

**Lafayette Chapter, Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution
Board of Managers Meeting, September 10, 2011
Crowne Plaza-Campbell House Inn, Lexington, Ky.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Del White.

Colors were posted by Commander Greg Hodge and Compatriot John Burch. Compatriot Al Coleman gave the invocation. Compatriot Lucien Rice led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Compatriot Roger Bain leading the SAR Pledge.

Compatriot White, having declared a quorum, welcomed the following compatriots: John Burch, Jim Mallory, Roger Bain, Al Coleman, Bob Hughes, Greg Landon, Mike Krause, Greg Hodge, Ben Mann, Lucien Rice, and Don Adams.

President John Burch and Vice-President Del White presented the membership rosette to Compatriot Jim Mallory, who was heartily welcomed by the chapter. Compatriot Mallory expressed sincere gratitude and honor upon acceptance by the Lafayette Chapter.

Compatriot White read the minutes of the Lafayette Chapter's board of management meeting held August 15, 2011 at Crowne Plaza-Campbell House Inn. The said minutes, recorded by Secretary Don Adams, were accepted as recorded upon motions thereto subsequent to a single correction: "No decision was made" to "A decision was made to participate" in a joint Bryan Station Chapter, DAR, Lexington, on April 4, 2012

Following a breakfast buffet, business resumed with officers reports. In the absence of Treasurer Stephen Skinner, Compatriot Del White shared the financial report disclosing a checking balance of \$1933.74. Upon motions of approval made by Compatriot Bob Hughes and seconded by President John Burch, the treasurer's report was duly accepted.

Registrar Al Coleman reported the current chapter membership as ninety-two. Compatriot White, highly complimentary of our membership, stated the Lafayette Chapter remains Kentucky's second largest chapter.

Presiding officer, Compatriot Del White, called for committee reports. Compatriot Roger Bain, chairman of the ad-hoc committee on Naturalization Ceremonies, reported he and Compatriot Lucien Rice attended the naturalization ceremonies at the federal courthouse in Lexington, August 19, 2011, where as speaker, Compatriot Bain represented our Lafayette Chapter. Twenty-four countries and thirty-seven countries were represented respectively in the morning and afternoon sessions. The final naturalization ceremony will take place December 9, 2011 at eleven o'clock in Lexington.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the feasibility and procedures for marking the graves of Revolutionary War veterans. Previous consideration for plans to conduct a grave marking ceremony at a local Kentucky burial site—not a part of Wreaths Across America—was cancelled due to a December 10, 2011 meeting at historic Duncan Tavern in Paris.

Compatriots Bain and Coleman reported they had visited the Old Episcopal Burial Ground off Third Street in Lexington, where of the eleven original graves approximately five remain. Both the rector and the daughter of the late Coach Blanton Collier have extended invitations to our chapter to tour this site. It was noted that marking a grave requires proof of military service as well as an average expense of \$200 per grave. Compatriot Coleman suggested the chapter might purchase the veterans markers if the bishop of Christ Episcopal Church bore the expense of placing the stones. Compatriot Del White asked President John Burch if he desired an ad hoc committee to research the feasibility of marking these veterans graves. In agreement Compatriot Al Coleman volunteered to head the committee.

Compatriot Bain proposed our chapter participate before the year ends in "Operation Cheer," a branch of the Department of U.S. Military Affairs, providing assistance in the form of clothing and toys to children of veterans. Compatriot Al Coleman made a motion, seconded by Compatriot Bob Hughes, that the chapter contribute \$300 to this worthy project with \$150 from the treasury matched by \$150 from members. Motions were then carried. Compatriot Ben Mann pledged the first \$50. Compatriots Bain and Coleman will co-chair a committee to implement the "Operations Cheer" project. Compatriot Mann also offered further assistance.

Compatriot White then asked members to ratify the board of managers dual actions of 15 August 2011 in which a decision was made to modify bylaws requiring a reading of minutes to allowing a distribution of written copies, and secondly the decision that the current two-years term of office be modified to allow a one-year commitment. Compatriot Mike Krause made a motion to accept the proposed constitutional changes; the motion was seconded by Compatriot Lucien Rice. The agreement was unanimous.

Compatriot Greg Landon, a two-years member of the Lafayette Chapter, chose as his lecture topic "Washington and the U. S. Constitution." Thirty-seven delegates convened on September 17, 1787 regarding the formation of a U. S. constitution to establish a stronger foundation of government than provided by the Second Continental Congress and the Articles of Confederation.

With no further business conducted, the meeting was adjourned subsequent to a recitation by all of the Recessional and a retirement of the colors by Commander Greg Hodge and President John Burch.

Respectfully submitted
Don D. Adams, Secretary

