

Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter

South Carolina Society SAR Beaufort, SC

Winter Quarterly Meeting December 7, 2017

Dataw Island Club, Saint Helena, South Carolina

Fifty eight members and guests arrived for the annual Gov. Paul Hamilton SAR Dinner Meeting. The Social and mixer began at 6:00 pm while members checked in picked up their table name tents and new name tags. The social evolved around Cara and Bill Elder who were present to re-enact the entertainment, "Martha and George Washington".

President Claude Dinkins finishing his second term as Chapter President, welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm. The minutes from September 22nd were distributed to each table. There were no objections therefore they were filed for the record. The invocation and blessing of the meal was led by Chaplain Bill Sammons. Bill asked for a moment of silence for a member, Jim Edwards, who had died suddenly unexpectedly in laser surgery on November 21. A small memorial of candle, chapter directory, name tag and pin had been set up on a table that evening. After the invocation, the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Colour Sergeant Michael Keyserling. Vice President Frank Gibson led the pledge to the South Carolina flag followed by everyone singing the " National Anthem ". Secretary Ivan Bennett led the pledge to the SAR. President Dinkins did an introduction to all of the guests and spouses by walking from table to table asking each member to make their introduction.

A dinner was served buffet style consisting of scallop potatoes, vegetables and prime rib. After desserts were served, President Dinkins asked member Jody Henson to introduce the entertainment for the evening, "Martha and George Washington" . Cara and Bill Elder representing George and Martha began a life like reenactment of their lives governing the nation and returning to their lives at Mount Vernon, Virginia. A well deserved standing ovation and applause greeted them after their question and answer period. President Dinkins awarded them with a certificate. He presented a certificate to Abbey who has served as the sales and catering representative from Dataw Island Club. A certificate was presented to Jody Henson for his ten years of service as Information Officer and Public Relations for the Gov. Paul Hamilton SAR. Jody has recommended Michael Monahan to replace him as Info Officer and PR Chair.

President Dinkins presented five of seven Service awards to those members present. Dr. John Kenney for five years of service, Hazen Culley for ten years of service, Col. Chester Cotter for twenty years of service, Dr. Baxter McLendon for twenty years of service and Capt. Dean Cullison for twenty five years of service. Two members absent were Tom Case for fifteen years of service and Wayne Cousar for ten years of service. Past State and Chapter President Cousar was recovering from knee replacement. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The installation of officers were presided over by our visiting State President, Edd Richburg, from Charleston, South Carolina. Edd asked Frank Gibson (President), Ivan Bennett (Vice President), and Joe Riddle (Secretary) to first share with the membership their ancestor and his role in the Revolutionary War . At the conclusion of that, he swore in the three new officers citing the SAR Chapter Officer procedure of oath. SCSSAR President Richburg confirmed the other officers who remain in their

offices: Bill Sammons as Treasurer Chaplain, Colour Sergeant Mike Keyserling, Historian Tom Burnett, and Registrar Tom Wilson. President Dinkins presented Frank Gibson with his President ribbon and medal followed by the reciprocal presentation to Claude Dinkins with the Past President Pin.

President Dinkins finished the program with a gift of a Larry Roland Book of Revolutionary War and Civil War in Beaufort County and a certificate of appreciation.

The SAR Recessional was led by Vice President Ivan Bennett. The Benediction was led by Chaplain Bill Sammons. The closing Hymn "God Bless America" was led by outgoing President Dinkins.

President Gibson then asked all 2018 officers and committee chairs to meet in the front of the room for a photo opt standing behind George and Martha Washington.

Adjourn at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivan Bennett, 2017 Secretary Gov Paul Hamilton Chapter SAR

2018 Gov Paul Hamilton SAR Quarterly Meetings (Fridays)

March 23

June 22

September 21

December 7