



**GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**
Teleconference
December 30, 2020
Approval Pending

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief: Herman White

Roll Call: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill

Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr.	P
Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers	P
ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone	P
AOT Commander Jimmy Hill	P
ATM Commander J. C. Hanna	P
ANV Councilman Christopher Sullivan	P
AOT Councilman Carl Jones	A
ATM Councilman Robert Edwards	P
Chief-of-Staff Darrell Maples	P
Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill	P
Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall	P
Chief of Heritage Ops Donnie Kennedy	P
Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White	P
Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling	P
Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr.	P
Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow	P
Executive Director Adam Southern	P

Robert K. Merting, South Carolina Division Judge Advocate was present.

Basis for Quorum 16 voting members: Present: 15; Absent: 1; Required for Quorum: 9. Quorum is present

Note: Past CIC's are not obligated to attend General Executive Council meetings and therefore, only if present shall they, or any one of them, be counted in the computation of a quorum. (Reference: Section 7.5.2 of the SCV Constitution). The quorum is based on the eligible voting members.

Non-voting member: Executive Director Adam T. Southern.

7:00 pm Teleconference called to order by Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney

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Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. stated the purpose of the teleconference was to deal with two pieces of business.

The first order of business was the requested endorsement of the South Carolina Division suit going before the South Carolina Supreme Court to protect the South Carolina Heritage Protection Law. Mr. Robert Merting, South Carolina Division Judge Advocate briefly explained the situation and why they were asking for the National Sons of Confederate Veterans endorsement. After hearing the explanation, Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling made a motion that the National Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Department of the Army of Northern Virginia sign on to the law suit. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow. The motion passed.

The second order of business was to consider a work estimate to repair a brick wall on the Tillman House in Paducah, KY in the amount of \$12,000. After discussing the estimate at length, it was brought to the attention of the General Executive Council that no formal request for funds had been received and that the Confederation had not received the money from the sale. A motion was made by ATM Councilman Robert Edwards to table the proposed money request until payment had been received by the Confederation. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr. The motion passed.

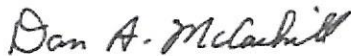
Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall was asked by Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. to investigate the reason for the delay and if any late payment penalty was warranted.

With no other business to be considered, Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. entertained a motion to adjourn. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling made a motion to adjourn. Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White

Teleconference Terminated: 7:45 pm

Signed,



Dan A. McCaskill
Adjutant-in-Chief

This is a time sensitive matter and thus I am calling for a GEC teleconference on Wednesday, at 7:00 PM on this matter. Mr. Merting will be online to answer any questions and all they ask is for our support, no money. They are gathering as many historical societies to sign on as possible.

Larry McCluney, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: R. K. Merting
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 11:02 PM
To: cic@scv.org
Cc: Jamie Graham
Subject: SC Heritage Act Court Case
Importance: High

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Good evening Mr. McCluney,

I am the Judge Advocate for the SC Division. Pending in the SC Supreme Court, Original Jurisdiction is a challenge to our Heritage Act, which protects all monuments including Confederate monuments. If the challenge is successful, local municipalities will be free to remove, relocate, and / or destroy monuments.

This is unacceptable.

The Division has prepared an Amicus Curiae Brief to file in the Court in support of the Heritage Act. Specifically, we sought to bolster the defense of a particular provision of the act, a 2/3rd supermajority requirement, because our Attorney General has indicated he will not defend that provision. We have also articulated the importance of protecting monuments. (Final draft brief is attached along with the Petitioner's brief.)

Upon completing the brief, we have sought solidarity with local heritage groups to show support. Specifically, we have asked them if they would sign onto the brief to increase the weight the Court may give it.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has answered that call. Commander in Chief Brian Pierson has asked that both the SC-GA Department and the National Organization be listed as Amicus Curiae parties. This is significant. To mirror their commitment, I believe it would be appropriate to have the SCV National sign on. (I also believe a well placed call from you to Commander Pierson (703-989-9296 Central Time) would do tremendous good in building goodwill between our two organizations.)

I will call you tomorrow to discuss this matter. I ask three things at this time: 1) Please keep this confidential at the moment. 2) Permission to include SCV National as an Amicus Curiae Party. 3) The phone call to Mr. Pierson after our discussion.

This is time sensitive. The brief will be filed first thing in January. Between now and then we are recruiting additional parties. I will of course brief you on all of this tomorrow.

Merry Christmas,

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December 14, 2020

Subject: Quote

To: Confederate Museum

*This is a quote for redoing wall. Eagle Masonry this includes Labor and materials.
I will charge \$12,000.00 for the job.*

Thank you

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