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"We invoke the blessings of Providence on a just cause."
Jefferson Davis

President's message. . . .

Michael Hill
Killen, Alabama



A Successful Recruiting Model

If any of you—general members or state and local chapter chairmen—are looking for a way to recruit in your community or in a community nearby, here is one that should work in pretty much any small town. It is modelled after the Tennessee League of the South's annual meeting, which I attended on 14 June.

The meeting was held in the small town of Linden, the county seat of Perry County—the least populous in the State. Linden's population is perhaps 2,000 people. We met in The Commodore Hotel, built in the 1930s, but recently refurbished. It was a fine venue for what turned out to be a very successful meeting.

Tennessee State Chairman David Jones lives in Perry County, and for weeks before the State meeting, he saturated the area with copies of *The Free Magnolia*. He also got a story about the meeting into the local paper. Since small-town newspapers are hungry for news, getting something in them is usually easy. Consequently, several locals attended, and they were positive about the League's message. It was encouraging to see new faces among the old reliable members who showed up.

Our natural constituency lives in small towns all across the South, many of them within a three-hour radius of one or more League Board Members, State or Local Chairmen.

In a two-hour meeting with two League speakers, we can explain in some depth what the League is doing statewide and nationally, with time at the end for questions and comments. Of course, we ought never to miss an opportunity to distribute copies of *The Free Magnolia*. Don't forget to have a sign-up sheet and get names and addresses for your database, and to set up a table with LS books and educational products for those who want still more information. Giving away some free League materials would be a good thing as well, or give away *The Grey Book*, for instance, as a door prize.

About a month before the scheduled meeting, nearby members should saturate the area with copies of *The Free Magnolia*, in which flyers announcing the local meeting have been placed. Those nearby League members should commit to attending the meeting to provide a core group and to get to know potential recruits.

Each attendee should be given a packet of information on the League. It might contain a bumper sticker, a copy of *The Free Magnolia*, a League application,

or other materials explaining our goals and objectives. An informal and friendly atmosphere will impress our prospective new members. Avoid negativity at all costs; anyone can do the old "ain't it awful" routine. We want to be seen as an organization that provides a positive vision for the future of the South.

After the meeting, be sure to send a follow-up letter or e-mail to all who attended, asking them to consider joining the League, if they haven't already.

To encapsulate: 1) Identify the small town where you wish to hold the meeting and set a date at least a month in advance; 2) Locate a suitable meeting place; 3) Get a commitment to speak from two nearby Board Member(s) and/or State or Local Chairman; 3) Decide on the material to be presented by the two speakers. At that point, the groundwork of saturating the county would begin.

Such a series of meetings will be a little work, but shouldn't be an intolerable burden on anyone if we all work together and do a little bit each for the cause. Our natural constituents are those in and near small towns, and they have been hit hard by the bad economy and the war. Many will be eager to listen.

If you would be willing to help with a small-town recruitment project in your locality, please contact me at (800) 888-3163 or by e-mail at jmichhill@cs.com.

May God continue to bless our efforts.

*Michael Hill
Killen, Alabama*

P. S. Thank you to those who have already responded to the call to replenish the President's Fund.



IN MEMORIAM
Mark Royden Winchell, Ph.D.
24 July 1948 - 8 May 2008

Dr Mark Royden Winchell, distinguished scholar, author, and Director of the LS Institute for the Study of Southern Culture and History, lost his two-year battle with cancer May 8th. Professor of Literature and European Civilisation at Clemson University, Dr. Winchell was an exemplar of the Southern literary tradition, although a native of Ohio. He received his PhD at Vanderbilt University during the last days of Agrarian influence there.

His published works are too numerous to list here, but include works on Cleanth Brooks and Donald Davidson (completing a project begun by M.E. Bradford), and a reader for English composition courses coedited with his wife, Donna H. Winchell, a scholar of African-American literature at Clemson.

He leaves his wife, two sons, and a host of friends and admirers.

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Florida Summer Gathering Saturday, 28 June 11 a.m.

The Florida LS will hold its annual Summer Gathering at Wekiwa Springs State Park, 20 minutes north of Orlando. Look for the 1861 Florida flag at the picnic grounds.

The Gathering is an opportunity for officers and volunteers to meet informally and discuss issues of importance as well as to plan, organise, and network. Past members and non-members are also welcome.

The League will provide charcoal, lighter fluid, paper plates, cups, cold drinks, etc. All you need to bring is a covered dish or meat of your choice.

Communist Manifesto Presented to Louisiana SCV Camp

On 12 June Louisiana State Chairman Mark Thomey presented a program on the Communist Manifesto to the Farmerville SCV Camp. He enumerated Marx's "Ten Points," the essentials required for a communist regime, and gave illustrations of how the U.S. empire practices all of them. Those in attendance were amazed, and it was a successful exercise in delegitimizing the empire. Thomey also took the opportunity to distribute copies of *The Free Magnolia*, League bumper stickers and membership applications.



Announcing the 15th Annual League of the South 2008 National Conference "SURVIVING THE EMPIRE'S COLLAPSE"

Friday & Saturday, 31 October - 1 November
(9:00 am until 5:00 pm both days)
The Chattanooga Convention Center

Scheduled Speakers: **Michael Peroutka, Esq**, 2004 Constitution Party Presidential Candidate; **Pastor John Weaver**, celebrated speaker and author; **Mike Crane**, founder of the Southern Party of Georgia; **Franklin Sanders**, LS Board member, editor of *The Free Magnolia & The Moneychanger*; **Michael Tuggle**, LS Board member and blogmaster of the Rebellion Blog on Dixienet; **Catherine Austin Fitts**, President, Solari, Inc. and Manager, Solari Investment Advisory Services, LLC; **Michael Hill**, League of the South President. There will also be a workshop, "State Chapter Communications," on Saturday afternoon.

Cost is \$50 per individual; \$75 per couple; or \$100 per family. Vendor cost is \$60 per table.

The year's theme—"Surviving the Empire's Collapse"—is intended to be a practical one. As inflation soars and the dollar falls, resulting in higher and higher prices for energy, food, and many other necessities, life becomes more difficult for the average, hard-working family of the South. These factors coupled with continuing wars, the sub-prime mortgage crisis, and the potential meltdown of the credit markets, we believe it is imperative that folks learn how to provide for their basic necessities within their local communities. Not since the Great Depression of the 1930s has it been more important that local communities NOT depend on the fragile system of money, credit, supply, and transportation. The speeches at our 2008 conference will help you understand the crisis and prepare practically to withstand it. If we are to be here to "pick up the pieces" after the collapse and to restore ordered liberty to our communities and States, then we must get ready now.

Among the things you will learn: How to help develop a local agricultural economy; How to become a freeholder and wean yourself from dependence on the corporate system; How gold and silver can free you from a corrupt inflationary money system; How to implement the ideas of the Nashville Agrarians and the English Distributists in our own day; How to organize a political movement based on "localism;" Short- and long-term strategies for self-sufficient households; the Biblical foundations for self-sufficiency and localism.

Nearby Lodging: Chattanooga Convention Center Marriott (423) 756-0002; Staybridge Suites (423) 267-0900; The Chattanooga (800) 619-0018; Days Inn Rivergate (800) 329-7466; Sheraton Read House (423) 266-4121; Motel 6 (423) 265-7300.

Printable registration form is on p. 7, or register online with PayPal at DixieNet.

LS Summer Institute
**“Southern Heroes:
Lessons for Today”**
Saturday, 12 July 2008
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Macon State College
Macon, Georgia

Faculty: Dr Clyde Wilson, Dr Brion McClanahan, Ray McBerry, Dr David Aiken and featuring the music of Miss Deborah Brinson—The Harp of Dixie.

Tuition: \$35; Married Couples \$65.

We will have four lectures on Saturday with a “Round Table” type Question and Answer session to wrap things up.

Miss Brinson will be playing her harp at different times during the day.

