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Sons of the American Revolution

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Meets 2nd Monday of every month (except July and August) at
Culpepper Restaurant in St. Charles, MO

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Marquis de Lafayette

Soldier & Statesman, 1757 - 1834

Gilbert du Motier was born on September 6, 1757 in Auvergne, France. His full given name was Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roche Gilbert du Motier. His father died when he was 2 years old. When his mother and grandfather died 11 years later, he inherited a large fortune. Lafayette, who came from a long line of soldiers, studied at the Military Academy in Versailles and became a captain in the French cavalry at age 16.

In 1777, Lafayette purchased a ship, and with a crew of adventurers set sail for America to fight in the revolution against the British. Lafayette joined the ranks as a major general, assigned to the staff of George Washington. He served with distinction, leading American forces to several victories. On a return visit to France in 1779, Lafayette persuaded the French government to send aid to the Americans. After the British surrender at Yorktown, Lafayette returned to Paris. He had become a Hero in the new United States of America.

At home, Lafayette cooperated closely with Ambassadors Benjamin Franklin, and then Thomas Jefferson on behalf of American interests.

After 1782, Lafayette was absorbed with questions of reform in France. He was one of the first to advocate a National Assembly, and worked toward the establishment of a constitutional monarchy during the years leading up to the French Revolution. These efforts cost him much of his support from the French nobility. As commander of the French National Guard, Lafayette was compelled to use force to put down crowd violence. By 1791, he had lost most of his popularity with the people.

In 1792, Lafayette tried unsuccessfully to curb radicalism against the monarchy. The King and Queen would not accept his assistance. The troops he tried to turn on to the Paris Mob would not follow his orders. Lafayette was denounced as a traitor and fled the country. He returned to France in 1800 to find that his personal fortune had been confiscated. In 1815 he was elected to the Chamber of Deputies. As one of its vice presidents, he worked for Napoleon's abdication after the Battle of Waterloo.

Lafayette became a focal point of resistance to the Bourbon kings. In 1830, he became the leader of a Revolution that dethroned the Bourbons. He refused the popular demand that he become president of the new republic, and instead helped make Louis Philippe the constitutional monarch of France. Just before his death in 1834 he began to regret his support of Philippe and supported the move to a pure republic in France.

Next meeting will be on May 13, 2013 and we will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.

Treasurer’s report as of March 2013:

Beginning Balance = \$2,032.48 – Ending Balance = \$2,094.95



Genealogist report as of March 11, 2013:

New Members: Michael Schneider, Adam Schnelting, Marvin Koechig, Adam Bell, J.D. Kirtlink

At National:

8 New Prospects for Membership:

- Pat Jefferson (2 supplements)
- John Wilson (1 supplement)
- Charles Lilly (3 supplements)
- Keith Morris (1 supplement)
- Martin White (1 supplement)
- Steve White (1 supplement)
- J.D. Kirklink (application)
- Marvin Keochig (2 supplements)

At the April 08, 2012 meeting:

Meeting Opens 7:05 pm

Introductions: Ron Hauser, Rich Denning, James Bunch, Evelyn Bunch, Cheryl Giordano.

Veterans report: David Christian informed us of the ROTC awards being presented. During WWII over 4,000 Men & Women Served from Jefferson County.

1. Joan Koechig: Dar chapter invites FDL to work @ Family Arena concessions. Potential \$350-\$800 per event. Discussion tabled till May meeting. Discussed potential chapter meeting place at County Administration Building.
2. Dennis Hahn: Thank you from CAR Chapter Nathan Futrel for \$50.00 donation.
3. Martin White: Music as it came to the Colonies - William Ray professor of Music Lindenwood University.
4. Dennis Hahn: Davinci Machine exhibit @ the Bank of America Plaza.
5. Charles Lilly: Arizona Project still on Hold.
6. Charles Lilly: Introduced the Knight Essay Winner Kimberly Hill who orated her award winning thesis “ For the Sake of Freedom”. Motion to donate \$50.00 to Kimberly for expenses to travel to the MOSSAR Meeting.
7. Bill Grate: Color guard coming events – Webster Groves DAR Convention, Fort San Carlos ceremony, Cold Water Creek.
8. Emma Guenther: Nathan Futrel studies focused on “ Battle of Saratoga” nathanfutrelcar@gmail.com

Old Business: NASSAR 2013 Congress will be in Kansas City July 6-11. Medals Available for Purchase. “Josiah Fog” scores due in on Friday March 15, 2013. Battle of Fort San Carlos possibly to be recognized as a National

Event – criteria needs to be submitted to National. May 4 is Fernando De Leyba’s 17th anniversary as a Chapter.

New Business: MOSSAR quarterly meeting will be held on April 26, 2013 in Jefferson City. CAR State meeting was held March 16, 2013.

Awards:

Mathew Schaefer presented with Service Award.

Ed Grey presented with Missouri Silver Medal for service to FDL chapter.

Meeting Closed at 8:34 P.M.

April 13 Program: Steve Baldwin postponed for time considerations.

May 13 Program: William Ray “Music as it came to the Colonies”.



34 Members and Guest in Attendance:

Ron Hauser, Milan Paddock, Steve White, Valerie White, Ronald Gargus, Heidi Gargus, Jim Borgman, Diane Borgman, Bill Grote, Sylvia Grote, Jim Bunch, Evelyn Bunch, Bob Raines, Verna Raines, Rick Hill, Maria Hill, Kimberly Hill, David Christian, Jeff Sullivan, Charles Lilly, Cheryl Giordano, Stephen Baldwin, Martin White, Mimi White, Charles Jefferson, Mike Zimmer, Nora Zimmer, Richard Denning, Joan Koechig, Steve Stegal, Jack Guenther, Sheila Guenther, Emma Guenther, Paul Smith

Revolutionary War Quotes

“Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country.”

Marquis De Lafayette 1783







Yesterday is History. Tomorrow is Mystery?? Today is a Blessing!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday...

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