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2003 ANNUAL REPORT

The Society's 2003 Annual Report is included in this mailing of the *Golden State Patriot*. It provides details about the Society's many activities during the year. It, along with the annual Treasurer's Report, were presented at the Annual Membership Luncheon on January 25, 2003.



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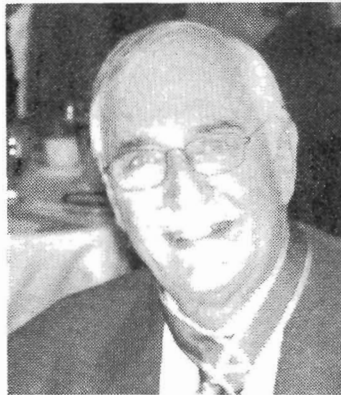
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Charles B. Witt, Jr. Elected President

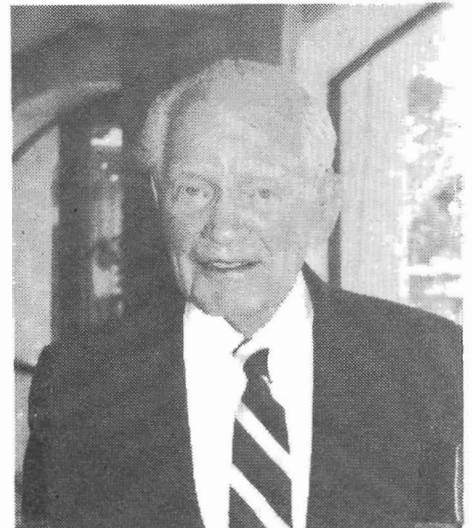


Charles B. Witt, Jr. MD

Charles B. Witt, Jr., MD, a prominent Los Angeles thoracic surgeon, was installed for a second term as President of the Society at the 110th Annual Membership Meeting held Saturday, January 25, 2003 at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. Dr. Witt previously served as National President of the National Society of Washington Family Descendants. Serving with him are Senior Vice President Dr. James D. "David" Boyle, MD, a prominent gastroenterologist, and Vice Presidents Merrick Browne, a retired banker, and the

Hon. G. Richard Stanford, former mayor of Azusa and retired Marine Corps fighter pilot. The Society's officers and directors were installed by the senior President Emeritus present, Lt. Gen. John M. Wright, Jr. USA (Ret.). Gen. Wright stated that he considered it an honor to be associated with the Society and issued a challenge to the officers and directors to "do their best". Other Presidents Emeritus present at the luncheon were Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr., William W. Huss, Jr. and H. Newell Williams.

Following a traditional opening, Chaplain John Bennett, accompanied by President Witt on the piano, was joined by the sixty members and guests in singing the Star Spangled Banner. The Mediterranean Room, with two of this walls of solid glass overlooking a golf course, was a magnificent setting for the spring-like day. Upon arrival, each attendee found the 2002 Annual Report at their place setting. Following a review of the Society's year-end financial statement, the report of the Treasurer was accepted. Other officers made reports whereupon the 2002 Annual Report was approved. Six new members received their membership certificates. Dr. Boyle made a presentation on behalf of the Library Committee noting its many significant accomplishments during 2002. He announced the Board's formation of the Friends of the Library, and introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Hay, its President.



John M. Wright, Jr.

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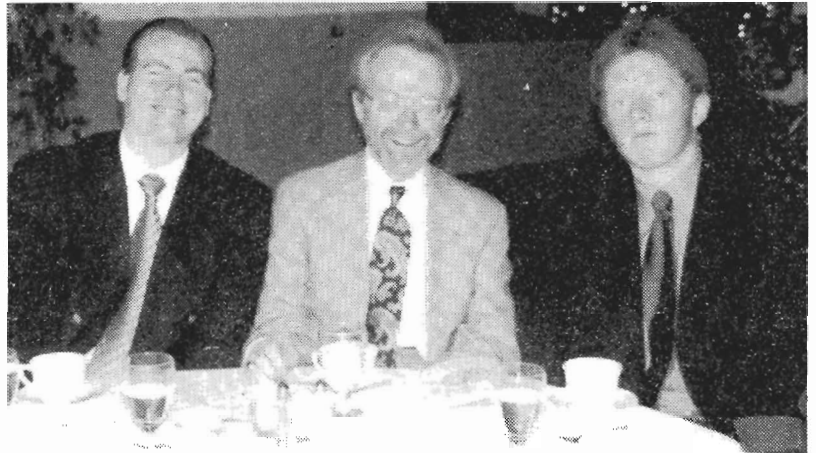
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Recent Presidents Emeritus

