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Board of Management Highlights

The Winter BOM was held in Lakeland on January 16-17. Members from our chapter in attendance were Compatriot Ed Sullivan and his wife and Oscar Kraehenbuehl.

These meetings provide an opportunity for the FLSSAR Executive Committee, individual committees and the Ladies Auxiliary to conduct business and for all compatriots to hear about the society's activities and events from around the state. Of course, socializing in the hospitality room also is a significant reward for the gathering. Photos taken at the event can be viewed on the Internet at: . Below are a few of the things presented and discussed.

+ The Joseph Rumbaugh Oration contest was held with contestants from four chapters. Unfortunately, Compatriot Sullivan and I were unable to hear the presentations, but reportedly were excellent as usual. A \$1000 check and medallion were presented to the winner at the banquet that evening and other received smaller awards. The Ladies Aux. provided additional rewards. – At the subsequent membership meeting, the Oration Chairman expressed discouragement over the small participation by the 31 state chapters. Our chapter has been one of those in recent years due to the inability create interest in any local school, except one. – Any suggestions / help for the future ?

+ The 2003 year end membership report for the state noted a total 1511 members. 131 new members were accepted during the year, 37 died and 230 members resigned or were dropped for non-payment of dues.

+ “The Florida Patriot” is posted on the Internet prior to it being mailed to all members. More photos and some additional commentary often are available on the web version. Any compatriot who is satisfied with that rendition and willing to forego receiving the hardcopy version, should notify the FLSSAR Secretary Kevin Yarnell to remove his name from the mailing list (kayarnell@hotmail.com). This will save the society \$1.25 per issue.

+ The Education Committee is pursuing ambitious objectives get SAR member participation in school Textbook Selection Panels and for everyone to urge our legislatures to pass bills that have been submitted to require all students to complete relevant course work in American History, civics and economics. More information about these bills and a sample letter to the Legislature will be sent to all chapters. Finally, copies of an American Heritage CD are being obtained which contain classroom info to help supplement history teacher programs that teach American History.

*NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 12th
TOWER CLUB !!!*

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11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH
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+ The NSSAR Chairman of the Americanism Committee, Douglas Stansberry (GA), was present to review the programs and opportunities that are available. This committee is responsible for organizing and directing the National Society's efforts to promote the principles of freedom and liberty and includes dissemination of programs and resolutions relating to the Declaration, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Details and program tool kits available to implement the following programs can be obtained at: . Titles include: The Bill of Rights, Meet a Continental Soldier, Flag Etiquette, Find Your State - Match Your Star, The Freedom Collection, Historical Poetry Festival, Patriot and Defender Program, Elementary School Poster Contest, 8th Grade Essay Contest and SAR Video American History Programs. – There is a great wealth of activities here that it is hoped some of our members will be interested and willing to offer to their neighborhood schools.

+ The Nomination Committee's slate of FLSSAR officers for 2004-5 was presented. The list was headed by Harold Miller for President and Harry Hollien for Sr. VP. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the Spring/Annual meeting.

+ NSSAR Secretary General Henry McCarl Ph.D., was present and spoke. He has been proposed for the office of President General 2004 – 5. If elected, he promises to be a good listener to all input and insure that the desires of the majority are supported and not those of special interest groups. It was voted unanimously that his candidacy be endorsed by the FLSSAR.

+ The majority of the attendees decided that next year's BOM meetings should be held in Lakeland at this Holiday Inn, with the exception of the annual meeting which is traditionally hosted by his home chapter.

Our Guest Speaker for February

Compatriot Richard Jones will enlighten us with his personal biography and a presentation on how the Sun-Sentinel newspaper is produced. He is its Production Editor.

Our Guest Speaker for March

The guest speaker for the March 11th chapter meeting will be Stuart McIver. He has written 14 nonfiction books and some 500 magazine stories, most of them historical and set in Florida or the South. He will tell a little about his latest book, "Death In the Everglades" and others but mostly his talk will concern "Florida's Strange Role in the American Revolution". --- Plan now to hear this exceptional program.