We will have a “dutch” Supper program on Friday night for anyone wishing to attend it. We will meet in a reserved room at Ryan’s Restaurant (near the convention motel) at 7:00 pm. Dr. David Aiken will give a talk on “Lost War Poetry” after supper.

The Quality Inn (close to Macon State College) is offering a rate of \$59.99. We have a block of rooms set aside, so please use “League of the South” when making your reservations. Phone 478-781-7000. This motel, Macon State, & Ryan’s are located at or near the intersection of I-475 & Eisenhower Drive (US Hwy 80).

Register online @ www.georgialos.org/ or contact: Ed Wolfe; 912-857-4870 or 912-618-8112; bookman@planters.net or edwbookman@yahoo.com.

LS Summer Institute
**“An American Ideal: The
Consent of the Governed”**
Saturday, 9 August 2008
11 am-5 pm
K&W Banquet Hall
Burlington, North Carolina.

**Nathaniel Macon Institute
(NMI) & Fall Conference**
Saturday, 23 August 2008
11am-5 pm
K&W Banquet Hall
Burlington, North Carolina.

For more information on the LS Summer Institute and Fall Conference, contact NC LS State Chair, Bernhard Thuersam, bernhard1848@att.net, or see www.northcarolina.chapterlos.org.

Nathaniel Macon Institute

The North Carolina League is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Tom Minsel as Director of the Nathaniel Macon Institute (NMI), an educational initiative which is now a part of each quarterly State conference. The Institute is named for renowned North Carolina patriot and legislator, Nathaniel Macon, who according to Dr Clyde Wilson, “was admired because he never changed from the principles with which he began.” Macon strongly believed that “the federal government should be tightly bound by the Constitution...[it] should not tax the people and spend money any more than was absolutely necessary for the things it was entitled to do, nor go into debt, which was just a way to make the taxpayers pay interest to the rich.”

We can find no greater inspiration for our belief in a strict construction of the Constitution. For more information on NMI, faculty and upcoming programs, please contact Dr Minsel at trm@gate.net.

State Meeting in Missouri

The Missouri League of the South's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, 27 September 2008, at the Wade Rabun Farm near Hartshorn, Missouri. The meeting will feature Mr Ron Calzone of Missouri First as the guest speaker, a sermon by Pastor Wade Rabun, music by *The Carpenters*, Herbal Medicine by Frank Carlton, Homemade Clothing by Linda Carlton, a pot luck dinner, shooting competition, games for the children, examples of country living and a good time for all! Bring your friends and let's build our Southern community.

Directions will be provided to those attending. Contact Missouri Chairman, Bob Mills, rockytop16@hughes.net.

**Northeast Florida
Free Magnolia Blitz**

Members of the Northeast Florida LS chapter converged on the Fair Grounds in Callahan, Florida, during its annual Blueberry Festival on 14 June, and distributed 857 pieces of literature, including 310 copies of *The Free Magnolia*. The chapter plans another literature blitz in Hilliard, Florida, on Independence Day. They have prepared a special flyer for the occasion entitled “Mourn on the 4th of July.”

A TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT FROM A TENNESSEE LEAGUE MEMBER

Dear Dr. _____:

I am writing in response to your post . . . I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically agree with most everything you are doing at Front Sight. However, I would like to respectfully point out a flaw—potentially fatal—in your logic.

You're absolutely right in stating that "we have a permit that our Founding Fathers gave us. It is called the Second Amendment." You further explain, however, that legislators have indeed passed laws that restrict law-abiding citizens from carrying weapons. You concede that those legislators and the law enforcement personnel who enforce those illegitimate laws are violating their oath to protect and defend the Constitution, yet you then imply that we should submit to such by applying for a permit.

According to the U.S. Supreme Court:

"All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void."

Marbury vs. Madison 5 US (2 Cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803)

repugnant: *adjective* — in conflict with, incompatible with.

null: *adjective* — having no legal binding force; invalid.

void: *adjective* — not valid or legally binding.

