



Zane's Trace

News of the

Ebenezer Zane Chapter, Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11, 2023	9:15 AM	Audit Committee Meeting	St. Clairsville American Legion 100 Legion Road St Clairsville, OH 43950
February 11, 2023	10:00 AM	Election of Officers Business Meeting	St. Clairsville American Legion 100 Legion Road St Clairsville, OH 43950
April 22, 2023		Ft. Steuben	120 South 3 rd Street Steubenville, OH 43952
June 3-4, 2023		Fort Steuben Frontier Days	Steubenville, OH
June 17, 2023		Joint DAR/SAR meeting	Theo's Restaurant 632 Wheeling Ave. Cambridge, OH 43725
July TBD, 2023		Fort Laurens	Laurens Road NW Bolivar, OH 44612
August 12, 2023		Awards Presentation	Guernsey County Public Library 63500 Byesville Road Cambridge, OH 43725
August, TBD 2023		Fort Steuben Frontier Days	Fort Steuben 120 South 3 rd Street Steubenville, OH 43952
September 2,3, 2023		Fort Henry Days	Site 1, Oglebay Park Wheeling, WV 26003
November 18, 2023		BOM meeting	Hutton Memorial Library 308 East Main Street Barnesville, OH 43713

Best Wishes to all Compatriots for a happy and prosperous New Year!

Current Officers of Ebenezer Zane Chapter, OHSSAR

Bob Tomlinson, President

Jeff Turner, Vice President

Larry Perkins, Secretary

Bob Tomlinson, Treasurer/Registrar

Chris Forshey, Master at Arms/Genealogist

Paul Mitchell, Historian

Zachary Cooper, Chaplain

Notice

The Audit Committee Will Be Meeting On February 11th, at 9:15 AM, forty-five minutes before the regular meeting at 10:00 AM.

This will be a combined yearend audit for fiscal year 2022 as mandated by the new bylaws. In addition, it will serve as an audit to facilitate the transition of the fiscal records to the incoming new Treasurer.

Board of Management meeting Highlights

After many months we took great pleasure in inducting compatriot Bob Beebout. Welcome!!

Besides the 2023 years events listed at the beginning of the newsletter, we nominated officers for the coming year.

They are:

President: Bob Tomlinson

Vice President: Jeffrey Turner

Secretary: Larry Perkins

Treasurer/Registrar: Paul Mitchell

Master at Arms/Genealogist: Chris Forshey,

Historian: Paul Mitchell ,

Chaplain: Zachary Cooper

In addition to the above nominations, we will accept any additional nominations from the floor at our February Meeting.

When nominations are closed we will then elect and install the officers for 2023.

Board of Management meeting Highlights (Continued)

In other business, we approved a budget for 2023, made a motion to purchase books for our "Patriotic Books in Schools" project, determined a path to reestablish our website and proceed with our cemetery marker program.

Miracles in American History by Susie Federer

I'll be including articles (with permission) from the book "*Miracles in American History*" by Susie Federer. We tend to throw the word "Providence" around when talking about certain events in American History, but what does it really mean?

Webster's 1828 *Dictionary* definition of *PROVIDENCE*:

"The care and superintendence which God exercises over his creatures ... The same power which caused a thing to exist is necessary to continue its existence ... A general providence consists of particulars ... By divine providence is often understood God himself."

I'm hoping these articles will enlighten us as to how much God's hand has directed the course of this blessed nation's history.

"The Hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this - the course of the war - that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith."... General George Washington, August 20, 1778

Bob Tomlinson

BATTLES OF LEXINGTON & CONCORD

September 7, 1774, the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia. John Adams wrote:

When Congress met, Mr. Cushing made a motion that it should be opened with Prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina because we were so divided in religious sentiments, some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists ... Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said that he was no bigot, and could hear a Prayer from any gentleman of Piety and virtue, who was at the same time a friend to his Country ...

Next morning Rev. Mr. Duche' ... read several prayers ... and ... the 35th Psalm ... I never saw a greater effect upon an audience. It seemed as if heaven had ordained that Psalm to be read on that morning. After this, Mr. Duche ', unexpectedly to everybody, struck out into an extemporary prayer, which filled the bosom of every man present. I must confess, I never heard a better prayer.

Miracles in American History (Continued)

Six months after the Continental Congress first met were the Battles of Lexington and Concord. The Massachusetts Provincial Congress, led by John Hancock, declared April 15, 1775:

In circumstances dark as these, it becomes us, as men and Christians, to reflect that, whilst every prudent measure should be taken to ward off the impending judgments ... the 11th of May next be set apart as a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer ... to confess their sins ... to implore the Forgiveness of all our Transgression.

The British planned a preemptive strike by marching to Lexington and Concord to seize their guns and arrest Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and other Revolutionary leaders. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, Paul Revere's Ride, described how patriots sent a warning from Boston's Old North Church to the people of Lexington and Concord that the British were coming:

Listen my children and you shall hear
of the midnight ride of Paul Revere ...
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch ...
One if by land, two if by sea ...

Though Paul Revere was captured, William Dawes and Samuel Prescott continued their ride. In early dawn, April 19, 1775, American "Minutemen," as poet Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, fired the "shot heard round the world" by confronting the British on Lexington Green and at Concord's Old North Bridge.

The same day, April 19, 1775, Connecticut Governor Jonathan Trumbull proclaimed a Day of Fasting, that:

God would graciously pour out His Holy Spirit on us to bring us to a thorough repentance and effectual reformation that our iniquities may not be our ruin; that He would restore, preserve and secure the liberties of this and all the other British American colonies, and make the land a mountain of Holiness, and habitation of righteousness forever.

New England celebrates April 19th as "Patriots' Day."

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote *The Concord Hymn* in 1837 to dedicate the monument where the battle of Concord's North Bridge took place, April 19, 1775. At the base of Daniel Chester French's "Minute Man Statue," are lines from the poem's most famous stanza:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled;
Here once the embattled farmers stood;
And fired the shot heard round the world.
The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps,
And time the ruined bridge has swept,

Miracles in American History (Continued)

Down the dark stream that seaward creeps.
On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We place with joy a votive stone,
That memory may their deeds redeem,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.
O Thou who made those heroes dare,
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid time and nature gently spare,
The shaft we raised to them and Thee.

Less than two months after the Battles of Lexington and Concord, on June 12, 1775, the Continental Congress, under President John Hancock, declared:

Congress ... considering the present critical, alarming and calamitous state ... do earnestly recommend, that Thursday, the 12th of July next, be observed by-the inhabitants of all the English Colonies on this Continent, as a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, that we may with united hearts and voices, unfeignedly confess and deplore our many sins and offer up our joint supplications to the All-wise, Omnipotent and merciful Disposer of all Events, humbly beseeching Him to forgive our iniquities ...

It is recommended to Christians of all denominations to assemble for public worship and to abstain from servile labor and recreations of said day.

The conflict was now underway that in eight years would end in American independence.

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