mexico City**

Guided by our very own Dr. Carolina Castillo Crimm.

The Houston Chapter is hosting a Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez trip to Mexico City, Wednesday, Jan 31 to Sunday, Feb 4 (with an optional Feb 5-6) 2024 hosted by the Houston Chapter.

While we are still working out many of the exciting details, here is a rough draft of the itinerary.

*Wed –Jan 31 – Fly in, pick up by vans, and check into hotel “Estorial Best Western on Luis Moya # 93 in Zona Historica.*

*Thurs Feb 1 – Tour with two 17-passenger vans to Reforma, Zocalo, Palacio.*

*Lunch at Sanborns downtown.*

*Evening free to visit downtown.*

*Fri -Feb 2 – Symposium at Universidad*

*Sat – Feb 3 – Tour – Delores Olmeda , Mercado, outskirts of city*

*Sun – Feb 4 –Mass at the Church of San Fernando where Galvez is buried – Brunch after mass.*

*Those planning to leave early can get a ride to airport.*

*Mon – Feb 5 – Tour to TEO TI WHA CAN*

*Tues – Feb 6 – Ride to airport for remainder of group.*

By replying yes, does not mean you are guaranteeing, however it does give us an idea that you are strongly interested in going.

Pricing would include hotel, a number of meals, entry to exhibits, all transportation except when you are on your own.

**Does not include airfare.**

These tours are: On Your Feet “I’m comfortable with some walking throughout the day. I expect to get on and off of a coach, and I’m ready to stroll through cities and to stand for a few hours when we’re learning in museums.”

**Please reply by September 6 if you are interested.** Reply to Mary Anthony Startz, Governor Houston Chapter, at [malstartz@outlook.com](mailto:malstartz@outlook.com) or 713-203-1931 or if you have any questions. The final itinerary and pricing should be sent out soon.

**Viva Galvez and México City!**



**Minutes for the meeting held August 2, 2023 at La Fonda Restaurant  
Submitted by Secretary Janie Rodriguez**

Officers in Attendance: Governor Joe González, Deputy Governor Liz Perez, Treasurer Manuel Rodriguez, Secretary Janie Rodriguez, Chaplain Joe Weathersby, Drum Major Ricardo Rodriguez. Member Attendance: Diane Baird-Barger, Delores Beardsley, Freddie Bustillo, Gloria Bustillo, Charlie Carvajal, Steve Chiscano, Anthony Delgado, Evan Delgado, Ron Finch, Valerie Finch, Cindi Flores, Frank Flores, Frank Garcia, Jorge Garcia, Dr. Adela N. González, Stella González, Edna Gravenhorst, Deborah Guerra, Jesse Guerra, Yolanda Inglis, Judy McKee, Mary Nester, Patsy Nester, Mary Ann Oliver, Joe Perez, Ruben Perez, Ricky Reyes, Deanna Rodriguez, Delia Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Rudy Rodriguez, Susan Thonhoff Rodriguez, Tim Thatcher, Alex Zamora, Melissa Zamora.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Governor Joe González. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Joe Weathersby. Jesse Guerra led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Manny Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report. Savings account balance as of June 1, 2023 was \$4,090.04. Bank dividend of \$0.88. Ending balance for June was \$4,090.92.. Checking account balance as of June 1, 2023 was \$7,698.92. Activity for the month was as follows. We received 1 membership totaling \$30.00, Income from shirt sales at 50.00 and a bank dividend of \$0.31. Outgoing payments were, Payment for purchase of books \$276.04 June end of month balance is \$7,503.19. Savings account balance as of July 1, 2023 was \$4,090.92. Purchase of 1 CD for \$2,000.00 and received bank dividend of \$0.68. Ending balance for July is \$2,091.60. Checking account balance as of July 1, 2023 was 7,503.19. Activity for the month was as follows, we received 2 associate membership for \$30.00, and the bank dividend was \$0.28. Outgoing payments were as follows, Payment to Cortez Liquid for \$140.00, payment for D&F rehearsal room for \$35.00, payment for shipment of blasóns \$9.65, and purchase of event supplies \$91.99. July end of month balance is \$6,256.83, Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Freddy Bustillo and seconded by Ruben Perez. Motion carried.

Governor González acknowledged our guest for the evening. Governor González announced all birthdays for the month of August.

Old business: The purchase of 2 CDs, one for scholarship fund and one for general fund. National meeting information will be forthcoming with information of registration.

New Business: Honorary membership was bestowed upon Steve Chiscano by Governor Joe González and past Governor Joe Perez. Announcements: By law amendments voting will be done at the September meeting. Battle of Medina Symposium in Atascosa County will be August 12, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Granaderos National Meeting will be November 3rd though the 4th in Baton Rouge. Governor González introduced our guest speaker for the evening. Anthony Delgado is a ninth generation Canary Island descendant and eleventh generation Tejano who is extremely proud of his familial connections to some of the most notable Hispanic figures spanning three centuries of Texas history, beginning with the first Spanish colonial families who founded what we now know as San Antonio.

After a short question and answer session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 by Governor González.