In other words, *all laws which serve to limit or undermine the right of the people to keep and bear arms are not valid; they have no legally binding force. It is as if they were never written.*

I presently hold a "handgun carry permit" for the State of Tennessee, where I live. When I applied for it, I did not understand that I was trading a *God-given right* for a *state-granted privilege*. I will soon be moving to another State, and I can tell you that I will *not* be applying for another "permit" once I am there. That anyone would have the audacity to tell me how, or when, or where, or even *if* I can defend myself, my family and my property is beyond what I can or will accept.

I'm not trying to be argumentative, but in all seriousness what rationale can you give for submitting to paperwork and registration tyranny now in the name of retaining the means to defend ourselves and perhaps one day repulse a greater form of tyranny? Either we have the God-given right or we don't; either the Constitution guarantees us that right or it doesn't. The fact that ignorant and loathsome legislators and power-mad law enforcement personnel do not recognize or understand this matters not one whit. I will no longer squabble over my God-given rights with petty bureaucrats.

I submit to you that part of the Founders' intent in forbidding any regulation or registration of arms was so that the government would not

know who owned them or how many they had. The fear of the unknown is partially what keeps the tyrants in check.

Sir, I am convinced that the only purposes of a "carry permit" are to levy a tax ("application fee") on yet another right of the People and to have a ready-made list of all gun owners—namely those who actively train and are prepared to use them, as most permit holders are to some degree—so that when the government sees fit to confiscate all arms and/or declare martial law, *they know exactly where to start and with whom*. Once they are taken care of, the remainder of the population can be easily rendered defenseless.

For liberty,
CH

Mississippi LS Institute on the Constitution

The Simpson County LS will present the 3rd segment of the Institute on the Constitution at their regularly scheduled meeting, Friday, 11th July, at 7 pm.

You've Gotta Be Kiddin' Me!

Have you heard that author/senator James Webb of Virginia (*Born Fighting*) has been mentioned as a running mate for Obama? . . . as if this would change your mind about the presidential race or about the reformability of the system. Still, isn't it *nice* of the pundits to affirm the existence of Scots-Irish Confederates? (See "Should Obama Pick a Confederate VP?" Rebellion Blog, June 19.)

Exciting New Project Needs Funding

A sophisticated automated telephone polling program is being developed for the League by the amazingly talented, Mike Crane (League member and driving force behind the Southern Party of Georgia). The program, which Mike calls “a perpetual recruiting machine,” will allow us to target certain areas of the South with a series of poll questions designed to: 1) determine the level of support for the League’s goals; and 2) capture the contact information of those who give favourable answers to the poll questions. The contact information will be put on a permanent database, and the respondents will be solicited for League membership. Demographic information captured will enable us to aim our marketing efforts at areas where they are likely to be most successful.

Nothing, however, is free—although this system will cost only a fraction of what the national polling services charge and will give us some flexibility where they can’t. It will cost at least \$1,000 per month to run a test program, which we think can be ready by early summer. The League Board is currently developing the poll questions, and the Board and State Chairmen will determine the state(s) in which the test polls run. We expect initially to make around 20,000 calls per month in a particular state; and we estimate that, from this number, approximately 1,000 prospects should result. If only five percent of prospects joined the League at \$50 each, the program would pay for itself and for the next 20,000 calls.

In addition to *The Free Magnolia* which debuted in January 2007, this project is one of the League’s most promising and important to date. Please help us fund it! Your generous donation should be marked, “Polling Project,” and sent to the LS office at PO Box 760, Killen, AL 35645. Thank you in advance for your support.

Michael Hill

The Best of the Southern Patriot

The Best of the Southern Patriot: In Quest of Self-Government will be available later this week (23 June).

This is an edited collection from past issues of this newsletter, 1994-2000. It is a spirited defence of the South, past and present, and—we hope—a spur to

future action. Authors represented include: Clyde Wilson, Franklin Sanders, Grady McWhiney, Michael Tuggle, Thomas Fleming, James Kibler, William L. Cawthon, Jr & Ron Kennedy.

Copies are \$25 postpaid and can be purchased by mail or online via PayPal on DixieNet. 240 pages, softcover.

Redneck Haiku

A haiku is a three line Japanese verse form of five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third. Following is a transcultural application of this ancient and inscrutable form.

EXUBERANCE

Joyous, playful, bright
Trailer park girl in puddle
Of old motor oil

OFFERINGS

Tonight we hunger
Grandma sent supper money
To Jimmy Swaggert

DEPRIVED

In WalMart toy aisle
Wailing boy wants 'rassling doll
Mama whups his ass

Author unknown.

Renewal Notices

Quite a few of you have told us that you have not received renewal notifications. As a matter of office routine, we mail renewal notices at the beginning of every month to those whose memberships expire the following month, and we send second notices to those whose memberships expired two months ago. If you haven’t been receiving renewal notices, you might want to speak with your mail carrier or local postmaster.

National Guard Pullout

*from the Rebellion Blog
By Michael Tuggle*

The thousands of National Guardsmen sent to reinforce the U.S.-Mexican border two years ago have almost completely withdrawn, despite pleas from border-state governors once skeptical of using soldiers to catch illegal immigrants and drug smugglers...

In late April, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano joined Richardson in signing a letter to Capitol Hill leaders begging them to extend the National Guard's presence.

"It is irresponsible to phase out the current support of the National Guard without the infrastructure and full-time personnel to fill the gap," the letter said.

This is just one more outrage that would give any time-travelling Founding Father an instant stroke. The very idea that the once-sovereign States must "beg" the Federal government for protection—denied use of what was once their own State militias—would've been inconceivable to Washington, Jefferson, and Madison.

But DC is busy playing international power politics with those troops, so they can't be spared in anything as mundane and un-sexy as protecting Americans from Mexican drug lords and illegal alien invaders.

How much longer until the people of the States recall the delegated powers and treasure DC is squandering? Crises like this will certainly hurry the day.

The 15th Annual League of the South 2008 National Conference

"SURVIVING THE EMPIRE'S COLLAPSE" Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Business Name
(if vendor): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ Individual \$50.00

_____ Couple \$75.00

_____ Family \$100.00

Vendor Registration:

_____ # of tables x \$60 = \$_____

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The President's Salary Fund of the League of the South

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with the national conference.**

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**Make cheque or money order payable to *The League of the
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with this form to: The League of the South, PO Box 760,
Killen, AL 35645. If you are pledging a monthly amount, we
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Our dream must begin in individual hearts and households and then leaven our communities and states. We do not believe the solutions to our social and moral problems can be imposed by any central state and we understand that the struggle for self-government can be a long one. The good things in life come not as handouts from a distant government but from free people, working within their own communities to solve their own problems.

We seek to advance the cultural, social, economic and political well-being and independence of the Southern people by all honourable means.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____

Date _____

By my signature above, I am agreeing to uphold the statement of purpose of The League of the South: "We seek to advance the cultural, social, economic, and political well-being and independence of the Southern people by all honourable means."

REGULAR

___ \$50 annually

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___ \$125 annually

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___ \$30 annually

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We revere our Southern ancestors because they were *right* and because their ideas have consequences for *our* future.

Two Books by Celtic historian
& League President, Michael Hill

Celtic Warfare, 1595-1763

&

Fire & Sword:

Sorley Boy McDonnell and the Rise of Clan Ian Mor, 1538-1590

Scotland and Ireland produced the best fighting men in Europe from the 16th through the 18th centuries. These two books tell the story of a people who struggled against great odds to preserve a traditional civilisation against the modern English state. *Celtic Warfare* (softcover, 203 pages, 1986 and 2005) details the continuity in Scottish and Irish strategy, tactics, logistics, and weaponry from the Irish wars of the 1590s to the end of the French & Indian War in 1763. *Fire & Sword* (hardcover, 321 pages, 1993) centers upon the tumultuous life and career of Sorley Boy McDonnell (1510-1590), whose sagacious leadership made Clan Ian Mor a major force in the development of the Celtic heartland in the 16th century.

Order both books for the special price of \$40.00 (postpaid).

Celtic Warfare alone: \$20.00 ppd.; *Fire & Sword* alone: \$25.00 ppd.

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