

SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



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Message from the Commander

Commander Jeff Frank

I would like to thank everyone that attended our Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet, with a special thanks to the members of UDC Guildford Chapter 301, Joyce Phillips, the Ladies of the OCR, everyone that donated items for the silent auction and last but certainly not least to Lt. Commander Don Saunders for coordination of the event.

The event was fairly well attended; however, the camp did incur expenses of over \$300.00 in excess of ticket sales, due to increases in both the facilities rental rate and the cost of the buffet meal. The event itself is not intended to generate a profit, simply covering the event's costs is the only financial objective. For next year's event, we will investigate the potential of other venues, as well as a modest increase in the per person cost. We will canvas camp member's opinions on potential changes for next year's event with a brief survey later in the year.

While I had rather not focus more on the financial aspects of the event, since its primary purpose is the celebration of the lives and legacy of two great men, I do want to share the fact that more than \$600.00 was raised by the silent action!

I want to encourage our members to attend the 31st Annual Confederate Flag Day event at the North Carolina State Capitol on Saturday, March 2nd. As Commander Kevin Stone points out, "It is the ONLY event at the Capitol sponsored by the North Carolina Division of the SCV, and this year it will be of even greater importance as we face continued efforts to limit our voice."

This Month's Program

Commander Charles Mathews will present a program on "Flags of the Confederacy".

And to echo statements from the 2019 Winter DEC Meeting, DO NOT let the potential presence of a few protestors be the reason you do not attend this or similar events. If you do, THEY win! Ample security is routinely provided. If you find yourself frequently asking what is the NC Division doing about recent events, or feeling that there is nothing you can do, maybe it's time to ask what you have done recently. Attending events like these does not require a lot of time or effort, but are important!

As a final thought, I would like to share the confidence I have in our division staff. They are doing a commendable job with very limited resources, considering the challenges we face. For those wanting to be more in-the-loop on division level activities, be sure to sign-up for the [Tar Heel mailing list](#) and consider attending division level meetings/reunions.

Lee-Jackson Banquet

If you were not able to attend our Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet, here is what you missed.



The event was well attended with guests from neighboring camps as well as several members of the UDC Guilford Chapter 301.



Attendees browsing the various items included in the silent auction.



Northern Piedmont Brigade Commander Mitch Flinchum performed the installation of the camp officers.



Army of Northern Virginia Department Councilman Jack Marlar, the guest speaker for the evening, discussed personal traits of Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

A tradition at our annual banquet is for toasts to be given by camp members to Gen. Lee, Gen. Jackson, President Davis and Col. John Sloan. The one I consider the most memorable, were the words of Senator Benjamin H. Hill, that I first heard read by our Chaplain, Herb Tucker.

Robert E. Lee

When the future historian shall come to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he must lift his eyes high toward Heaven to catch its summit.

He possessed every virtue of other great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate; a friend without treachery; a soldier without cruelty; a victor without oppression; and a victim without murmuring.

He was a public officer without vices; a private citizen without wrong; a neighbor without reproach; a Christian with hypocrisy; a man without a guile.

He was Caesar, without his ambition; Frederick, without his tyranny; Napoleon without his selfishness; and Washington without his reward.

He was obedient to authority as a servant, and royal in authority as a true king.

He was gentle as a woman in life; modest and pure as a virgin in thought; watchful as a Roman vestal in duty; submissive to law as Socrates and grand in battle as Achilles!

Benjamin H. Hill, 1874

This description of Robert E. Lee is an excerpt from an address given by Senator Benjamin H. Hill to the Southern Historical Society at Atlanta, Georgia, on February 18, 1874¹.

At this year's Lee-Jackson Banquet, Adjutant Josh Myers had planned to present the toast to Gen. Lee with these words. However, our speaker happened to reference this same excerpt during his program, not knowing their planned use for later in the evening. As a testament to the resourcefulness of Adjutant Myers, he was able to acquire an appropriate replacement in time for the toasts!

¹ Benjamin Harvey Hill, Sr., address before the Southern Historical Society, Atlanta, Georgia, February 18, 1874.—Benjamin H. Hill, Jr., *Senator Benjamin H. Hill of Georgia; His Life, Speeches and Writings*, p. 406 (1893).

2019 Winter DEC Meeting

The 2019 Winter Division Executive Council (DEC) Meeting was held on Saturday, January 26th, at the Snyder Farms Restaurant in Sophia. The event was attended by four members of the Col. John Sloan Camp; David Moore, Color Sgt. John Pugh, Lt. Commander Don Saunders and Commander Jeff Frank.



The location, Snyder Farms Restaurant, was near capacity with a good turn-out for the meeting.

Division Commander Kevin Stone's statements focused on the unfortunate, but realistic, situations our organization faces. From the changing political landscape in the state, to the lack of law enforcement in specific localities. We need to focus on acquiring private land (purchase or long-term lease) for our veteran's memorials.

Reminders for several upcoming events...

- February 5th – Winter 2019 Legislative Reception at the UDC House in Raleigh
- February 9th – 2019 "Coastal Plain" Leadership Seminar in New Bern

- March 2nd – 31st Annual Confederate Flag Day at the North Carolina State Capital in Raleigh
- May 20th – Annual Legislative Day

Safety concerns for events such as those at the North Carolina Capital should not deter anyone from attending. The SCV Mechanized Cavalry, Home Guard and/or private security, in addition to local government agencies (where applicable) are routinely providing security for attendees. If you do not attend events due to potential demonstrators, etc., you let them win!

UDC North Carolina President Sarah Powell was in attendance and spoke briefly on the activities in Winston-Salem and efforts to grow membership.



Division Quartermaster Darwin Roseman assisting members with SCV related items for sale at the event.

The attorney representing the NC Division discussed the recent legal issues and fielded numerous questions.

Eric Previli, from National Headquarters, discussed recent enhancements to the website including both camp and member information. The site plans to support the processing of membership dues in 2019.

The Southern Victory Campaign

Take time to visit the "Make Dixie Great Again" website and Facebook pages.

<https://www.makedixiegreatagain.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/makedixiegreatagain/>

Explore these pages. Like and share the Facebook page. Tag your friends on social media with these links. Share these links not only to members but those not in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There is a great deal of information and tools on both sites to help promote our Southern Heritage and History.

Calendar of Events

427th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, February 19th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: Commander Charles Mathews (Yadkin Gray Eagles Camp #1765, Yadkinville) will present a program on "Flags of the Confederacy".

31st Annual Confederate Flag Day

Saturday, March 2nd, 6:00 pm, Doors open at 5:00 pm, Ending by 7:30 pm
 North Carolina State Capital
 1 East Edenton St., Raleigh, NC 27601
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Jack Kerwick will present a talk entitled "The South Was—and IS—Right!".

Dr. Kerwick is Professor of Ethics and Philosophy at several colleges, and has written for numerous national publications, such as The Daily Caller and Townhall.com. He earned his BA from Wingate University here in North Carolina, his MA from Baylor University in Texas, and PhD from Temple University. He is the author of four highly-praised books including *Misguided Guardians: The Conservative Case Against Neoconservatism* and the recently published, *Higher Miseducation: A Dissident's Essays on the Assault Against Liberal Learning*.

428th Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, March 19th, 6:00 pm for Meal, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Capt. Bill's Seafood, 6108 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27409
 Speaker: NC Division Commander Kevin Stone will present a program on the "State of the State".

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principals he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General
 United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

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