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Meeting Minutes for: May 12, 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 – Harold Crawford (for President McLeod)
2. Invocation – Chaplain Hugh Ham
3. Pledges – Wayne Areheart (for 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 – Harold Crawford
5. Induction of (1) New Compatriot – Gary Blanpied and Steve Corley presented Ryan M. Kelly with a Godfrey Dreher Chapter membership certificate and a copy of the SAR handbook. His son Sean was also present for the ceremony.
6. Officer/Committee Reports
  - a. Vice President for Events and Development – Harold Crawford  
May 24<sup>th</sup> - Battle of Waxhaws, Buford's Massacre in Lancaster County, SC  
June 6-8 – Battle of Waxhaws Reenactment in Waxhaw, NC  
July 12-18 – 135<sup>th</sup> Annual National SAR Congress in Uncasville, Connecticut  
August 29-30 – Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration in Eutawville, SC
  - b. Vice President for Programs - Gary Blanpied – The guest speaker in September will be David Brinkman who is an archaeologist and computer and software engineer. Due to Gary's new role as Senior VP of the State SAR, a replacement for the VP for Programs for the Chapter will be needed for the upcoming year.
  - c. Vice President for Technology – James Herritage shared the results of the recent Future Focus Group survey. In order to carry out the proposed items from the survey, the Chapter's membership dues will need to be increased.

- With a quorum being present, a motion was made and seconded to increase the Chapter membership dues by \$10 next year, from \$25 to \$35.
- d. Secretary – Carl Epps reported he received no objections to the April meeting minutes he shared by email with members in advance of tonight’s meeting. A vote was taken, and April’s Minutes were unanimously approved.
  - e. Treasurer – Norman Smith reported that in April, the Godfrey Dreher Chapter SAR account started with \$2,202.49. There were \$99.31 in expenditures and \$50 in deposits coming in, so the ending balance is \$2,153.18.
  - f. Registrar – Mike Gillis was unable to attend tonight’s meeting but Harold Crawford reported that Mike is working on a new application.
  - g. Historian – Buck Shuler shared that Volume 2 of The Revolution Trilogy by Rick Atkinson has been released. The book is called, “The Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston, 1777-1780.”
- 7. New Business – Guest Tom Elmore gave an update on upcoming events relating to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, including Carolina Day which commemorates the Battle of Sullivan’s Island.
  - 8. Gary Blanpied introduced Speaker Marvin Gootee who gave a moving, detailed personal accounting of his experiences in the Vietnam War which lasted from 1955-1975. (This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war.) Marvin shared information about his work and life after surviving the war and was presented with a certificate from the Chapter. His wife was also present tonight.
  - 9. SAR Recessional/Adjournment – Harold Crawford

NOTE:

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Carl L. Epps, Jr., Secretary

September 1, 2025

ADDENDUM ATTACHED IS HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

--Meeting Attendee List

**Members, please initial.** • Godfrey Dreher Chapter • 05/12/2025 Meeting

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| 1 DW Areheart    | ✓     | 27 JB McGill         | _____ |
| 2 GA Areheart    | _____ | 28 JN McLeod III     | _____ |
| 3 GS Blanpied    | ✓     | 29 JN McLeod IV      | _____ |
| 4 AS Bruggeworth | MB    | 30 WS Morgan         | _____ |
| 5 PR Burch       | _____ | 31 FK Morrison Sr    | _____ |
| 6 RW Cammann     | _____ | 32 FK Morrison Jr    | _____ |
| 7 WW Carothers   | PD    | 33 SB Padgett        | _____ |
| 8 J Coleman      | _____ | 34 GA Patterson      | _____ |
| 9 S Corley       | _____ | 35 SG Powell         | _____ |
| 10 JH Crawford   | _____ | 36 SL Preston        | _____ |
| 11 RT Creekmore  | _____ | 37 WW Richardson Jr  | _____ |
| 12 CL Epps Jr    | _____ | 38 JR Riddle         | _____ |
| 13 RB Fong       | _____ | 39 EG Shuler III     | ED    |
| 14 JE Garrison   | _____ | 40 DT Simmons        | _____ |
| 15 MS Gillis     | _____ | 41 NM Smith III      | MB    |
| 16 CF Gladfelter | _____ | 42 WC Smith          | _____ |
| 17 DR Grable     | _____ | 43 WH Spencer        | _____ |
| 18 FE Gunter     | _____ | 44 DR Stroman Jr     | _____ |
| 19 HH Ham Jr     | AK    | 45 MS Terry          | _____ |
| 20 HE Harmon     | _____ | 46 CL Williams       | _____ |
| 21 JM Herritage  | _____ | 47 SA Williams       | _____ |
| 22 WBD Herritage | _____ | 48 SL Williams       | _____ |
| 23 CS Hodges     | _____ | 49 GS Williamson     | _____ |
| 24 RM Kelly      | _____ | 50 WA Wilson         | _____ |
| 25 BR Kennedy    | _____ | 51 WP Witherspoon Jr | _____ |
| 26 DG Klaver     | _____ |                      |       |

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**Guests, please print your name.**

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| 52 GUEST <u>Miniam Lovett</u>       | 66 GUEST _____ |
| 53 GUEST <u>CAROLINE SO JOURNER</u> | 67 GUEST _____ |
| 54 GUEST <u>KI Rose</u>             | 68 GUEST _____ |
| 55 GUEST <u>Liv Cocrell</u>         | 69 GUEST _____ |
| 56 GUEST <u>Barbara Crawford</u>    | 70 GUEST _____ |
| 57 GUEST <u>Nancy Herritage</u>     | 71 GUEST _____ |
| 58 GUEST <u>Tom Elmore</u>          | 72 GUEST _____ |
| 59 GUEST <u>Sheryl Gootee</u>       | 73 GUEST _____ |
| 60 GUEST <u>Marvin Gootee</u>       | 74 GUEST _____ |
| 61 GUEST <u>Anderson Carder</u>     | 75 GUEST _____ |
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