The Correct King of England ?

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A recently-published book from Random House says that Britain's Queen Victoria may have been illegitimate, possibly undermining the whole Royal Family's legitimacy. If true, hundreds of genealogy books, royal lineages, and various Web sites would need to be re-written.

In his book "The Victorians," biographer A.N. Wilson alleges that Victoria's mother, Princess Victoire of Leiningen, had a lengthy affair with her Irish-born secretary, Sir John Conroy, and that he, rather than Prince Edward, the Duke of Kent, was Victoria's real father.

Wilson based his argument partly on medical data. Records show that the illness porphyria-- a hereditary disorder of body metabolism -- once ran in the Royal Family, but there is no evidence that Victoria carried it or passed it to her descendants. Wilson also writes that Victoria was a carrier for the disease hemophilia, although medical records tracing her mother's ancestors for 17 generations show no evidence of the disease, suggesting Victoria inherited it .

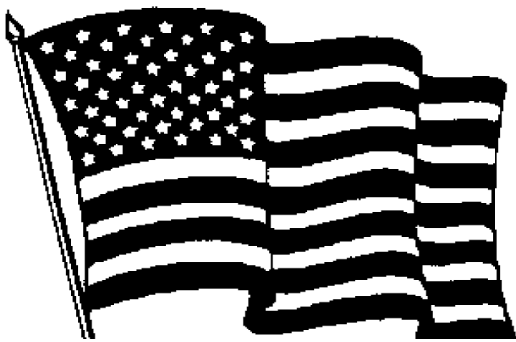
If true, this would indicate that Queen Victoria was not the legitimate heir to the crown, nor were any of the kings and queens of England since then. In this case, the rightful claimants to the British throne would be the descendants of Edward's brother, George Duke of Clarence.

In short, the present Queen Elizabeth is not the rightful queen, according to A.N. Wilson.

Now a British film company has located a man whom some historians believe is the rightful heir to the king of England. Tracing the descendants of George Duke of Clarence, the film company located this British man, who has lived in Australia for 38 years.

Michael Hastings, a forklift driver living in a country town in New South Wales, is the direct descendant of that Duke. Hastings has always known that he is the 14th Scottish Earl of Loudoun. He grew up in Scotland with that title. After falling in love with a local girl years ago, Hastings opted to lose the pomp and pageantry in favor of the quiet life of a forklift driver in Jerilderie, Australia. While he still has the title Earl of Loudoun, he simply ignores the fact.

Hastings says he's not interested in serving as the King of England. He told reporters, "I'm not going to write a letter to the Queen and say 'You've got three weeks to get out and you owe me 500 years' rent'."



ENJOY!

Bush cost me my job, my kids and my houses

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak my mind. I lost my job this past year. When Clinton was president I was secure and prosperous, but in the last year, we had to close our operations. We simply could not compete with foreign labor. This foreign labor worked for low pay under very bad conditions.

They worked very long shifts, and many even died on the job.

This competition could hardly be called "fair." I was forced out of the place where I had worked for 34 years.

Not a single government program was there to help me.

How can Bush call himself "compassionate?" Far worse, I lost two of my sons in Bush's evil war in Iraq. They gave their lives for their country, and for what? So that Bush's oil buddies can get rich. My pain of losing my sons is indescribable.

While it is trivial next to the loss of my sons, I regret to say that I also lost my home. I simply have nothing left. How can Bush call himself a Christian when he neglects people like me? I am a senior citizen with various medical problems. I'm not in a position where I can begin a new career. I was reduced to the point where I had to live in a hole in a ground, all because of President Bush.

And when the authorities found me there, did they have any compassion for my misfortune and ailments? No, I was arrested. Mr. Bush, I dare you to look me in the face and tell me you are a compassionate man! I dare you to look me in the face and tell me you are a Christian. If I had any money left, I would donate it to the Democrat Party.

If Al Gore had been elected in 2000 I would still have a job, a home, and most importantly, my dear sons!

Regards,

Saddam Hussein

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