

**Lafayette Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Meeting  
Tates Creek Public Library**

**The Lafayette Chapter of the KYSSAR convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Tates Creek Public Library, at Lexington, with the following members and guests attending: Don Adams, Andy Alexander, Roger Bain, John & Betsy Burch, Al Coleman, Les Durbin, Jim Evans, Bob Henderson, Ron Kinser, Mike Krause, Tom Petit, Steve Skinner, Dan Stewart, Del White, and President Jim Strohmeier.**

**The President, having called the session to order, asked all to rise for the invocation. Following the posting of the SAR Colors, President Jim led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Sons of the American Revolution Pledge. He then called for adoption of the given agenda, which upon appropriate motions thereto, was duly accepted.**

**The President then asked each member to share a brief discussion of the Revolutionary War service of his patriot. At that time Comp. Al Coleman urged all members to "recruit Revolutionary War descendants as there are thousands who are eligible for membership." The President also shared an interesting resume of his own ancestral patriot.**

**Due to the late arrival of the secretary, the reading of the past minutes was delayed. Treasurer Steve Skinner presented the financial report of the chapter's checking and savings accounts with National City Bank of Lexington. Following a brief discussion regarding a credit card application to pay NSSAR for chapter awards and certificates, motions of approval were made to accept both the financial report and the proposal for a credit card application. The said motions were duly adopted.**

**Regarding National Society SAR news, President Strohmeier proudly announced that John Aroutiounian of Henry Clay High School represented very admirably both our Lafayette Chapter and the Kentucky Society in the national Joseph Rumbaugh Orations held this past July in Atlanta, Georgia. We were reminded that information hereto is available at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org).**

**Regarding the Kentucky Society SAR news, the President announced the next state meeting would convene on October 17, 2009 at the Museum of Science and History in Shelbyville. Further information can be found at [www.kyssar.org](http://www.kyssar.org).**

**Relevant to local Lafayette Chapter issues, President Jim asked the various chairmen of the youth programs to give a brief report. Comp. Mike Krause represented the Eagle Scouts Awards with Comp. John Burch speaking for the ROTC/JRROTC Awards concerning locations and presentations. Don Adams,**

**Chairman of Historical Orations/ Essays, reported that invitations, together with detailed regulations, had been mailed by Sept. 30 to twenty-three area schools. The chapter submission deadline was given as December 1, 2009. He also stated the local, state, and national awards consist of certificates, money, and medals.**

**Regarding announcements of future events, President Jim Strohmeier stated this year our chapter awards meeting and banquet will be held on February 12 at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Tates Creek Road, in Lexington. The Kentucky Society SAR will host the National SAR Congress 2010 in Louisville. The Lafayette Chapter will hold its luncheon meeting at the Duncan Tavern Historic DAR Center, Paris, Kentucky, on December 12, 2009, tentatively 11:00 to 1:30. Members were then asked to select a menu provided by Kat's Katerers of Cynthiana, Kentucky.**

**Regarding new business and the current program, great enthusiasm was displayed by all upon the President's introduction of Del White, an exceptionally skilled and inventive technologist, who has volunteered to create a "Lafayette Chapter SAR website." A lengthy discussion followed regarding the contents and security of such a page. Del stated in addition to the usual chapter objectives and membership requirements, the site would comprise a profile of members to include email & snail addresses, telephones, brief autobiography, and identification of an ancestral patriot. A motion was made by Comp. Mike Krause and seconded by Comp. John Burch to list only email addresses; motions carried. Then Comp. Jim Evans made a motion, seconded by Comp. Krause to have each member contact Del White regarding an individual listing. Motions were adopted.**

**A discussion followed President Jim Strohmeier's suggestion of a chapter color guard. Types of uniforms, availability of funds, and the practicality of such a guard were discussed. Eventually, Comp. Mike Krause made a motion to table the discussion until further information is received from a color guard and catalog; his motion, seconded by Comp. Al Coleman, was adopted.**

**Upon the President's proposal to have the current chapter officers as nominees for the 2010-'11 term offices, the members unanimously agreed thereto. The President voiced a desire to elect a chapter chaplain; whereupon motions were made by Comps. Mike Krause and Les Durbin to elect Comp. Andy Alexander to that office. Motions were duly approved.**

**A highlight of the session was a colorful display of thirty-six rare colonial flags, their history narrated by Comp. John & Elizabeth (Betsy) Burch, assisted by President Strohmeier. A grand applause was extended to them and to Del White, technologist.**

**When no further business ensued, President Jim Strohmeier led in the SAR Recessional. Upon motions thereto, the October 15, 2009 meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Don D. Adams, Secretary**

