

THE LAFFITE SOCIETY
Edgewater Retirement Center, 2228 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77550

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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

BOARD ABSENT: 1st Vice President Jim Nonus; 2nd Vice President Kathy Modzelewski; Coordinator of Research Gary Fretz; Coordinator of Research Pam Keyes; Parliamentarian Diane Olson.

ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT: Jean Epperson; Jeff Modzelewski.

ADVISORY BOARD ABSENT: Pam Keyes; Don Marler; Gene Marshall; Kathy Modzelewski; R. Dale Olson; Robert Vogel; Dr. Reginald Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Ed Jamison, who welcomed attendees to the new venue at the Edgewater Retirement Center and expressed gratitude to the latter for offering the use of its facilities. Ed reminded the group, on behalf of Nominating Committee chairperson Jim Nonus, that a slate of nominees for the Society's biennial elections would be presented at the May 11, 2010 meeting, with the elections to be held at the June 8, 2010 meeting.

PROGRAM: Ed introduced the evening's speaker, Jack Watson, who presented an interesting program about the privateer and Laffite associate James Campbell. Campbell, with his wife Mary, was one of only a handful of the Laffites' group who lived in the Galveston area for much of the rest of his life after Laffite's eviction from the Island in 1820. The Campbells lived for years at Virginia Point in present-day far southern Texas City and are buried there in the Campbell Cemetery.

Secretary's note: for a good written narrative of the lives and times of James and Mary Campbell, follow this Internet link to a paper written by regional historian and writer W.T. Block:
<http://www.wtblock.com/wtblockjr/james.html>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by

Jeff Modzelewski
Secretary *pro tem*
The Laffite Society