

THE LAFFITE SOCIETY
Nonus Gallery, 2411 Strand, Galveston, Texas 77550

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 9, 2009

BOARD PRESENT: President, Ed Jamison; 1st Vice President, Jim Nonus; 2nd Vice President, Kathy Modzelewski; 3rd Vice President, Lynette Haaga; Secretary *pro tem* and Archivist, Jeff Modzelewski; Treasurer, Nancy Beaman; Historian, Ginny Roberts; Press Director, Dave Roberts; Editor of Publications *pro tem*, Dan Cote; Privateer-at-Arms (nominal), Wil Zapalac.

BOARD ABSENT: Parliamentarian, Diane Olson; Coordinator of Research, Gary Fretz; Coordinator of Research, Pam Keyes.

ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT: Jeff Modzelewski; Kathy Modzelewski.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

President Ed Jamison welcomed this month's meeting attendees, recognized new members Jesse and Alicia Dunn of Galveston, and acknowledged the presence of Wil Zapalac, a long-time member unable to attend meetings regularly. Ed also thanked those who provided the evening's refreshments.

There was no Treasurer's report, as no activity had occurred since the prior month's report.

PROGRAM: Jim Nonus moderated the evening's program, which was based on two lists copied from the Laffite collection at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, Texas. One was a list of seamen associated with the Laffites from ca. 1800 to ca. 1829 along with their ranks, and prepared by Eugene Laffite, possibly Pierre Laffite's son or grandson. The other lists "Ships owned in syndicate by Jean, Pierre, Frederic You and Reyne Beluchai, The year they were built and the nations captured from." Jim noted that these listings contained much data that could perhaps be confirmed in other documentation about the Laffites and their cohorts, thereby solidifying into fact more of the Laffite lore.

A wide-ranging discussion ensued on many Laffite topics. For example, one question asked concerned the provenance of the name "Campeche"/"Campeachy" used for Laffite's settlement on Galveston Island. Did it arise from the name of the vessel which occurs in the ship listing noted above? And why did Jack Davis, in his book "The Pirates Laffite," not use the name in reference to Laffite's enclave here?

During the program, Jim asked Jeff Modzelewski to read a short article from the April 23, 1818, issue of *Poulson's American Daily Advertiser* of Philadelphia, which mentioned Laffite and the Spanish vessel *Campeachy*.

After the program, Dave Roberts exhibited some artifacts he brought back from the Laffite Society field trip to Grand Isle and Grande Terre, Louisiana - Laffite's Barataria - years ago, along with an aerial map of Barataria Bay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by

Jeff Modzelewski
Secretary *pro tem*
The Laffite Society