

Minutes of the Fourth Quarter Chapter Meeting

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, SCSSAR

8 December 2016

After an hour of conversation and comradery, the fourth quarter Meeting was called to order by President Dinkins at seven pm, at the Dataw Island Club. The meeting began with Compatriot Bill Sammons leading the group with the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the pledge to the South Carolina Flag, and the pledge to SAR. Then, the group sang a respectable, if not entirely harmonious, acapella rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner. Some sixty-one members and guests were present in formal attire, including guests from the Beaufort County Heritage Society, Colonial Dames XVII Century, DAR, CAR, SR, and SCSSR. Several of the more daring SAR members wore the traditional ancestral kilts and accessories of their Scottish ancestors.

President Dinkins then expressed the chapter's appreciation to several members for their service to SCSSAR; those members being current SCSSAR President Wayne Cousar; and past SCSSAR presidents Carol Crowther and Dean Cullison, USN Ret.

After an excellent meal, President Dinkins introduced guest speaker Bill Davies. Mr. Davies presented a biography of one of South Carolina's earliest native born architects, Robert Mills (1781-1855). Mr. Mills designed many of today's most graceful and long-standing buildings and churches in Charleston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. among others. His architecture was intended to enhance the purpose of the structure, such as special features to enhance sound and visibility. He was also an early advocate of fireproof design; an example of which is the "Fireproof Building" in Charleston, which he designed. The club expressed their appreciation to Mr. Davies with a round of applause and an SAR "Certificate of appreciation".

Three new members were then installed and welcomed into the chapter. The new members are Michael Kelley, Rob Pollard, and Christian Tootle.

SCSSAR President Cousar then installed new chapter officers for the upcoming year, those being Frank Gibson as Vice President, and Paul Steele as Secretary.

Chapter President Dinkins then presented Capt. Dean Hewitt, USN Ret, with the Korean War Service Veterans Corps certificate; and compatriot Carroll Crowther presented Color Sgt. Michael Keyserling with a streamer for the chapter flag in recognition of chapter participation in the Battle of Eutaw Springs 235th anniversary service in September.

There being no further new or old business, the meeting was gaveled to a close.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wilson