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## **President's Call**

Fellow Compatriots:

It has been an honor serving as the Col. Fielding Lewis VASSAR Chapter president for the past year. As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to announce that membership has grown by more than 10%. That is a result of all members spreading the word about our very active chapter and encouraging individuals to become members. Our monthly meetings had some most interesting speakers. Their knowledge and experience provided expert knowledge that enriched us all. The Chapter was well represented at numerous events throughout Virginia. In addition, there are four members serving on various VASSAR committees. As we begin our new year, I urge all members to continue to support our luncheon meetings. Continue to represent the ideals set forth by our compatriot ancestors.

Marv Pixton

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## **Chapter News**

The next luncheon meeting of the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Fredericksburg Country Club. Cost of luncheon is \$22.00 per person. For reservations call Dave Hazel at 800-245-7037 or by email at [poolrep@hazelsales.com](mailto:poolrep@hazelsales.com).

## **Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2010**

After a social period of about 30 minutes, the November meeting of the Chapter was called to order at 12:00 PM at the Fredericksburg Country Club by President Marv Pixton.

Officers present:      President, Marv Pixton  
                                 Vice President & Historian, Wayne Rouse  
                                 Secretary, Dave Hazel

There were 19 attendees including 11 members of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, 3 DAR, and 5 guests.

The Colors were posted by Walt Sheffield and Conway Richardson.

The Invocation was given by Bill Simpson.

The Pledge to the SAR was led by Marv Pixton and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Hazel.

President Marv Pixton began the meeting with welcoming remarks, introduced the meeting's speaker, Claude Dunn, Mr Dunn's wife, Darnell, and Marv's wife, Missy. President Pixton then invited Compatriots to introduce themselves and their wives. Marv then introduced Compatriot Mel Becker, stating that Mel's application had been approved but that the CFL Chapter had not yet received his paperwork.

BJ Simpson invited The CFL Chapter to join The Prince William Resolves Chapter, VADAR to a joint meeting, including a Christmas luncheon and silent auction, to be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Globe & Laurel Restaurant in Stafford.

Will Simpson extended an invitation to attend a Christmas concert by the New Dominion Choraliers at Gar-Field High School on December 5, 2010.

President Pixton adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:10 pm.

President Pixton called the meeting back to order at 12:45 pm.

Secretary Dave Hazel made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Simpson and carried.

President Pixton referred to the treasurer's report as published in the program: checking account balance of \$920.88 as of September, 2010, with income of \$393.00 and expenditures of \$316.42, for an ending balance of \$997.46. Wayne Rouse made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Rolfe Saben. Bill Simpson asked a question about the money market account. Wayne Rouse explained that the Chapter still has a \$1000.00 CD, that the principal rolled over in August, and that the interest was used to supplement the Chapter's donation to the CAAH. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

President Marv Pixton reported that the CFL Chapter was involved in a Flag Certificate presentation at the Marine Corps Museum on Monday, November 8, 2010. He stated that he was there in his capacity as a museum docent, conducting a tour following the presentation, and that Wayne and Wink Rouse, Dave and Laura Hazel, Bill and Patti Turner, and Chris Dort attended. Wayne Rouse commented that the certificate will be displayed at the museum.

### **New Business:**

President Pixton discussed the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, which is scheduled to take place in Fredericksburg next September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Walt Sheffield reported that 40 rooms had been booked at the Downtown Marriott and that arrangements had been made with the Fredericksburg Museum to hold the Friday night Board of Managers Meeting in the Old Council Chambers, where the City of Fredericksburg entertained Lafayette in 1824. Walt also reported that Saturday morning's meeting would take place at the Marriott Hotel and that trolley tours would be available for those not attending the meeting. Walt added that lunch on Saturday would take place at Brock's, pointing out Brock's available space and convenient location.

### **Awards:**

President Marv Pixton referred to an award, which was to be given at the luncheon meeting to The Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Chapter, CAR. Marv explained that the Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Chapter's representative was unable to attend the meeting and that the award would be presented at CFL's January luncheon meeting.

President Pixton asked Wayne Rouse to come forward and present streamers. Wayne discussed VASSAR President Bob Bowen's initiatives, one of which was to get 100% participation with at least a \$500.00 donation to the CAAH from every

chapter in the State Society. In recognition of CFL Chapter's participation in the initiative, Wayne reported that Bob Bowen had presented the CFL chapter with a streamer during the Semi-Annual Meeting in Winchester. Wayne continued by explaining that the CFL Chapter received a second streamer for participating in Bob Bowen's other initiative, a joint plaque marking on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Old Providence Church in Raphine, VA. Wayne presented a third streamer, received when Wayne and Wink represented the CFL Chapter at the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King's Mountain in South Carolina. President Pixton asked Bill Simpson to confirm that the CFL Chapter was quite active in the state for a chapter of its size. Bill Simpson replied in the affirmative.

President Pixton mentioned the importance of getting new members and introduced Mel Becker, whose application had recently been approved by National. Wayne Rouse added that a previous member, one of Jack and Harriett Morris' sons, was in the process of being reinstated.

President Pixton introduced the guest speaker, Claude Dunn. Mr. Dunn gave a presentation on The Constitution, discussing the fundamental principles behind the US Constitution.

Following Claude Dunn's presentation, President Pixton gave Claude a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the CFL Chapter.

### **Raffle:**

The raffle was drawn by Darnell Dunn. The \$21.00 raffle was won by Mel Becker, who donated it back to the Chapter.

### **Nominations:**

President Pixton announced that the January, 2011 meeting would take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> (instead of the usual second Saturday) so that VASSAR President Bob Bowen would be able to attend and install the new CFL Chapter officers. President Pixton then turned the meeting over to Nominations Committee Chairman Walt Sheffield, who explained that the nominations committee was comprised of past Chapter Presidents. Walt presented the following slate of nominations :

- Historian, Wayne Rouse
- Registrar, Skip Nolan
- Chaplain, Bob Bailey
- Treasurer, Chris Dort
- Vice President, Walt Sheffield,
- President, Dave Hazel

During his presentation of nominees, Walt commented that he was still looking for someone to fill the position of Secretary, and asked any interested Compatriot to call him. He stated that Will Simpson had agreed to serve as an assistant secretary. President Pixton asked for a motion to accept the nominations as stated. Rolfe Saben made a motion to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded by Bill Simpson and carried unanimously. President Pixton declared the slate as accepted and congratulated the new officers on their upcoming positions.

### **Adjournment:**

The Colors were retired by Walt Sheffield and Conway Richardson.

The SAR Recessional was led by President Marv Pixton and the Benediction was given by Bill Simpson.

President Marv Pixton adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.