



LOS FLORIDANOS SOCIETY

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FLORIDA'S FIRST SPANISH FAMILIES

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MARCH 27, 2003

April Meeting

Place: Seafood Kitchen Restaurant
Banquet Room in rear
108 Anastasia Blvd.

Date: April 5, 2003

Time: 9:30 AM

This meeting, we will be electing our upcoming officers. Plan to attend so your voice can be heard.

GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendars for **April 26**. We will be participating in a collective garage sale sponsored by "The Record".

We hope all our members will donate at least 5 items per person. Please mark your items with a price so that it will not be a big job for any one person. No clothes, please.

The ideal situation would be for everyone to bring their items the morning of the sale, but if not possible and items aren't too numerous or large, bring to the April meeting.

This is one time when members who haven't been able to help before can step up and support our efforts. Our treasury is almost bare! HELP !!!!!

Reminder: Membership Fees Due.. New Mailing List is being created. Hurry, get your dues in so you can receive your newsletter every month. Due to the cost incurred we can only send newsletters to members. Send dues to PO Box 4043, St. Augustine, FL 32085.

Thanks to Dick & Kay Rousseau. Their hospitality was enjoyed by, all at the March meeting and our many thanks to Dr. Bill Adams for his informative talk.

HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

Taming The Yguatas, Apalache, Timucuans, and Chacatos

In 1702, Governor Zuniga tried to organize the surrounding Indians to help defend Florida against British incursions.

He experienced multiple obstacles. The Indians were not inclined to be as goal-oriented as wished and required constant oversight. The interplay between the numerous tribes presented many challenges for Governor Zuniga. This was truly a clash of cultures.

On one such occasion, a captain and Father Camacho led a group of Floridanos and Indians from St. Augustine back to Mayaca (an outpost beside the St. Johns River, somewhere south of Palatka). The Governor was not having luck convincing the group to stay at that desolate outpost. They had abandoned the site twice.



On the trip south, the group met up with a group of stray natives. Father Camacho reported that the natives in his group tried to escort the strays toward the captain. These motions escalated into an altercation at which the strays were killed and scalped.

Governor Zuniga was truly shocked about the scalps and issued an order to

“abolish once and for all the diabolic custom of scalping and killings that they perpetrate in order to acquire them, without motive or cause other than to kill those they meet who are of different and remote nations, I order.... that from here on out, the Ayudante Manuel Solana, teniente of Apalache, and tenientes of the other provinces shall not permit the custom of entering with scalps to dance them in the buijo. Those who in legitimate war and with cause do killings must make use of some other means and symbol to signalize themselves noroccos and tascayas.

Source: *“Situado and Sabana”* by Amy Turner Bushnell.

CALENDAR

April

- 5 Meeting
- 20 Easter
- 26 Garage Sale

May

- 3 Meeting