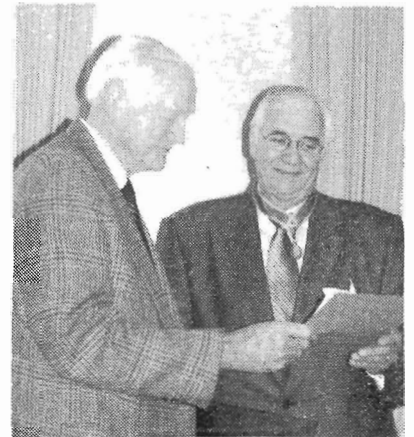
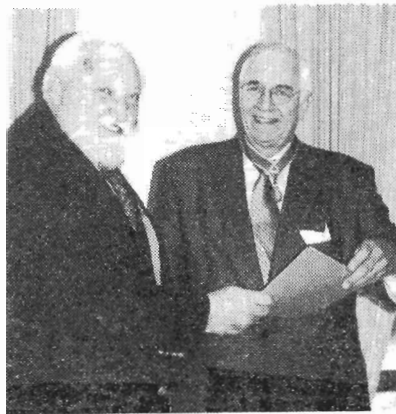
H. NEWELL WILLIAMS (2001)
NORMAN S. MARSHALL (2000)
ALEXANDER R. EARLY, III (1999)
WILLIAM W. HUSS, JR. (1998)
RICHARD H. BREITHAUPT, JR. (1995-1996)
JOHN M. WRIGHT, JR. (1993)
LEE E. BISHOP, JR. (1991)
STEPHEN R. EAKIN (1989-90)
ROBERT B. FERGUSON (1988)
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Newest Members Receive Certificates

Steven Doan, center, sponsored the memberships of Brian Bezner, left, and his son, Robert Doan.



President Charles B Witt, Jr. presents new members John O. White, left, and John B. Wells, Jr., right, their membership certificates at the Annual Luncheon.

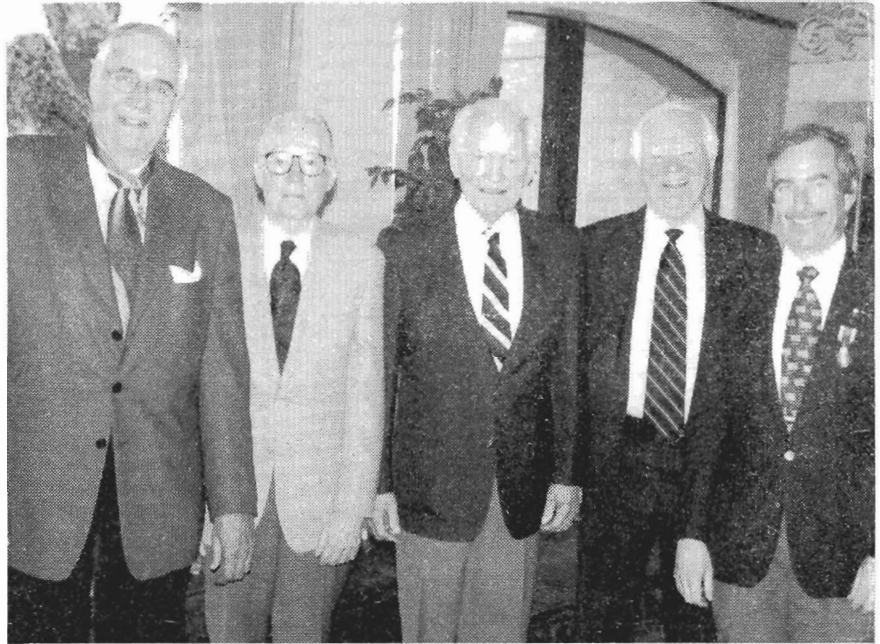


William G. Bush, left, and Mrs. Harold Hattier, Jr., right, accepting for her husband.



CLASS OF 2002

| <u>Date Admitted</u> | <u>State No.</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 23 Mar 2002 | 3361-L | Roy Francis Price |
| 12 Jan 2002 | 3362-L | Robert Andrew Doan |
| 22 Jun 2002 | 3363-L | Carl Wheeler Rand, II |
| 22 Jun 2002 | 3364-L | Robert Prentice Rand |
| 22 Jun 2002 | 3365-A | William Lewis Principe, Jr. |
| 22 Jun 2002 | 3366-A | Eric Lawrence Schneider |
| 22 Jun 2002 | 3367-A | Harry Mills Schneider, Jr. |
| 06 Jul 2002 | 3368-L | Brian Phillip Bezner |
| 21 Sep 2002 | 3369-A | John Barnard Wells, Jr. |
| 21 Sep 2002 | 3370-A | John Owen White |
| 21 Sep 2002 | 3371-L | William Glenn Bush |
| 21 Sep 2002 | 3372-A | Harold Frederick Hattier, Jr. |



Charles B. Witt, Jr. MD, left, 2003 President, joined by four Presidents Emeritus: H. Newell Williams; John M. Wright, Jr., William W. Huss, Jr. and Richard H. Breithaupt, Jr.

