

**LOUISVILLE-THRUSTON BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**MEETING**  
**The Demolay Commandery Building, November 9, 2013**

Board members present: **Pres. Doug Collins, Pres. Elect/Chaplain Sonny Smith, 1st V. Pres. Drake Rinesmith, 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres. Jim Jackson, Sec./Hist. Jon E. Huffman, Treas. Joe Shields.**

Pres. Doug Collins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The opening prayer was offered by **Sonny Smith**; **Doug Collins** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jim Jackson** led the SAR Pledge.

**Jon E. Huffman** read the minutes from the August 10, 2013 BOG meeting; Sonny moved that the minutes be approved, motion carried.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**President:** Doug led a discussion on the upcoming Christmas dinner/dance scheduled for Friday, Dec. 13th. It was decided that the entrées would be Grilled Salmon and Rosemary Chicken served with a small dinner salad and ice cream for dessert. The price was set at \$35.00 per person, and the deadline for reservations would be Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Black tie is optional. Sonny moved that the menu and price be approved, and the motion carried.

Doug then reviewed P.G. Dooley's five Challenges and recommended that our chapter concentrate on Challenge #2, #3, & #5. On **Challenge #2**, Sonny suggested that individual members be given the opportunity to place a portrait of George Washington in the school of their choice rather than having the chapter do so, since the portraits cost \$250.00 each. It was recommended that we promote the idea with an article in the newsletter. On **Challenge #3**, our chapter should qualify with several upcoming grave marking events. Compatriot Donald Thom is having a grave marking ceremony on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> in Bardstown. Doug is making arrangements for marking his Patriot Ancestor's grave in April 2014. Jim also wants to have a similar ceremony for his Patriot Ancestor near Mt. Sterling sometime in the spring. Also the grave marking ceremony planned for last Oct. near Blackacre Nature Preserve will probably be rescheduled for 2014. It was felt that our color guard should be represented at each of these events. Joe recommended that we feature an article on the subject in a future newsletter to inform members on what all is involved, who may be eligible and how one may request a grave to be marked. On **Challenge #5**, which focuses on membership retention, the plan is to contact with email those members who have failed to send in their 2014 dues.

**Youth Contests Update:** Trinity & North Oldham high schools have been invited to take part in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. All Metro area high schools have also been contacted about the Knight Essay Contest; Don Thom is helping with the Eagle Scout Essay Contest & the Lincoln Heritage Council will be making an announcement to their Eagle Scouts; and finally all local ROTC commanders have been contacted. Drake has agreed to coordinate with the various ROTC commanders and come up with a schedule for making the medal presentations.

**President Elect:** No report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Chapter expenses for October have been small, totaling \$240, leaving a monthly balance of \$1,937.67. The chapter's bank account with Chase was closed out and a new account has been opened with L&N Credit Union, which charges no monthly fee. The chapter also has C.D.'s totaling \$18,863. Sonny moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report; the motion passed.

**Secretary:** No report

**Historian:** No report

**Chaplain:** No report

**Registrar:** (Absent)

**Chancellor:** (Absent)

**Unfinished Business:** On the status of the chapter's tax exemption, we are still waiting on action from the IRS. They have yet to review our application for reinstatement.

The issue of a dues increase should be taken up at the next BOG meeting and will have to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Sonny moved that the chapter donate \$1,000 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Doug expressed a desire that the chapter identify and honor all of its Korean War veterans with a special ceremony at the Flag Day Meeting similar to what we did for our WW II vets.

**Announcements:** The next BOG Meeting will take place Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, and Board members will be notified in advance by e-mail.

After the SAR recessional, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

**Jon E. Huffman, Secretary**