

Andrew Jackson Chapter

Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution



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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
in celebration of Founder's Day

4 December 2014

The dinner meeting was held at Jonathan's Grille in Green Hills and 31 people attended. The following members and guests were there:

Coplin & Sandra Curtis	Bobby Harris	Lewis & Carole Mooror
Dick & Ellen Davis	Johnny Harris	Bob & Frances Nash
Ralph DeMarco &	John James	James Newell
Virginia Gollnitz	Maurice Kellogg	Sanford & Beverly Payton
Jeff "Duke" Ellington	Steve & Andrea Koons	John & Audrey Shofner
Dan Eskew	Bill McKee	John Austin Shofner
John & Letty Harris	Cliff McKee	Fred Weyler
Becky Harris	Roy Miles III	

President Maurice Kellogg called the meeting to order at 6:00, and Vice President Coplin Curtis gave the invocation. Steven Koons led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lewis Mooror led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kellogg pointed out that past president Robert "Bob" Nash was present as was past Chapter and State president Roy Miles III. He also introduced past DAR regent Ellen Davis. Kellogg mentioned that our next meeting would be held on February 19, 2015, in celebration of George Washington's birthday. He also said there would be a celebration Saturday, December 6, at Mansker's Station and that he would be manning the fire pit. He said at least 1,000 people were expected, and invited our group to attend. Kellogg announced that Fred Weyler and John Harris will be reconstructing our website (www.ajsar.org), and that John Harris has established a presence for our chapter on both Facebook and Twitter. President Kellogg also pointed out that our chapter has volunteered to sponsor another cemetery project. Fletch Coke has asked our chapter to help on the Washington Slave Cemetery at Wessyngton Plantation and the Compton Cemetery. An email from our esteemed chaplain emeritus, Dr. Rev. John Steen was then read to the attendees. Dr. Rev. Steen explained that he is getting around well enough on a walker, but it prevented him from carrying on his normal duties in our chapter. Therefore, he requested that we elect someone take his place. The full text of his email is appended to the end of these minutes. President Kellogg stated that no one could take his place, but that we would elect a chaplain, and ask Dr. Rev. Steen to keep the office as chaplain emeritus.

Following the announcements, dinner was served. After dinner, President Kellogg introduced our speaker, Bob Nash. Bob explained that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was organized on April 30, 1889 -- the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our nation's first President. We have used the acronym SAR to identify ourselves for over 100 years. The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence. The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9,

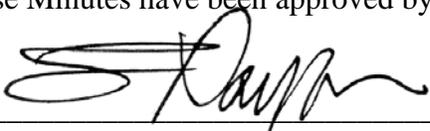
1906. The charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member of the SAR. The charter authorizes the granting of charters to societies of the various states and territories and authorizes the state societies to charter chapters within their borders. By 1910 state societies began to organize and the two states with the most SAR members were Tennessee and Louisiana. There had been many SAR members in Tennessee before the founding of the Tennessee Society, but individual members had not been assigned State numbers. When numbers were assigned, number 0001 was assigned to Joseph Cartwright, a descendant of one of Goodlettsville's earliest settlers, Robert Cartwright. Our own current member, Ralph DeMarco, is a direct descendant of both of those Cartwright men. The national SAR meeting for 1917 was scheduled to meet in Tennessee, but it was postponed due to the outbreak of WWI. After the war, a national convention was held in Nashville, and Bob showed us a photograph of the delegates gathered in front of the Hermitage. That was the first time a national SAR meeting had ever been held in the South. That same year, 1923, the Andrew Jackson Chapter of TNSSAR was founded.

After Mr. Nash's presentation, President Kellogg first awarded Ellen Davis with the Martha Washington medal and certificate for her outstanding, long, and steadfast service rendered to our chapter. Afterwards, he called the current members of the Executive Committee forward and Roy Miles III presented each member with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service. Those receiving awards were President Maurice Kellogg, Vice President Copland Curtis, Secretary Sanford Payton, Treasurer Ralph DeMarco, and Registrar Bob Nash.

Next, Bob Nash reported for the Nominating Committee because the chairman, Frank Jones, was absent due to illness. The Committee recommended Sanford Payton for president, Bill McKee vice president, Dan Eskew secretary, Ralph DeMarco treasurer, Bob Nash registrar, Copland Curtis chaplain, Fred Weyler data manager (webmaster). After the report, President Kellogg called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he repeated the call twice more, but none were made. Therefore, he asked if there was a nomination that the recommended officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was made and seconded. Kellogg then asked for a voice vote with those in favor saying "Aye," and those opposed saying "Nay." There being no "Nay" votes, the slate was elected by acclamation. After the election, the newly elected officers were sworn in by Past President TNSSAR Roy Miles III, who passed the chapter gavel to President Sanford Payton.

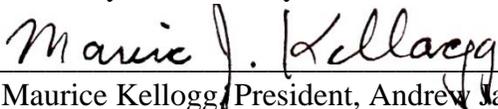
Next, President Payton asked if Compatriot John Harris would lead us in the Recessional. Next, Chaplin Copland Curtis gave the benediction. President Payton then asked for a motion and second for adjournment. Receiving both, he declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes have been approved by the Executive Committee.



(Signed)

Sanford Payton, Secretary, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR



(Signed)

Maurice Kellogg, President, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR

The full text of Dr. Rev. Steen's email:

"I continue to navigate on a walker and I'm unsure about my attendance. So if anyone volunteers as chaplain, elect that person. At the next meeting, tell members I was at Publix on Old Hickory and a young African American came up to me. He said that he recognized me from SAR. I had worked with him on the Oratorical Contest two different years. He won for our chapter and also the State and represented Tennessee in two different national contests. Ron has graduated from Belmont University

and is now manager of the Brentwood Publix. I am glad that our Andrew Jackson Chapter and I could have a part in his development. He is a young man we can be proud of.
Sincerely, John Steen