

Andrew Jackson Chapter

Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution



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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
in celebration of George Washington's Birthday

20 February 2014

The dinner meeting was held at West End Methodist Church and 20 people attended. The following members and guests were there:

David Brown	Audrey & Frank Jones	Beverly & Sanford Payton
William Burns	Maurice Kellogg	Terry Sawyer
Coplin & Sandra Curtis	Robert Lanier	Dorothy Shumate
Ralph DeMarco	Bill Maddox	Paul & Barbara White
Sam Holden	Bob & Frances Nash	Ken Whittaker

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Maurice Kellogg, followed by an invocation by Copland Curtis. His prayer had been written by Thomas Jefferson. Afterwards, the attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States led by Terry Sawyer, and the SAR pledge led by Past-president Frank Jones. President Kellogg called for the introduction of guests and started by introducing David Brown. David is a member of an SAR chapter in Missouri, and he intends to retain that membership but form a dual membership with our chapter. Maurice also introduced Bill Maddox, manager of Historic Mansker's Station in Goodlettsville, TN, Robert "Rob" Lanier, and Martha Stamps. Martha is currently chef at West End Methodist Church. Previously, she operated "Martha's," the restaurant at Belle Meade Mansion. Sanford Payton introduced his guest, Ken Whittaker, president of Lt. Wm. P. Quarles Chapter TNSSAR in Cookeville, TN. Sanford said Ken had been a very helpful volunteer in our chapter's work at Old DeMoss Cemetery restoration and grave marking. Sanford also acknowledged the attendance of Andrew Jackson Chapter member William J. Burns who holds the second earliest Tennessee membership number in our chapter. His TNSSAR number is 943. The earliest number is 796, held by Morris Frank Swartz. There are no other 3-digit numbers in our chapter.

Maurice then reported that Bill Maddox and Rob Lanier had been working closely with him to increase coordination and cooperation between the many historical venues in Middle Tennessee. He announced there would be a Middle Tennessee Historical Commission Heritage event at Mansker's Station Saturday, February 22nd. The event will feature demonstrations of 17th century crafts, arts, woodworking, cooking, and even the playing of bagpipes. The free event will be held at Mansker's Station in Goodlettsville.

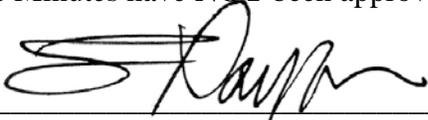
At 6:15, President Kellogg announced that the buffet was open. It consisted of Chicken Pot Pie, small wheat biscuits, a tasty salad of Swiss chard, spinach, apples, and almonds tossed with vinaigrette. Dessert was a chocolate pie topped with whipped cream. Coffee, tea, and water were available.

After dinner, the program was announced. Guests were asked to imagine they were seated in Philadelphia's City Tavern on a warm June 16th where a 43-year-old George Washington had just ended a meeting with Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. We watched as Mr. Washington, reenacted by Rob Lanier, passed the table where his old friend, Dr. William Rumney, reenacted by Maurice Kellogg, was seated. All of the participants were in authentic period dress. The scene was easy to imagine because Dr. Rumney sat at a tavern table near a large stone fireplace, reading a book by candlelight as he sipped a glass of Madeira wine. Mr. Washington sat at the table with his friend and ordered a glass of wine which

was served by Bill Maddox, the tavern keeper, who had been a member of the militia during the French & Indian War. Mr. Washington reported that he had been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army that day by Congress. He expressed his concerns about his fitness for the role, how he could build a well-disciplined army from volunteers, and if an untrained militia could be trusted in battle. Upon leaving, Washington posed that had his mentor, British General Braddock, not been killed during the attack on the French Fort Du Quesne (Pittsburg), Washington might be in Boston, as a British officer. Mr. Rumney's parting words were, "May divine providence be with you." The thoughts expressed by Mr. Washington were based on documented facts, and after the skit ended, the 3 reenactors came forward to answer questions and expand on points raised during the reenactment. It was a very interesting and informative program.

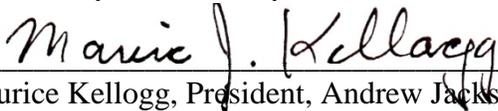
After the program, the benediction was given by Vice President Copland Curtis, and the Recessional was led by Robert "Bob" Nash. President Kellogg asked if there was a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote.

These Minutes have **NOT** been approved by the Executive Committee.



(Signed)

Sanford Payton, Secretary, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR



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Maurice Kellogg, President, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR