January 19, 2017

6 O’clock PM

Home of Compatriot Carroll L. Crowther, 18 Old Ferry Cove, Beaufort, SC 29907

Enclosure: List of Founding Members

These minutes are to document the formal induction ceremony of new members into the St. Andrew’s Society of Lowcountry, South Carolina and the first meeting.

The founding members gathered at the home of Carroll Crowther (See the enclosure). The weather was cool and clear, and it was a beautiful night to conduct an initial meeting of the Society. Upon arrival members approached the entrance through various flags, including those of the United States of America, the State of South Carolina, Scotland, and several tartan banners. They were greeted by Compatriot Crowther and welcomed. Inside the social hour was accompanied by playing traditional Scottish music, including the great highland bagpipes, and a selection of Scotch (*“Water of Life”*), and other beverages were available.

CALL TO ORDER

At approximately 7 O’clock PM Carroll Crowther and Wayne Cousar called to order the first formal meeting of the St. Andrew’s Society of Lowcountry, South Carolina. The reason for the meeting was to conduct a formal induction ceremony for all new members of the Society. The member’s names and addresses are listed on the enclosure. Upon completion of the induction a business meeting followed.

Carroll Crowther read a moving oration about his love for the study of his Scottish heritage and a description of a recent visit that he made to Scotland with Wayne Cousar and their wives. This visit stoked the Celtic flame and increased their interest and desire in learning more about their Scottish heritage. Upon learning that there is a twenty-year waiting list to join the St. Andrews Society of Charleston (Founded in 1729 and the oldest Scottish society of its type in the world), it was decided that they would not wait and would found a society in Lowcounty, South Carolina.

The induction ceremony followed immediately, with members pledging to remain loyal to the United States of America, to take pride in their Scottish heritage, to foster and promote Scottish culture and history, and to seek and enjoy the company of like-minded men. Upon completion of the induction members enjoyed a traditional toast of Drambuie, a Scottish liquor that legend says was made famous following the [Battle of Culloden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Culloden).

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Being that this was the inaugural meeting, there were no previous minutes to be read.

REPORTS

Due to Society Officers not having been elected, no formal reports were read. Instead, there was some brief, general on the organization, structure, Society Officers, membership, plans and purposes for the Society. Formal decisions were tabled until a temporary Privy Council could meet and present the Society with a proposed way ahead. The Council consists of Carroll Crowther, Wayne Cousar, and Joseph Harden, and three new members that were named this evening, Mark Henderson, Ron Lambe, and Tome Wilson. The Council will report at the next meeting of the Society.

What followed was a discussion across varied topics intended to educate the members, present ideas, and to provide insight to activities and events that are traditional anchors for all St. Andrew’s Societies. The following is a brief listing of the discussion topics.

1. Wayne Cousar conducted a very informative discussion about the Kilt, the various dress components that are worn with different degrees wear from informal to formal, where to purchase, and how to wear it. Several members were wearing Kilts to demonstrate the variety of dress. They were Carroll Crowther, Wayne Cousar, Tommy Logan, and Joe Harden.
2. There was discussion about potentially designing and purchasing Society ties from Ben Silver. Several examples were presented, and it was decided that options of design and pattern would be put forward in the future.
3. An example of a Tartan Banner was presented, and discussion followed about where to purchase material, and how and where to have them made for displaying a member’s clan affiliation. The banners would be used during Society events, Kirking O’ Tartans services at Church (Stoney Creek / First Scots / Parish Church of St Helena), and at the Society’s eventual attendance at regional Scottish Games (Greenville, Savannah and Charleston).
4. Additional discussion was had about eventual plans for a traditional Robert Burns Dinner and a Tartan Ball to establish annual Society events that promote Scottish culture, heritage and history.
5. A brief discussion about membership and the size of the Society was had. It was agreed that finding additional like-minded members is important for the healthy growth of the Society, but that it should not grow too big or too fast. Potential members are to be nominated by existing members, in discrete silence, and without their knowledge and presented to the founding members for consideration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Privy Council is to meet and discuss recommendations for the organization, structure, Society Officers, membership, plans and purposes for the Society. They are to report back to the member’s with their proposals at the next meeting.

The date for the next meeting was not identified.

MOTIONS

No formal or official business motions were made during this meeting.

There being no additional business to be conducted the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 O’clock PM and the members moved to the dining room for a dinner consisting of a traditional Scottish Beef Stew, and Scottish Shortbread for desert.

While for this meeting, wives were officially not included, it should be noted for the record that there were several wives who assisted in the preparations, and who served prior to the meeting and during the presentation of the dinner. Those that were present:  Nancy Crowther (Mrs. Carroll), Gladys Cousar (Mrs. Wayne), Allyson Harden (Mrs. Joe), Cindy Crowther (Mrs. Logan).

Dinner concluded at approximately 9 O’clock PM, upon which members assisted with clean up and then departed in harmony.

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