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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September 3, 2008

The Constitution of the United States

“If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work? Let us raise a **standard** to which the wise and honest can repair. The event is in the **hand of God** George Washington made the remarks to the delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

I believe you will agree that a lack of knowledge by the people, of the Articles in the U.S. Constitution is allowing it to be weakened (for political purposes?) I wonder where in the Constitution it allows for government taking of one citizen's private land in order to transfer the ownership to another private group of citizens to increase the tax base for the local governments. The use of language of another country's laws by some Justices in formulating Supreme Court decisions is another issue that seems to be in conflict with our Constitution. Justice Hugo Black cited a sentence from a letter written to a church by Thomas Jefferson in order to write an opinion that many condemn because of how it is used by some today.

George Washington: “A primary object...should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? and what duty more pressing...than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?”

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America...

Ever wonder how many citizens of this country can clearly and quickly name the Three Branches of Government and their area of Constitutional Authority. Ask anyone on the streets in a major city.

Article. I. Section. 1 All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives. ...

Article. II. Section. 1. The Executive Power shall be invested in a President of the United States of America...

Article. III. Section. 1 The Judicial Power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish...

I encourage all to read the remaining sections of the above sections of our Constitution and in fact all of the Constitution and 1st thirteen Amendments to refresh your knowledge in the rights afforded under it and compare it to those new rights suggested by some in Congress and elsewhere today. See how far the Courts strayed from the intent of the Declaration of Independence and indeed the Congress? Should the President and Congress challenge rulings of the Court if it truly conflicts with the wording of the Constitution? It has happened before. Do you know when and by whom? Do you know the outcome of the President's challenge?

The Declaration of Independence in Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, as to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them in the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...And for the support of this Declaration, with firm reliance of divine Providence... We celebrate this month, the ratification of our Constitution. *Phillip H. Tarpley*

WORDS of WISDOM

George Washington (1790) *“The Constitution of the United States, and the laws made under it, must mark the line of my official conduct.” (Ibid., 31:9)*

George Washington (1796): *“Towards the preservation of your government...it is requisite...that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts. One method of assault may be to effect, in the forms of the Constitution, alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus to undermine what cannot be directly overthrown.” (Ibid., 35:225)*

“The happy Union of these States is a wonder; their Constitution a miracle; their example the hope of Liberty throughout the world” James Madison (1751-1836 President 1809-19817)

ALWAYS REMEMBER

“Nothing is more certain than a nation divided, will not survive and those who seek to divide us can only succeed if society becomes morally bankrupt and fails to educate each generation of our history to gain personal freedom in the world.



THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

August 30, 2008

The last monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR was Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota. FL President Phillip H. Tarpley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The following 13 Compatriot members of the Board were present: Barrett, Bradley, Crapo, Dunn, Huff, Tarpley, Riegle, McMurry, Grant, McMaster, Lancaster, Douglas and Williams. Secretary Dunn certified that a quorum was present. Chaplain Bradley gave the Invocation. President Tarpley also received approval for those he appointed as members to the Nominating Committee. The By-Laws requires it by May BOG meeting.

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM September 17, 2008 at our normal meeting location. The report of the Nominating Committee is due for this meeting. The chapter having been in summer vacation agenda-wise did not mean all were relaxing. The President and other Chapter members holding State Officers or Committee membership attended the FLSSAR Summer Board of Management included Frank Hodalski, Hal Miller, J. David Sympson and Harold Crapo. President Tarpley noted our chapter received an award from the NSSAR National 225th Anniversary Committee at the 119th Annual Congress. Also Hal Miller and Frank Hodalski each received awards from NSSAR for their Society work.

The work of our chapter Officers continued over the summer as Treasurer Victor McMurry completed the assigned work of putting our chapter files on a master spreadsheet, working with the FLSSAR Secretary to verify member's information where some information conflicted between Saramana state and national. The Treasurer has completed reviewing the membership files, printed the membership Identification Cards and dues notices sent out on September 1, 2008. The President and your other Officers request payment of dues as soon as possible. We hope to have all membership dues paid by the middle of October as we receive a rebate from FLSSAR if dues are sent in to the FLSSAR Secretary on time.

