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February 18, 2025

The members of the Sidney Sherman Chapter #2, Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) gathered at Kelley's Family Restaurant in Texas City before 5:30 PM on February 18 in the banquet room behind the cashier. President Robert Schnuriger called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. President Schnuriger gave the opening prayer. Treasurer Billy Mayo led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Attending: George* and Larry* Armstrong (Quartermaster), Christy! Erickson, Hugh* Ferguson, Don* Gay, Robert* Gindratt (Second Vice-President), Albert* Seguin Gonzales, Carl* Hill (Past-President), J.B.* Kline, Chris Kneupper and his wife, John* Lucas, Billy* Mayo, Steve* Manis* (Knight of San Jacinto) [KSJ], William* McLaren, Mike* and Carol! Mitchell, Tim* Rainey (First Vice-President), Cindy! and Robert* Schnuriger (President), Ron* Schoolcraft, Eron! Tyne and Clark* Wright (Secretary). Blake Pffefer was our guest speaker. We had 16 Chapter members, 4 honorary members and 2 guests attending this meeting with a total of 20 in attendance.

Business: President Schnuriger acknowledged Steve Manis for being our only KSJ. We had no new members to induct this evening. The minutes of January, being online in the website, were approved by acclamation and the chapter has just over \$6200 in the bank account. President Schnuriger reported that we had a good turnout for the Texas City parade. He reminded members of the ceremonies on Texas Independence Day, first in the morning in Houston and then in the afternoon at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Several chapter members will also attend the Dawn at the Alamo in San Antonio where the chapter sponsors a wreath at the Ceremony.

Program: Blake Pffefer gave the membership an inspiring talk on his book "**Shouts from the Republic**" which starts with New Spain extending from Hudson's Bay in the north to the tip of South America, being only slightly less in area than Russia. The North American Natives were a problem raiding all the way to Mexico City. Their solution was to let the english have land at practically no cost, except to occupy it. Enter Santa Anna! Blake shared his own view of his book continuing with a "...thrilling account of how a small band of settlers turned a sparsely populated wilderness into a nation, many of them sacrificing their lives along the way. Their story and their legacy is the fight for freedom - once promised to them by the Mexican government but snatched away by that same government, and perhaps imperiled again today." from the front leaf of his book

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM. Members gathered for a group photograph.

Note: Chapter Members are denoted by a star (*), Honorary Members are denoted with an exclamation point (!) and other SRT members are denoted by a at-sign (@) in the list of attendees.