



Lucas Pinckney Chapter, NSDAR  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter was called to order by Regent Jill Templeton, at 2:00 pm, on November 10, 2019, at the Old Exchange Building, in Charleston, SC.

Regent Templeton called the meeting to order after Beth Lee, Membership Chair, stated that there was a quorum present.

Chaplain Brenda Burch gave the invocation and Henrietta White led Opening Exercises.

Regent Templeton welcomed everyone and introduced State Officers that were present: Libby Bilham, SCDAR State Regent; Pat Sayko, SCDAR State Corresponding Secretary; and Brenda Larsen, SCDAR State Organizing Secretary, State Regent Bilham then thanked our veterans and the Chapter for our involvement and participation in the Mary Whyte *We the People* project.

Registrar, Ivy Blake introduced Prospective Members and Guests:

Prospective Members: Karie Ann Crowther, Jan Snook, Tiffany Baker

Guests: Henry Coleman (with Cheri), Matthew Breen, Elizabeth (Lis) Eaton-Adams, Gary Shaffer.

Deedie Harrington, DAR Scholarship Committee, wants all veterans in Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter to have a special jewel sticker on their name tags to recognize their service.

First Vice Regent, Tracy Kral introduced our guest speaker, Bill Fitzpatrick of Preservation South Carolina. His presentation included many photographs from his book *South Carolina Sacred Spaces* which features pictures starting in 2010, covering the back roads of South Carolina, of many long-forgotten yet historically significant homes and churches, especially.

The Program concluded and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent, Tracy Kral thanked Mr. Fitzpatrick and presented him with an honorarium.

Regent Templeton then commenced with the business portion of the meeting and invited our guests to remain if they would like and directed members to please visit the President Generals message at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

National Defense Report was given by Beth Lee. It was from National Defender NSDAR for November-December 2019, entitled *Saving Warriors and Rescuing Dogs*. The article explained that the most prestigious honor awarded by the DAR to a non-member is the DAR Medal of Honor. The Maria Jefferson Chapter of St. Augustine, Florida nominated Shari Duval, founder of K9s For Warriors, for this special honor. It was approved at the state and national level and the chapter honored her at their March 2019 meeting. An even greater honor was given to Shari at the 128<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress when she received the National Medal of Honor from President General Ann Dillon. K9s For Veterans is dedicated to providing service dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI as well as Military Sexual Trauma. It is the largest provider of service dogs for disabled veterans in America. She raised all the funds to begin this program and receives no government funding – only donations and corporate sponsorship. The canines come from rescue shelters or are owner-surrendered. K9s For Warriors rescue two lives: the dog who then rescues the warrior. This program has rescued 1,000 canines and countless military veterans whose lives are better because of their canine companion.

Indian Minute: American Indians Chair, Paula Hart presented information on the designation of November as *National Native American Heritage Month*, which was a joint resolution approved by President George H.W. Bush in 1990. It recognizes the many sacrifices, contributions and achievements of Native American people as well as their vibrant cultures. The NSDAR designated November 23 as Native American Heritage Day and suggested a few ways to honor this day: Visit a museum or reservation (Catawba Cultural Center in Rock Hill, SC); Watch one of the documentaries on Native Americans featured on SCETV (check their website, too); Read books by Native American authors (Tommy Orange, Louise Erdrich, Stephen Graham Jones, etc.); Support native-owned businesses and charities (check out DAR-supported school Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma).

Conservation Minute: New Conservation Committee Chair, Connie Brailsford, a Master Gardener, introduced herself and shared information on the the NSDAR Conservation Committee Chapter Challenge this year: “From Sea to Shining Sea”. Brailsford also suggested carrying one’s own reusable straw in lieu of a disposable one, shared that

there is a bacteria that eats plastic and that in Europe, recycled plastic bottles are being used to pave roads.

Approval of Minutes by Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary: Regent Templeton asked if there are corrections to the Minutes of the October 13th Meeting that were sent electronically for Chapter approval. Hearing none, the Minutes are approved as filed.

Reports from Officers:

Brandi Rutledge, Treasurer: The report was sent electronically and also posted to the ELP members-only website. Brandi reminded the members of the Membership Renewal/Dues date (only 10 members left to pay) and that Membership Cards were at her table. She called for any further questions. Hearing none, the Treasurer Report will be filed.

Reports of Chapter Service Committees:

Andrea Ulmer, Historic Preservation Chair: Pinckney Home Marker Update: Andrea reported that the design for the Pinckney Home Marker has been approved and we are now awaiting the decision on exactly where to place the marker.

Communities in Classrooms: Nancy Platt, Chairman, introduced a colleague (Katie Donahoe from Wando High School) who is teaching an agriculture class at C of C (Growing Sustainable Food Systems) for Veterans at no charge. This program empowers and educates a veteran through agro-business ventures which offers life sustaining support but promotes therapy as they work the soil in order to grow and cultivate the land for harvest. The class also helps veterans learn to run a business. Katie purchased Causey Farm off Highway 41 in Mt. Pleasant for this endeavor.

Service to Veterans/Project Patriot/Womens Issues Committees: Trish Francis reported that they assisted Nancy Platt along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at the wreath laying ceremony earlier this week.

Pass the Purse: No report.

Service to America: Nancy Davidonis – Nancy reminded all chapter members to post their service hours.

Reports of Chapter Genealogy Committees: Please refer to the report by Chapter Registrar Ivy Blake in the Chapter Newsletter.

## Reports of Chapter Administrative Committees:

Junior Committee: Katie Williams – Katie announced that the Executive Board had selected Ashton Hooker, SCISA Master Teacher (and an active member of our Junior Committee) as our 2019 Chapter Outstanding Junior. Regent Templeton presented Ashton with her Certificate.

## Unfinished Business:

Lane Becken (Co-Chair DAR School – Tamassee)- Lane reported that she still had some of the State Regent pins for sale. Since State Regent Libby Bilham was there, she was asked to explain the design of her pin (it was a design her grandmother sewed into all the quilts she made – 3 overlapping hearts which tie into our DAR theme of God, Country, Family) and how the sales of the pin are used to support projects, such as Tamassee (repairs, etc.).

## New Business

Regent Jill Templeton: In Honor of Martha Erwin: Martha Erwin, a founding member of our Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter (see information sent by Jill in previous email) passed away since our last meeting. She was remembered today in a candle and roses ceremony with a prayer from Chaplain Brenda Burch, and candle lighting assisted by Beth Lee and Claudia Farmer.

## Announcements:

Regent Templeton reminded everyone that, as mentioned in the Newsletter, we will be walking over to the City Gallery immediately following the meeting to view together the Mary Whyte project of veteran portraits *We The People*. The Gallery is located behind this building at 34 Prioleau Street. Since everyone is hopefully going to see the Mary Whyte project together, please assist our hostesses with putting away everything after adjournment.

Regent Templeton announced that our next meeting is Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> with our Guest Speaker, Kristen Henry of Tamassee DAR School.

Regent Templeton recognized our hostesses: Paula Newsome, Jan Buvinger and Brenda Burch

Sunshine Report and Benediction: Brenda Burch, Chaplain

Adjournment: Regent Templeton adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary