



## THE LONG KNIFE

Quarterly Newsletter of the Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter  
Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution

*"Serving Madison, Jersey, Macoupin, Bond,  
Greene, Calhoun, & Montgomery Counties"*



*Genl George Rogers Clark on  
"The March to Vincennes"  
by  
Frederick Coffay John,  
1929*

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### *Eagle Scout Award*



### **EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

*Upper Alton Baptist Church, Alton, Illinois*

*Saturday, December 10, 2022*

*Congratulations to Timothy Melton of Troop 16, Greater St. Louis Area Council, Piasa Bird District, Alton, Illinois,  
for attaining the rank of Eagle. The new Eagle received a certificate, patch, and pocket Constitution.*

*Shown are (l-r): Robert Ridenour, GGRC Treasurer; Timothy Melton;  
Andrew Gratton, Scoutmaster, and Dan Beers, Asst. Scoutmaster.*

*December Awards Banquet*

On Thursday, December 15, 2022, the Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter of ILSSAR held an Awards Banquet at the Glen Carbon Senior Center in Glen Carbon, Illinois. There were 23 members, prospective members, and guests present. Three members received awards for their service to GGRC: Dennis Lybarger, Eric Reelitz, and Phil Bailey.



*Phil Bailey, GGRC Vice-President, Welcoming Attendees to the Awards Banquet.  
(l-r): Howard Elmore (prospective member), Phil Bailey, Linda Bailey, Eric Reelitz,  
Steve Hyatt (GGRC Registrar), David Axtell*



*Dennis Lybarger (l) Receiving the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his service to GGRC as the ROTC Award Chairman and History Teacher Award Chairman, from GGRC President, Richard Ruedin*



*December Awards Banquet*



*Eric Reelitz (l) Receiving a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his service to GGRC as the Knights Essay and Rumbaugh Oral Presentation Award Chairman, from GGRC President, Richard Ruedin*



*Phil Bailey (r) Receiving a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his service to GGRC as Flag Award Chairman, Wreaths Across America Chairman, and Public Service Award Chairman, from GGRC President, Richard Ruedin*

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*December Awards Banquet*

*Phil Bailey was also to have received a Bronze Color Guard Medal, but somehow this was omitted from the program. Here, at the January GGRC Chapter meeting, Phil Bailey (l) is Receiving the Bronze Color Guard Medal for his service to GGRC, from GGRC President, Richard Ruedin*

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*Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.*

*— Thomas Paine*

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Scheduled monthly meetings: 11:30 a.m., the third Wednesday of each month at Edwardsville Moose Lodge, 7371 Marine Rd. (Rt. 143), unless announced otherwise.

*Wreaths Across America*

On December 17, 2022, the Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter of ILSSAR conducted our annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Glen Carbon Village Cemetery, Glen Carbon, Illinois, at 11 am in accordance with the WAA Ceremonies across our country. This cemetery has a “Dough Boy” Statue, which is an indication that the cemetery has World War I veterans interred, there are two veterans from Glen Carbon who joined the Army together and were killed on the same day.

Phil Bailey, the GGRC WAA Chairman conducted the ceremony reading eighty veterans’ Name, Rank, Service, Date of Birth & Death, and a bell was tolled for each name, while members of the Pin Oak 4H Club placed the wreaths. At this event Ellen Henschen sang the National Anthem and My Country `Tis of Thee. Taps was played by Cate Dorsey of the 4H Club. In attendance were thirty-five citizens, seven members of GGRC Chapter, and Erica Hariss, Illinois State Senator elect. The weather was clear, however with winds of over 20 mph, the wind chill was in the teens!



*Seven GGRC Compatriots were in Attendance*

*(l-r): David Schmitt, Richard Ruedin, Steve Hyatt, Eric Reelitz, Robert Ridenour, Philip Bailey, James Patterson*



*Wreaths Across America*



*The Ceremony Began with an Invocation by GGRC Chaplin, Eric Reelitz*



*Wreaths Across America Chairman, Phil Bailey, reading the veterans' names, while some of the attendees look on*



*Wreaths Across America*



*Members of the Pin Oak 4H Club waiting to place the wreaths on the veteran's graves as their names are read*

*Preparing to Place the Wreaths at the Doughboy Statue  
(l-r): Robert Ridenour, GGRC Treasurer;  
David Noble, Chaplain of the American Legion Post #435*



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*Wreaths Across America*

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Those veterans honored are listed below:

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| 1. Bobbye G. Wallace  | 28. Joseph Berkley Smith  | 55. Raymond Ohms         |
| 2. Abundio Tenllado   | 29. Alexander Lance       | 56. John Schiller        |
| 3. Lester Slemmer     | 30. John E. Thomas        | 57. William Wieduwilt    |
| 4. Frank Feryjanitz   | 31. Devere Neutzling      | 58. William Meyer        |
| 5. John Yanda         | 32. James Lawless         | 59. Jack Meyer           |
| 6. Rolla Durham Jr.   | 33. William E. Cunningham | 60. Bert Evans           |
| 7. Rolla Durham Sr.   | 34. Lester Hardy          | 61. Edward Brusewitz     |
| 8. John Brandon       | 35. Edward Hickson        | 62. George Durham        |
| 9. Andrew Brandon     | 36. Alex Pavloff          | 63. William Norris       |
| 10. John Masloski     | 37. Russell Timothy Treat | 64. Elmer Gillmor        |
| 11. Edward Meyer      | 38. Garvin Stewart        | 65. Wilfred Neutzling    |
| 12. Lloyd O'Hare      | 39. Peter Weckmann        | 66. William Drew         |
| 13. William Phillips  | 40. Edwin S. Bowen        | 67. Roy Harlon Green     |
| 14. Walter Wydra Sr.  | 41. Harold Wilson         | 68. Noah Troyer          |
| 15. John Brockschmidt | 42. Bruno P. Zaganelli    | 69. John Otis French     |
| 16. Felix Carl Kramer | 43. William Henshaw       | 70. Frank Pellegrini     |
| 17. Murle Lutes       | 44. Herman Hennings       | 71. Rudolph Jereb        |
| 18. William Schneider | 45. Carl Hoffmann         | 72. Oliver Talley        |
| 19. Henry Schneider   | 46. Joseph Clemson        | 73. Robert H. French Sr. |
| 20. George Burian     | 47. Mike M. Sedlacek      | 74. Robert Cunningham    |
| 21. William Thomas    | 48. Leonard Thirion       | 75. Robert Keene Jr.     |
| 22. August Schrodt    | 49. Joseph Smith          | 76. LeRoy Noland         |
| 23. Leonard O'Donnell | 50. Marvin Donaldson      | 77. Thomas LeHotz Sr.    |
| 24. Clifford Cockroft | 51. Nelson O. Trebing     | 78. Ronald Foster        |
| 25. Robert Lance      | 52. Arnold Trebing        | DOUGH BOY                |
| 26. Charles Asbury    | 53. Michael Falcetti      | 79. Emil Trentaz         |
| 27. William Wickmann  | 54. Ernest Green          | 80. Harry G. Seaton      |
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