



Meeting Minutes for: January 13, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm - Supper 7:00 pm - Meeting
Location: Lizard's Thicket Restaurant
4616 Augusta Road, Lexington, SC 29073

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Nelson McLeod
2. Invocation – Chaplain Hugh Hamm
3. Pledges – Cmdr. of Colors Sam Padgett
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Pledge to the Flag of South Carolina
 - c. SAR Pledge
 - d. The American Creed
4. Introduction of Guests and Welcome - President McLeod
5. Past President Gary Blanpied introduced Speaker Rick Wise with SC Battleground Preservation Trust whose topic addressed “Influences of Marion’s Transition to Partisan Command.” Rick Wise discussed the Francis Marion papers-- how they began and how close they are to being published. He was presented with a certificate for his presentation to the Chapter.
6. New Business – None
7. Old Business - None
8. Motion to Approve Minutes was seconded and passed by unanimous consent.
9. Officer/Committee Reports
 - a. Vice President for Events and Development – Harold Crawford
This coming weekend is the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens. Mike Gillis updated the group on the NSDAR Christmas Luncheon in December and the presentation by Joe Long about USS Columbia (1941 to present). Aric Bruggeworth gave a review of the preservation march at Fort Morris, GA. Gary and Deborah Blanpied attended an historical event at the Court House in Lancaster, SC. Jim and Nancy Herritage went to Washington, DC, to see their son, Allen Herritage, promoted to Brigadier General at the Pentagon.

- b. Vice President for Programs - Gary Blanpied
Gary plans to attend the Battle of Cowpens anniversary event this weekend. In February, Rick Morris who is the SCSSAR Vice President of the Piedmont and member of the Greenwood SC Chapter will be our Guest Speaker.
- c. Vice President for Technology – James Herritage
Jim has been working on the website to ensure that people who have received medals are registered with National. He is also updating the Member Directory and asked members to review their information and if they want to update their picture, now is the time. Jim also gave a report on the new Future Focus Group whose first meeting was held earlier tonight. Members are: Chairman Jim Herritage, Harold Crawford, Carl Epps, Mike Gillis, Norman Smith and ex-officio member President McLeod. The purpose of the Group is to identify activities that we as an SAR Chapter would like to pursue. If you have recommendations or ideas for participation, please share them with a Group member as they plan to present their report this Spring.
- d. Treasurer –Norman Smith
Out of 50 members, only two did not renew their membership. HR Maxwell is retiring from the organization. An application fee check has been received from Ryan Kelly. There is \$5,451.65 in the Granby Chapter SAR account.
- e. Secretary – Carl Epps
No report at this time.
- f. Registrar –Mike Gillis
At our next month’s meeting, we may be able to install Preston Birch as a new member of the Chapter. Additionally, one application is at National and two more should be here by the end of the month.

10. SAR Recessional/Adjournment

NOTE:

Any discrepancies in the information contained herein, please let me know immediately.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carl L. Epps, Jr., Secretary

February 3, 2025

ADDENDUM

On the following page is a meeting attendee list which is hereby made a part of these minutes.

Members, please initial. • Godfrey Dreher Chapter • 01/13/2025 Meeting

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| 1 | DW Areheart | <i>DA</i> | 27 | JB McGill | |
| 2 | GA Areheart | <i>GA</i> | 28 | JN McLeod III | <i>JN</i> |
| 3 | GS Blanpied | <i>GS</i> | 29 | JN McLeod IV | |
| 4 | AS Bruggeworth | | 30 | WS Morgan | |
| 5 | RW Cammann | | 31 | FK Morrison Sr | |
| 6 | WW Carothers | <i>WC</i> | 32 | FK Morrison Jr | |
| 7 | J Coleman | | 33 | SB Padgett | <i>SB</i> |
| 8 | S Corley | <i>SC</i> | 34 | GA Patterson | |
| 9 | BA Covey | | 35 | SG Powell | |
| 10 | JH Crawford | <i>JH</i> | 36 | SL Preston | <i>SL</i> |
| 11 | RT Creekmore | | 37 | WW Richardson Jr | |
| 12 | CL Epps Jr | | 38 | JR Riddle | |
| 13 | RB Fong | | 39 | EG Shuler III | |
| 14 | JE Garrison | | 40 | DT Simmons | |
| 15 | MS Gillis | <i>MS</i> | 41 | NM Smith III | <i>NM</i> |
| 16 | CF Gladfelter | <i>CF</i> | 42 | WC Smith | <i>WC</i> |
| 17 | DR Grable | | 43 | WH Spencer | <i>WH</i> |
| 18 | FE Gunter | | 44 | DR Stroman Jr | |
| 19 | HH Ham Jr | <i>HH</i> | 45 | MS Terry | <i>MS</i> |
| 20 | HE Harmon | | 46 | CL Williams | |
| 21 | JM Herritage | <i>JM</i> | 47 | SA Williams | |
| 22 | WBD Herritage | | 48 | SL Williams | |
| 23 | CS Hodges | | 49 | GS Williamson | |
| 24 | BR Kennedy | <i>BR</i> | 50 | WA Wilson | |
| 25 | DG Klaver | | 51 | WP Witherspoon Jr | |
| 26 | HR Maxwell | | | | |

Guests, please print your name.

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| 52 | GUEST <i>Miriam Lovett</i> | 65 | GUEST _____ |
| 53 | GUEST <i>Barbara Crawford</i> | 66 | GUEST _____ |
| 54 | GUEST <i>Denise Epps</i> | 67 | GUEST _____ |
| 55 | GUEST <i>Rhonda Robison</i> | 68 | GUEST _____ |
| 56 | GUEST <i>Alla Jam</i> | 69 | GUEST _____ |
| 57 | GUEST <i>Austin Jam</i> | 70 | GUEST _____ |
| 58 | GUEST <i>Aaron Jam</i> | 71 | GUEST _____ |
| 59 | GUEST <i>Amanda Jam</i> | 72 | GUEST _____ |
| 60 | GUEST <i>Tom Mullis</i> | 73 | GUEST _____ |
| 61 | GUEST <i>Stacy West</i> | 74 | GUEST _____ |
| 62 | GUEST <i>Colleen Preston</i> | 75 | GUEST _____ |
| 63 | GUEST <i>Dean Hunt</i> | 76 | GUEST _____ |
| 64 | GUEST <i>Nancy Herritage</i> | 77 | GUEST _____ |