

**The Lafayette Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution
Lexington, Ky Minutes of the February 12, 2010 Meeting
Held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, KY**

The Lafayette Chapter of the KYSSAR convened at the Immanuel Baptist Church on February 12, 2010 for the annual awards dinner. Twenty-six members, guests, and contestants were in attendance. Members present were President Jim Strohmeier, Al Coleman, Jim Evans, Andy Alexander, Del White, Mike Krause, Lucien Rice, Steve Skinner, Everett Wayne Bussell, Greg Hodge, John Burch, Roger Bain, and Don Adams. Spouses present were Mrs. Steve Skinner, Mrs. Lucien Rice, and Mrs. Michael Krause. Among the guests were Charles O. Landon and his sons Gregory and John from the Monmouth Chapter, New Jersey Society, SAR. As residents of Lexington, they expressed an interest in membership in our Lafayette Chapter. Oration contestants were Jennifer Sato, Lena Wilson and Rohin Lowe, who were accompanied by family members.

President Strohmeier called the meeting to order. The invocation, given by Chaplain Andy Alexander, followed. The color guard posted the colors. Compatriot Jim Evans led the Pledge to the United States Flag. Compatriot Roger Bain led in the Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution. Following the adoption of the proposed agenda, Don Adams, Secretary, distributed the minutes of the December 12, 2010 meeting held at historic Duncan Tavern in Paris.

President Strohmeier then called for officers reports. Compatriot Steve Skinner, Treasurer, gave the current balances of our checking accounts with National City Bank. The said report was approved, together with a credit card application to pay NSSAR bills for local award certificates and other expenses. John Burch, Chairman of ROTC Awards, and Michael Krause, Chairman of Eagle Scouts Awards, gave brief reports.

President Strohmeier proposed the office of Lafayette Chapter Vice-President be filled by Compatriot Del White, who was duly nominated by Compatriot Al Coleman, and seconded by Compatriot Don Adams. Motions thereto were adopted.

Prior to the dinner, President Strohmeier's announcements included the SAR's planned participation in the Derby Parade, April 28, in Louisville. The state meeting of the KYSSAR will be held March 6 at the Louisville Boat Club. Members were encouraged to consult www.sar.org regarding forthcoming National SAR meetings.

Following a buffet dinner, the business session resumed with Compatriot Don Adams, Chairman of the Joseph Rumbaugh Orations, sharing a brief history and purpose, as well as judging criteria and procedures of the competition. President Strohmeier introduced the three contestants from Henry Clay High School, Lexington: Jennifer Masako Sato, Lena Hamilton Wilson, and Abhyudit Rohin Lowe. First place oration award for "The Hot Head Speaker: Patrick Henry" was presented to Jennifer Sato; second place "Declaration of Independence" went to Lenna Wilson; third place recipient was Rohin Lowe's "Valor". Congratulations were proudly extended to these patriotic students.

An official ceremony conducted by President Jim Strohmeier and sponsoring compatriots welcomed to our chapter the following new members: Andy Alexander, Roger Bain, Everett Wayne Bussell, and Greg Allen Hodge. Each member received a rosette pin in blue and buff, the uniform colors of General George Washington. Del White, designer of our website and editor of our newsletter, was also a new member but was serving as oration judge during the ceremony.

President Strohmeier announced that the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, SAR of Fayetteville, NC has challenged our chapter to match their contribution of a \$50 gift certificate to Wal-Mart to be given to an SAR member and Vietnam War veteran, who is a cancer victim and friend of compatriot John Birch. Compatriot John Birch made a motion, seconded by Compatriot Luther Rice, that our chapter match the \$50 contribution. Motions were duly carried.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the establishment of a Lafayette Sons of the American Revolution Chapter Color Guard. This topic, having been discussed at the December 12, 2009 meeting at Duncan Tavern, was also the focus of a special meeting specifically called for members interested in a Color Guard. Compatriot Del White made a motion to adopt a resolution of establishment of a Chapter Color Guard and to allot necessary expenses for the purchase of a Kentucky Flag, three flagpoles and stands, and four flag carriers. Compatriot Greg Hodge, Color Guard Chairman, seconded the motion. Motions were duly adopted. Compatriot Hodge distributed a four-page booklet, "Color Guard Information", summarized from the Official SAR Handbook.

When no further business ensued, Chaplain Andy Alexander gave the benediction followed by a recitation of the Recessional. The meeting was then adjourned upon motion thereto.

Respectfully submitted, Compatriot Don Adams, Secretary