

**TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**MCKINNEY CHAPTER #63**

**MCKINNEY, TEXAS**

**MARCH 11, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**



**President Don Sielert** opened the meeting at 7:00 P. M.

**Chaplain Mike Yarbrough** gave the invocation.

The pledge of the American Flag was given by Ron Smith.

The pledge of the Texas Flag was given by Marshall Battle.

The pledge of the SAR Flag was given by Don Babbs.

The Treasurer's report was given by **Billy Thompson**. A total of **\$832.49** is the current balance in the bank.

There was no old business to be presented to the chapter. This was the first time to meet at the El Chico restaurant. The April 8, 2010 meeting will also be conducted at this location.

The following items were discussed concerning new business. The next Meet & Greet The Troops will be on April 14, 2010. A date later in the year will be scheduled on a Saturday morning so that the members that still are working full time will be able to attend. The flag retirement program is being worked on. The date for this event is May 22, 2010 at 2:00 P. M.

A very interesting program was presented by Collin County Judge Keith Self. The speaker spent 25 years in the U. S. Army and retired in 1999 as a Lt. Col. He is a West Point graduate. The program covered the growth that Collin County has

made during the last several years. He also gave some very interesting facts concerning the unemployment rate for Collin County, the percentage of homes in Collin County that were up for foreclosure (lowest in the Dallas Metro area), the percentage of homes that are owner occupied. Collin County is listed as the fastest growing county in the State of Texas.

The Benediction was given by **Chaplain Mike Yarbrough**.

The Recessional was given by **Ernest Martin**.

The following members and guests were present: Don & Ann Sielert, Billy & Kathleen Thompson, Don & Donna Babbs, Ernest Martin, Mike Ghormley, Pete & Dagny McLellan, Mike Yarbrough, Rob Sielert, Jason Sielert, Graham Martin, Marshall Battle, Sylvia Battle, Keith Self (Program), Ron Smith, Diane Smith, Marilyn Walker, Sherman Jackson.