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Meeting Minutes for:           October 13, 2025  
Time:                               6:00 pm - Supper       7:00 pm - Meeting  
Location:                       Lizard's Thicket Restaurant  
                                      4616 Augusta Road, Lexington, SC 29073

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1. Meeting Called to Order/Welcome – President Nelson McLeod
2. Invocation – Compatriot Steve Corley
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 – President Nelson McLeod
5. Officer/Committee Reports
  - a. Vice President for Events and Development – In Harold Crawford's absence, President McLeod reported he attended the Board of Governor's meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> and once again, the Chapter has been invited to attend the NSDAR Christmas Luncheon on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Tom Elmore gave an update on the SC 250 exhibit at the State Fair; the Ken Burns: American Revolution documentary beginning November 16 on PBS; and Midlands Coin Show on November 7-8. Also, the Richland County 250 Commission will be replacing three Revolutionary War markers between now and February 2026.
  - b. Vice President for Programs –Aric Bruggeworth reported the guest speaker in November will be local historian Ken Robison who will speak on German auxiliaries in the American Revolution.
  - c. Vice President for Technology – James Herritage shared (1) the Jobs Survey Results listing the new committees formed to further the goals of the Chapter; (2) a draft of the newsletter, The Godfrey Dreher Dispatch; and, (3) the promotion of a Chapter seal beginning with the sale of Godfrey Dreher coffee cups with monies given to the Granby NSDAR to help with the dedication of a highway marker near Friday's Ferry.

- d. Secretary – Carl Epps reported there were no objections to September’s minutes that were shared by email with members in advance of tonight’s meeting. A vote was taken, and September’s Minutes were unanimously approved. A reminder was given to remember to initial the sign-in sheets.
  - e. Treasurer – Norman Smith reported the Godfrey Dreher Chapter SAR account for the month of September began with a balance of \$2,198.18. After expenditures totaling \$430.60 and deposits from dues totaling \$2,065, the ending balance in the account is \$3,832.58. Dues collected thus far represent 46% of the Chapter’s membership; however, more dues are to be collected.
  - f. Registrar – Mike Gillis reported he is currently working on 4 new applicants.
6. Old Business - None
7. New Business – Gary Blanpied, Sr. VP of the State Society, asked members to mark their calendars for April 17-18, 2026. Their attendance is needed to vote for the Godfrey Dreher Chapter delegate to become President of the State Society, which would be a first for our Chapter. This event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 8910 Farrow Road in Columbia, SC. Tickets will be available sometime in January.
8. President Nelson McLeod introduced Speaker and Compatriot Aric Bruggeworth, a professional genealogist, who shared a useful slide presentation on “Finding Johnny Reb: Repositories and Resources to Use When Researching Your Confederate Ancestors.” In researching Civil War, Revolutionary War and other ancestors who fought in battles, there are a variety of paid resources including Newspapers.com and Fold 3, as well as, many repositories that are free for researchers to use. One trick is to expand the research dates and another is to query living relatives who may be able to provide a wealth of information.
9. SAR Recessional/Adjournment – Cmdr. of Colors Sam Padgett

NOTE:

*Any discrepancies in the information contained herein, please let me know immediately.*

Respectfully submitted by:

Carl L. Epps, Jr., Secretary

November 3, 2025

ADDENDUM ATTACHED IS HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

--Meeting Attendee List

**Members, please initial.** • Godfrey Dreher Chapter • 10/13/2025 Meeting

1	DW Areheart	<u>DWA</u>	27	DG Klaver	_____
2	GA Areheart	<u>GA</u>	28	JB McGill	_____
3	GS Blanpied	<u>GS</u>	29	JN McLeod, III	<u>JN</u>
4	AS Bruggeworth	<u>AB</u>	30	JN McLeod, IV	_____
5	PR Burch	_____	31	WS Morgan	_____
6	RW Cammann	_____	32	FK Morrison, Jr.	_____
7	WW Carothers	<u>WC</u>	33	FK Morrison, Sr.	_____
8	J Coleman	_____	34	RJ Moulton	_____
9	BC Corbett	_____	35	SB Padgett, III	<u>SB</u>
10	SH Corley	<u>SH</u>	36	GA Patterson	_____
11	JH Crawford	_____	37	GB Peterson	_____
12	RT Creekmore	_____	38	SG Powell	<u>SG</u>
13	CL Epps, Jr.	<u>CE</u>	39	SL Preston	_____
14	RB Fong, Jr.	_____	40	WW Richardson, Jr.	_____
15	MS Gillis	<u>MS</u>	41	JR Riddle	_____
16	CF Gladfelter	<u>CG</u>	42	PM Selle	_____
17	DR Grable	_____	43	EG Shuler, III	_____
18	FE Gunter	_____	44	DT Simmons	_____
19	HH Ham, Jr.	_____	45	NM Smith, III	<u>NM</u>
20	HE Harmon	_____	46	WC Smith, III	_____
21	JM Herritage	<u>JM</u>	47	WH Spencer	<u>WH</u>
22	WBD Herritage	_____	48	DR Stroman, Jr.	_____
23	CS Hodges	_____	49	RWM Tarrant	_____
24	GM Hutchinson	_____	50	AB Terry	_____
25	RM Kelly	_____	51	MS Terry	_____
26	BR Kennedy	<u>BR</u>	52	PC Terry	_____

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53	WS Terry	_____	71	GUEST	_____
54	CL Williams	_____	72	GUEST	_____
55	SA Williams	_____	73	GUEST	_____
56	SL Williams	_____	74	GUEST	_____
57	GS Williamson	_____	75	GUEST	_____
58	WA Wilson	_____	76	GUEST	_____
59	WP Witherspoon, Jr.	_____	77	GUEST	_____
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**Guests, please print your name.**

60	GUEST	<u>Leborah Blunpied</u>
61	GUEST	<u>Rhonda Robison</u>
62	GUEST	<u>Marvin Gooft</u>
63	GUEST	<u>Sheryl Gooft</u>
64	GUEST	<u>John Gooft</u>
65	GUEST	<u>Terry Gooft</u>
66	GUEST	<u>CAROLINE SOJOURNER</u>
67	GUEST	<u>Miriam Lovett</u>
68	GUEST	<u>Tom Elmore</u>
69	GUEST	_____
70	GUEST	_____