

Meeting Minutes for: February 10, 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 Ham
3. Pledges – Cmdr. of Colors Sam Padgett
   1. Pledge of Allegiance
   2. Pledge to the Flag of South Carolina
   3. SAR Pledge
   4. The American Creed
4. Introduction of Guests and Welcome - President McLeod
5. Gary Blanpied introduced Speaker Rick Morris, SCSSAR Vice President of the Piedmont and Member of the Greenwood SC Chapter, who dressed in his period Continental Army uniform and showcased a display of historical period pieces and memorabilia. He described the life of compatriot Private Zadock Morris with the Delaware Regiment as if he were telling events in the first person, and he received a certificate from the Chapter for his presentation to the group.
6. Gary Blanpied recognized Miss Nora Raouf and her father who was in attendance. Nora is a senior at Irmo High School and competed in the NSSAR George S. & Stella M. Knight American History education contest. Her essay on “The Birth of Liberty” won for our Chapter, and she was presented with a monetary award and will be receiving a certificate. Her essay will now be entered in the State contest.
7. Induction of New Member: Mike Gillis recognized Preston Ratliff Burch as the newest member of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter.
8. New Business – None
9. Old Business - None
10. Motion to Approve Minutes was delayed until next month’s meeting in order to correct the name of the newest member to the Godfrey Dreher Chapter.
11. Officer/Committee Reports
    1. Vice President for Events and Development – In Harold Crawford’s absence, Nelson McLeod reminded folks of the upcoming commemoration event for Francis Marion at his tomb on the shores of Lake Moultrie on February 27th.
    2. Vice President for Programs - Gary Blanpied   
       In March, Tom Elmore who is an SCSSAR member and a published historical author will be our Guest Speaker, and he will share his knowledge about Irish statesmen and Irish American soldiers.
    3. Vice President for Technology – James Herritage  
       Jim is continuing to work on the website and brought attention to the SAR Chapter Tool Kit on the home page which contains a lot of useful information and resources. The Future Focus Group will present its report in the spring.
    4. Treasurer –Norman Smith   
       In January, there was a balance of $5,451.65 in the Granby Chapter SAR account. Since then, we had $68.49 going out and $25 coming in for the application fee of Ryan Kelly, so the current balance for February is $5,408.16.
    5. Secretary – Carl Epps  
       The misspelled last name of Godfrey Dreher Chapter’s newest member (Preston Burch) will be corrected so at our next meeting in March, we will need to vote on two sets of minutes (January’s and February’s).
    6. Registrar –Mike Gillis  
       Ryan Kelly’s application is the only application for review at National; however, he is currently working on eight more applications at various stages. President McLeod said Mike’s job as Registrar was recognized at the State level, and Mike is very much appreciated by the members of this Chapter as well.
12. SAR Recessional/Adjournment – President Nelson McLeod

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Carl L. Epps, Jr., Secretary

March 3, 2025

# ADDENDUM

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

