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TALES OF THE CONFEDERATE CABINET

BY RICK AIKEN, 1ST VP AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

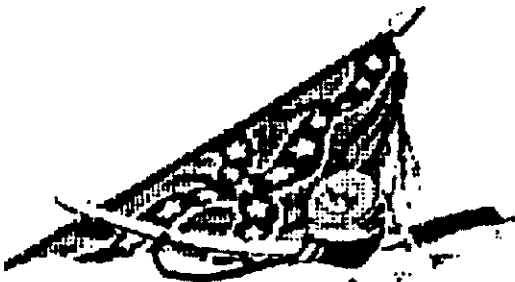
Whatever happened to the Confederate Cabinet?

When Richmond fell, Jefferson Davis and his cabinet fled to Danville, Virginia hoping to manage the Civil War from there. But a short time later Robert E. Lee was forced to surrender the Confederate armies, thus bringing to a close the War Between the States.

The Northern press had been referring to the Southern leaders as traitors to the United States. Branded as such, Jefferson Davis and his confederates fled south from Virginia fearing for their lives.

They believed the only option they had was to leave the country. By the time they reached Georgia they were faced with

the dilemma of either heading west through Texas and down into Mexico or proceeding south into the wilderness State of



Florida and then into the Bahamas.

They chose the Florida route. But their hesitation in Georgia resulted in the capture of at least one and the scattering of the others.

At the November 9th luncheon, Rodney Dillon, Coordinator of the Broward County Historical Commission, will describe to us the exciting escape of these remaining members of the

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1996

On November 9th, you will have your choice: 1. Be nominated, and, possibly be elected, or 2. Vote for one of the fine candidates nominated by the nominating committee at our October luncheon (2nd VP is still open), and, hopefully, work to support the electees in every way possible, or 3., Fail to attend/vote and then sit back and complain why the Fort Lauderdale Chapter isn't doing more, or what is being done, is being done wrong.

The hard working few earnestly seek and request your assistance. We have unfilled committee chairman posts and help is needed in every facet of the Chapter's work.

Confederate Cabinet. Come hear and learn what happened. did they make it to Broward County ... perhaps to freedom?

All of this is on our agenda Thursday, next week.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE TWO THINGS --- THIS IS OUR LAST LUNCHEON FOR THE YEAR AND IT IS IN A NEW (OLD) PLACE. SEE NOTICE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

REMINDER:

WE MUST GUARANTEE OUR RESERVATIONS 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

You could be billed for the cost of the lunch if you reserve and fail to attend. If you don't reserve, you can attend -- come anyway -- we can't promise that you can be fed, but no one has gone away hungry yet!

**NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 9
TOWER CLUB !!!**

\$15.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP

11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH

28TH FLOOR NATIONS BANK

1 FINANCIAL TOWER

SE 3RD AVE. & BROWARD

BLVD

FORT LAUDERDALE

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

BOB DOOLEY 564-6296

MINUTES OF OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

October 13, 1995 Riverside Hotel

The meeting was called to order at noon by the President Robert Dooley and the invocation given by Chaplain Fred Topper. 18 members and guests were present. Guests included: FLSSAR SE Regional VP Jim Blackburn, F. D. Flannery and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Helen Czuprynski, and prospective members George Dennis and Michael Kiriakon.

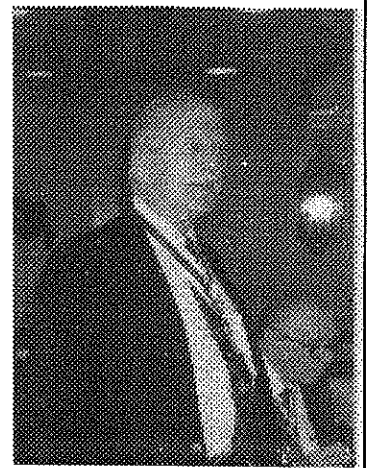
President Dooley reported that luncheon arrangements had become uncertain at the Riverside Hotel. VP Aiken had determined that the Tower Club could take us back for the November 9th meeting, at \$15 per person, if that was the desire of the membership. Joseph Motes moved that we meet at the Tower Club in November. Seconded by Harry Young and passed unanimously.

Richard Jones has agreed to chair the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest in our chapter again next year. He reported that invitations to participate will be sent to all Broward County high schools in the very near future.

Bill Casson has agreed to chair the Eagle Scout award program again for 1996 and will be soliciting participation by all new Eagle scouts in the area.

Richard Aiken accepted chairmanship of an SAR program whose goal is to help preserve traditional U.S. history in the schools. More information will be forthcoming, but this is a continuing effort to oppose and counteract the controversial

Our good friend and Regional Vice-President of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Jim Blackburn presents his greetings from the State Society at our October Luncheon. He gave us news from the State as well as inviting all to the Board of Management meeting which was held at Port St. Lucie October 27th and 28th.



recommendations proposed last year by the National Center for History in the Schools, entitled "National Standards for United States History". The unbelievable content of this report has been discussed at several previous chapter meetings.

