



Meeting Minutes for: March 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
 - 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. Officer/Committee Reports
 - a. Vice President for Events and Development –Harold Crawford
Several attended the Francis Marion event on February 27th and Steve Corley said it was a good turnout, had great weather and a wonderful BBQ dinner. Some Lafayette events in SC: March 7-8 in Camden, March 13 at Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner, March 14 in Charleston and March 18 in Beaufort. SCDAR spring conference is March 20-22 in Columbia. Also in March, Woody Carothers and Bill Wilson will present American Heritage badges to Scouts at Merit Badge University. April 3-6 is the SCSSAR annual awards banquet and business meeting, and April 4-5 is the 13th annual Tartan Day South event with Highland games and Celtic festival at the Columbia Speedway in Cayce.
 - b. Vice President for Programs - Gary Blanpied - Our guest speaker in April will be Eric Barnes, the History Man and SCSSAR member.
 - c. Vice President for Technology – James Herritage
Jim reported that a Google forms survey will be sent to all Chapter SAR members asking for input which will aid the Future Focus Group in its mission to develop ideas how our chapter can best move forward based on our

- talents, our numbers, and what we can afford to do. Based on the results of the survey, a report from the Future Focus Group will be shared in the Spring.
- d. Treasurer –Norman Smith
In February, we started with \$5,408.16 in the Godfrey Dreher Chapter SAR account. After paying membership dues, etc., current balance is \$2,281.67.
 - e. Secretary – Carl Epps
Carl reported that the meeting minutes will be sent by email to all Chapter members in advance of the upcoming meeting which will give everyone an opportunity to read them and determine if changes need to be made.
The minutes will also continue to be posted on our Chapter's website.
The Minutes from January's Meeting were unanimously approved.
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 - f. Registrar –Mike Gillis
Mike reported there is currently one application at National for review, with four more that will be there shortly. Mike is currently working on five more.
- 6. Gary Blanpied recognized Air Force Cadet Major Abigail Reaves who was awarded the Outstanding JROTC of the Year Award by the Godfrey Dreher Chapter SCSSAR. She has also won the State competition and is now headed for Nationals. Abigail earned this award in recognition of her outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors. In addition to a certificate, she also received a monetary award. Abigail is an outstanding scholar at Irmo High School in Columbia. Abigail and her parents were in attendance.
 - 7. Woody Carothers introduced Speaker Tom Elmore, SCSSAR Member & Historical Author. His presentation tonight was very informative and focused on South Carolina's Irish Patriots and their connection with the American Revolution.
 - 8. 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

April 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 • 03/10/2025 Meeting

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

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Guests, please print your name.

52 GUEST <i>Rhonda Robison</i>	66 GUEST _____
53 GUEST <i>Paula Coleman</i>	67 GUEST _____
54 GUEST <i>Abigail Reaves</i>	68 GUEST _____
55 GUEST <i>Kathleen Ayers</i>	69 GUEST _____
56 GUEST <i>Christopher Ayers</i>	70 GUEST _____
57 GUEST <i>Barbara Craig</i>	71 GUEST _____
58 GUEST <i>Miriam Lovett</i>	72 GUEST _____
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