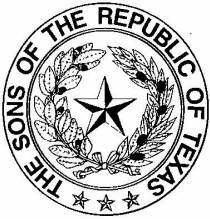


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Plan to attend our next chapter event.

We hope to see you there!

March Meeting: David Hanover Guest Speaker “The French Legation, the Alamo and Sam Houston’s Templar Sword”

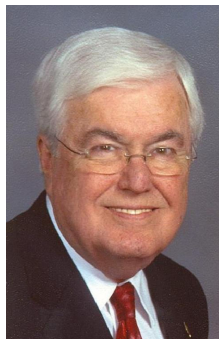
The first quarterly meeting of the Thomas J. Rusk Chapter # 8 for 2008 is scheduled for **Thursday, 13 March 2008**, at **Margaux’s Restaurant** located at 150 Turtle Creek Boulevard at Irving Boulevard. Our guest speaker will be David Hanover. The Cash bar opens at 6:30PM with dinner at 7pm. The cost is \$20 per person, pay by cash or check at the door. Dress is business casual. **RSVP by e-mail to donstevenson@swbell.net or by phone at 972-733-0357.** All RSVP’s are required by 10 March.

David Hanover, a seventh generation Texan, has served the SRT organization as Northeast District Representative from 2000-2004, Treasurer General from 2004-2006, and Secretary General from 2006 to the present. He has also served as chairman of the SRT Texas Navy Committee from 2006 to the present, making a statewide effort to publicly promote Texian Navy Day.



Since becoming a member in 1997, Hanover has been very involved in his local chapter, the Piney Woods Chapter #52, Tyler. Community involvement in promotions of Texas history have included organizing the planting of Stephen F. Austin Oak Trees on the courthouse lawns of Smith and Cherokee counties, with public ceremonies involving hundreds of 4th and 7th grade Texas history students on Stephen F. Austin’s birthday, telecast on local television stations. He has also organized Texas Independence Day celebrations in Tyler, appearing on a local television station for live interviews to explain the importance of the day to the East Texas area. Every March, during Texas History Month, he has assisted the Daughters of the Republic of Texas with 4th grade classroom presentations at a Tyler elementary school, where he has portrayed General Sam Houston and told about many of the other Texas heroes.

Message from the Chapter President



David B. Dibrell
President TJR Chapter 8

First, let me thank you for allowing me to serve as President of your Chapter for 2008. We have an excellent corps of officers and we are all excited about Texas History. Several Past Presidents have agreed to chair committees and spread their knowledge to newer members. It is our hope that we will involve more and more members and also make students in the Dallas area more aware of our Texas Heritage and History.

Secondly, I invite each of you to reactivate your interest in the SRT and in Texas History. Our speakers this year will give us a broader view of happenings in the Republic of Texas and offer new perspectives. I urge each of you to attend at least one meeting in 2008. Your officers are committed to bring a convivial atmosphere and educational and entertaining programs. Each officer plans

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to attend our National Convention in Nacogdoches and will bring back new ideas and a renewed excitement. Please join us if you can.

Max Wells will receive his Honorary Membership at the Nacogdoches National Convention. You are also invited to attend the First Annual Thomas J. Rusk Breakfast on Sunday morning after the convention.

Our guest speaker on March 13th will be David Hanover, Secretary General of the National organization. David has been active in statewide SRT activities and will speak on "The French Legation, the Alamo and Sam Houston's Templar Sword".

On June 12th, Pierre "Pete" Normand will speak on the effects of Masons on the Republic of Texas. Pete is a noted Masonic Scholar and writer. He is a Fellow of Masonic Research of the Texas Lodge of Research.

We will also honor our Past Presidents and recognize new Eagle Scouts. Our new By-Laws Committee will help us legitimize many of our traditions. The new Awards Committee is developing an award for a local Texas History teacher while the Publicity and Recruiting Committee will help build our membership. So you see, there is a lot going on.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the March 13th meeting. When you, you'll want to come again and again. We all look forward to seeing and meeting you!

TJR '08 Meeting Schedule

The tentative meeting dates for Thomas J. Rusk Chapter 8 for 2008 is as follows:

Thursday, 13 March 2008

Thursday, 11 September 2008

Thursday, 12 June 2008

Thursday, 11 December 2008

TJR Officer Profile – Jim Nyfeler, Treasurer

Jim Nyfeler was reared in Texas and Hawaii. Jim was born in Eagle Pass, but moved while still young. He was a member of the first graduating class of Radford High School, Honolulu, in 1960, was Student Body President, and a varsity letterman in football, basketball and track. Jim graduated with a BA in History from the University of Texas, Austin in 1964.

After graduation, he served as a Special Agent with the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C. In 1969, he went to work for Ross Perot's Electronic Data Systems. He served there for thirty years in various positions with increasing responsibility including Division President.

Jim's Texas roots began with George Washington Smith, a patriot and pioneer land owner in Red River County. Smith served at the Battle of San Jacinto and was later a member of the Mier Expedition. Other relatives migrated into what are now Rockwall, Tarrant, and Collin counties.



Jim is a member of the Steering Committee, Campaign for Virginia Tech; the Advisory Council of the Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Tech University; a board member of the Fondazione Olivio Ferrari in Lugano, Switzerland; a Trustee of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas; President, Square & Compasses Holding, a Texas Masonic Non-profit corporation; and Treasurer, Thomas J. Rusk Chapter, SRT.