Oscar Kraehenbuehl reported on plans for our chapter to participate at "Pioneer Days" on November 4th and 5th. Volunteers were obtained to man our booth. All compatriots and their families were invited to attend the affair.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Oscar Kraehenbuehl, chairman, Edward Frisinger and Stuart Browne, presented the following slate of candidates for 1996 Chapter Officers. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the election at the November meeting.

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| President, Richard Aiken | 1st VP, Joseph Motes |
| Reg. & Gene., Allen Moore | Chaplain, Fred Topper |
| Treasurer, Kenneth Loomis | Secretary, Oscar Kraehenbuehl |
| Chancellor, Roger Shaffer | Sgt. @ Anns, Jim Organ |

President Bob Dooley described the plans for an outstanding Installation Banquet on December 8th at "Tropical Acres". Details and a reservation form were included in the October newsletter. Return this form or call him as soon as feasible, but no later than December 1st.

The meeting speaker, Dr. Dennis Antoine, gave a very enthusiastic and informative talk on the reasons and importance of specific living habits and the need for everyone to get a chiropractic evaluation to determine what, if any, spinal problems are present.

Respectfully submitted, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Secretary

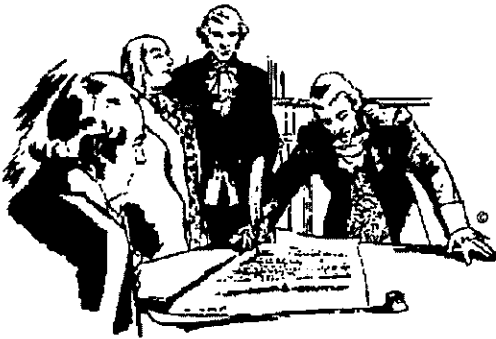
Dr. Dennis Antoine demonstrates and emphasizes an important concept in his October luncheon presentation -- "Five Ways to Live a Longer and Happier Life". He punctuated his points with charts and graphs to everyone's rapt attention. Special emphasis was made on those factors affecting the mature population.



RICHARD JONES CHAIRS 1996 ESSAY CONTEST

Richard Jones has agreed to chair our Chapter's first time participation in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. This is a contest for Senior High students writing a 500 word essay on "The Importance of George Washington' in United States History".

A number of enquiries have already been received and Rich is hard at work sending the contest materials to them and to the schools in our area. This is a very large project for our Chapter because we have such a huge Senior High population within our Chapter area -- probably second only to the Miami Chapter.



NOTE: CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE BACK TO TOWER CLUB IN NOVEMBER

NOTE: THIS IS LAST REGULAR MEETING FOR 1995. IN DECEMBER, JOIN US FOR THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AND INSTALLATION BANQUET!! FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW.

INSTALLATION BANQUET RESERVATION

30th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 1996
COME JOIN US AT TROPICAL ACRES ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1995.
COCKTAILS AND HOR D'OEUVRES AT 6:30 AND DINNER AT 7:30 -- BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

RESERVATION for Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR Installation Banquet Friday, December 8, 1995

NAME: _____ Highest SAR Office _____

Choice of Entree: Roast Prime Rib/Baked Idaho Potato _____
Chicken Cordon Bleu/Stuffed Baked Potato _____
Baked Boston Scrod on a Bed of Rice _____
Total entrees _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Check Enclosed: _____ (Please make payable to Ft. Lauderdale Chapter SAR)

Mail this 1/2 page to: Robert E. Dooley, P.O. Box 11955, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33339. Must be received no later than December 1, 1995 as all reservations must be guaranteed with Tropical Acres OR, if you must, phone reservation by December 1, 1995 to: (305) 564-6296

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASTERMINDS A KIDNAPPING

FROM "SIDELIGHTS ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION", BY WEBB
GARRISON, ABINGDON PRESS, NEW YORK

In public, George Washington showed few signs of emotion when he learned that his fellow officer Benedict Arnold had deserted to the British. Privately, he was furious. Arnold's treason must not - could not - go unpunished, he said.

Intelligence reports made it clear that the traitor had reached New York. Far beyond the reach of patriot troops, he was engaged in raising a corps of men to be led by himself to fight against his former comrade in arms.

In this situation, Washington masterminded what was perhaps the most bizarre plot of the entire Revolution. Since he couldn't seize Arnold by force of arms, he would arrange to kidnap the traitor and have him spirited to American lines for arrest, conviction, and execution. At least, that is what Washington hoped and expected.

The commander-in-chief enlisted the aid of Major Henry Lee, an old hand at espionage. Lee listened, agreed that it would indeed be possible to kidnap Benedict Arnold inside British lines

and bring him to justice. For the job he recommended twenty-four-year-old Sergeant John Champe of Loudoun County, Virginia.

On the night of October 20, 1780, Champe pretended to desert his unit. Actually acting under orders from Washington, he got across the Hudson River and reached a British gunboat - still wearing his Light Horse uniform. He offered to join the British cause and got passage to New York, where he managed to enlist in Benedict Arnold's corps. By December 11, the plan to kidnap Arnold was complete; with the aid of another undercover agent Champe would seize him and rush him to waiting patriots in New Jersey.

Fate then took a hand. Just twenty-four hours before Washington's kidnapping plot was to have been executed Arnold ordered his men - including John Champe -- to embark on transports for a voyage to Virginia, thereby foiling the plot.



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