2003 CALENDAR

February 23, 2003

George Washington Church Service

April 12, 2003

Patriot's Day Luncheon

July 5, 2003

Independence Day Luncheon

October 18, 2003

Saratoga / Yorktown Luncheon

January 24, 2004

Annual Membership Luncheon

Luncheons commence at 12 NOON at the announced location. Because the Society is required to give the restaurant a firm count several days in advance, attendance is by reservation only. No walk-ins or refunds.

Board of Directors Meetings

March 22, 2003

June 21, 2003

September 20, 2003

January 10, 2004

10:00 A.M.

Sons of the Revolution Library
Glendale, California



Following their installation, 2003 Officers were joined by four Presidents Emeritus

CENTENNIAL REGISTER

In 1995 the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California published its *Centennial Register* which contains a detailed history of the Society, biographies of its Presidents and early prominent members, and origins of the General Society. It also includes a listing of all members admitted to membership in the California Society during its first 100 years, including detailed Revolutionary War service records for each of the 4,000+ qualifying ancestors and supplementals submitted to the Society. To order this 1,300+page work, send your check in the amount of \$54.00 (includes sales tax and shipping) to: Centennial Register, P. O. Box 8454, Universal City, CA 91618-8454.

80th George Washington Church Service Set for Feb 23, 2003



The 80th George Washington Church Service will be held at 10 am, Sunday, February 23 at the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, 840 Echo Park Ave., Los Angeles 90026. Ample free indoor parking. Colonial dress welcome.

The service, founded at the old Episcopal Cathedral and held there for decades, was graciously hosted by Rev. Dr. Gary Dickey at his church until the new Cathedral Center opened a few years ago.

LIBRARY EXPANSION COMPLETED

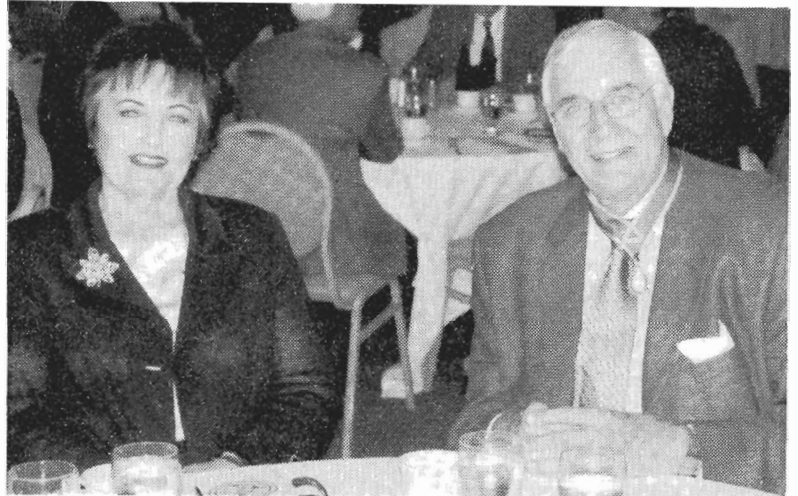
Following renovation of a large space on the second floor of the SR Library, over 500 lineal feet of new shelving was installed, providing much needed room for the Library's expanding collection. The renovated space was repainted, cleaned and new lighting was installed, as a gift from a member of the Society, valued at nearly \$2,500. Funding for the shelving was provided by another charitable gift to the Society.



A View of the Library's 2ND Floor Expansion

Include the Society in your annual giving and estate planning to help secure the future of the Sons of the Revolution Library

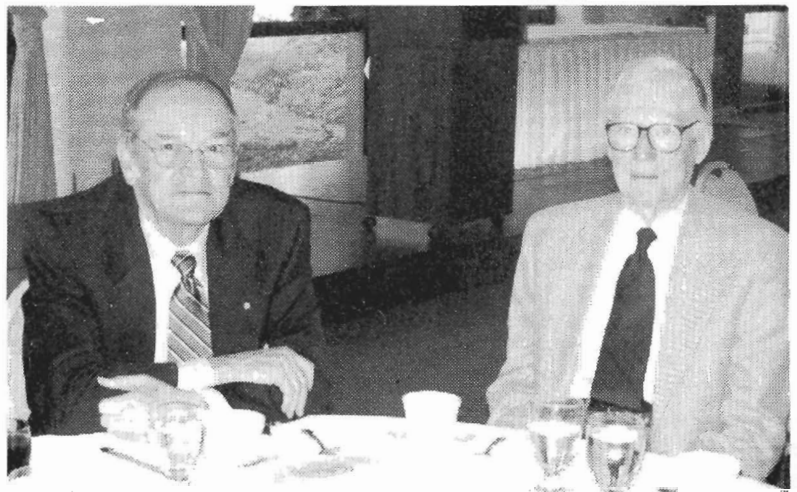
ANNUAL LUNCHEON PHOTOS



President Charles B. Witt, Jr. and the Society's First Lady, Collette Witt



Members of the Daughters of the Cincinnati attended the Annual Luncheon



Frank Price and President Emeritus Newell Williams