The BOG approved the request by President Tarpley to establish the Chapter Web Site for members. The motion for approval was unanimous. The Saramana Chapter Web site is now up and on line. The design created by the President was then used to create the Web Site by Tracy Crocker, a friend of our chapter (nearly a 50% discount given). The addition of sections and pages is under way as President Tarpley puts together the information. He has completed the Members page, titled "Saramana Members and their Patriot Ancestors" preparing to add soon. The chapter domain name was secured, protected and paid in full for 10 years at a good discount. The annual hosting fee is \$49.00. The Web Site may be viewed by going to; www.saramanasar.com Please add it as a favorite or short cut to your desk top for easy access. Keep in mind it is a work in process.

President Tarpley has advised the September 27, luncheon meeting is hosted by the DAR as the Constitution Day Luncheon (see location, reservations and menu selection in the members section).

President Tarpley has been working on a project to have our members in uniform visit classrooms of elementary schools. At this point they seem to be most receptive to our history lesson visits. Should you be interested in being involved in some capacity please let us know.

Members willing to serve your chapter in any capacity, please contact Nominating Committee Chairman Jack B. Ashcraft or members Harold Crapo, Eugene Bradley, Jim Huff or Bill Millman.

James "Chris" Dunn, Secretary

Treasurer's Report: Secretary Chris Dunn and I request members please return the questionnaire form inserted with the membership renewal card. Having correct information makes our job much easier in providing information to our members in a timely manner. The reimbursements from the FLSSAR Endowment Fund were sent to the State Chairman on time and are under consideration for approval. The report on my office activity will be presented to the next BOG subject to audit. I also ask for timely payment of member dues. *Victor McMurry, Treasurer*

Registrar's Report: Registrar William Millman, reported several new members are approved pending induction in the chapter this fall. Several member supplemental applications are in process.



We look forward to many more scenes such as Sgt at Arms Chuck Barrett above presenting new Member Everett Blount to the membership and President Tarpley for induction. Do your part to find more members, they are out there.

Members Bulletin Board & Special Events

September 17, 2008 2: 00 PM BOG meeting
DAR Constitutional Day Luncheon
September 27, 2008 noon Bradenton Country Club
You are invited
Information provided by copying DAR e-mail

Cost: \$22.00 All entrees include a salad, starch and vegetable. Coffee, Iced Tea and Dessert

Menu Choices: (1) Harvest chicken, with finely chopped pecans and honey glaze.
(2) Salmon with dill hollandaise sauce
(3) Vegetable plate

Speaker: Rev. Mark Jernigan, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Bradenton, Florida

Reservations: Send check to Margaret Smelser, 9818 Cape Haze Circle, Parrish, FL. 34219-9456

You may also call 941-776-8103 and pay at door

They advise, no show you still owe

October 10, 2008 is our next monthly luncheon meeting

This is the meeting we hear the Nominating Committee's report.

October 31-November 1, 2008 FLSSAR BOM

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: July - September to: Compatriots: Colin G. Crapo, Aidan S. Mahaffey, Wendell F. Kent, James P. Stewart, Robert B. Strayer, Sr., Harold W. Whitcomb, Alvin A. Abbott, Richard P. Brainard, James G. Barrett, Wm. E. Battles III, Stanley O. Bennett, Charles A. Churchill, Burton R. Corbus, Jr., Duane F. Cornell, Robert M. DeMarr, Joel S. Dixon, Wm. V. Entwistle, Billie C. Franklin, Sr., Robin L. Franklin, Jerry N. Hess, Lester K. Hunt, Phillip J. LaFleur, Basil L. Lancaster, Richard A.A. Martin, Malcolm L. Miller, Gerald E. Munn, George N. Pearce, Jeffrey A. Pearce, Evan C. Riegle, J. David Sympton, Eric H. Wachsman, John A. Williams, Jr., Henry C. Wood

SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANIEL GREENE COLOR GUARD

The Color Guard presented the Colors at the DAR/SAR Flag Day luncheon June 14.

Color Guard members Crapo, Barrett, Bradley, Cushing and Riegle marched in the massing of Colors at the semi pro baseball game in July. All above members including Tarpley marched and presented Colors in the last Memorial Day Parade in Sarasota

Color Guard members Harold Crapo and President Tarpley attended the August FLSSAR BOM and marched in the FLSSAR Liberty Brigade Color Guard for the Presentation of Colors at the evening banquet.



Eugene L. Bradley, Commander