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

## President's message. . . .

*Michael Hill  
Killen, Alabama*



### Accomplishments

What has The League of the South accomplished in its nearly 14 years of existence? Do we have a free and independent South? Do we have political, economic, cultural, or social power in the South?

The answer is, of course, no. But we have made progress.

According to polls and many of those with whom I've had contact, more and more people are considering independence at least thinkable, if not desirable. In some localities and even some states, our voting bloc is large enough, if not to win, at least to determine who wins.

Some of us are no longer slaves to debt—no small accomplishment when for the first time since the Great Depression, Americans in the aggregate spend more than they make. If the borrower is slave to the lender, some of us are now free men and women. Even more of us are becoming freeholders (i.e. small business owners, farmers, etc.) and are learning to make a living outside the corporate/government system.

We do have our own local and family cultures, and we are reaching larger numbers of our fellow Southerners each year with the message of cultural independence, the natural precursor to full-scale political independence.

We do have social power among ourselves, and we have created a complex, multi-state community of like-minded people. A fair number of people have found their spouses within this social structure, made their best friends within it, raised and educated children in it, shared work, worship, and leisure, and volunteered time and money for the needy among us. We have supported each other in times of joy and times of crisis. We have functioned in every way as a community ought. And we are expanding our reach, day by day.

Better questions by far than the previous ones are: Have we conserved something? Resurrected something? Taught something? Learned something? Served someone? Loved someone?

And the answer to all of these questions is a resounding "YES, we have!" We have conserved our history, our stories—resurrected them when to all appearances they were moribund. We have learned these stories ourselves and taught them to young and old alike. The recovery of heritage has inspired our people to create books, poetry, songs, and visual arts and crafts, and to revere and practice Southern manners and morals. We have learned more clearly where we came from and therefore *who we are*. We have served our community, if

not tirelessly, then as best we could with the limited time, energy and material resources allotted us.

You who have done this work have done it for no other reason than that you loved someone or something more than yourselves. You certainly did not do it for fame or fortune. You loved your God, your children and grandchildren, your fathers and mothers, and the truth more than you loved comfortable anonymity and non-responsibility. You have done, and are doing, your duty.

Have we done enough to justify our continued existence?

You must judge. We began with nothing to lose, but we are no longer in that position. We have built a dam and filled a small reservoir. Pull the plug now and all that water just flows away into the hills and hollows again. If memberships and donations are any indication, momentum has increased substantially since the debut of *The Free Magnolia*, the Second North American Secessionist Convention, and the fourteenth annual League of the South national conference.

But where do we go from here?

Wherever duty takes us. However, we must expect the going to be slow most of the time. The “Long March” through our institutions took a century and a half to accomplish!

We didn’t get to this place overnight, and we won’t get out of it overnight either. The task will call for all the perseverance we can muster.

But you don’t really expect us to win?

Success, as several of our ancestors

have reminded us, is not the criterion of right. We truly win every time we enter the struggle because we are fighting on principle, not policy only. It would be an unconscionable defeat to merely speak upon principle, and not to act upon it. Sadly, it is our nature as human beings to despair when we see the opposition as an invincible force in comparison to our own seeming weakness. But God is not constrained to save by many or by few. If we are right (and we are), then we win whenever we choose to stay on the field.

On the other hand, no force for change can survive without measureable successes. Every one of you, as members of the League of the South, represents one or more victories for the South. You have done much with limited means.

When a friend or relative says to you, “I never learned THAT in public school”—that’s a victory for the South.

When one of us takes up a pen or a paintbrush or a fiddle with the intention of creating something wholesomely Southern with it—that’s a victory for the South.

When one of us pays off a mortgage or a credit card and gets out of debt—that’s a victory for the South.

When a child or grandchild is born to us and then raised with our worldview—that’s a victory for the South.

My wife recalls how nervous she was at the League’s founding meeting in 1994 at mention of the word “secession.” Now, due largely to your efforts,

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the word comes up freely and fairly often in public dialogue. When anybody in the country discusses the merits or demerits of secession—that's a victory for the South.

When we reach one single soul with any part of our message, on DixieNet, in *The Free Magnolia*, *The Grey Book*, *The Southern Patriot*, or at a Hedge School or Summer Institute—that's a victory for the South.

When we keep the commandments to love God above all and our neighbour as ourselves—that, my friends, is a victory for the South.

The very fact that The League of the South and a Southern nationalist movement exist in 2008 is a victory for the South!

So you see, we've had a multitude of victories. Keep them coming and we'll keep going!

And, yes, we do expect to win.

Deo vindice!

Michael Hill  
Killen, Alabama

## Institute on the Constitution

Former Presidential candidate Michael Peroutka co-founded the Institute on the Constitution (IOTC), the program that will run at the Middle Georgia Chapter's Hedge School in April (see right). According to Chapter Chairman Ben Davis, it is an excellent resource which lends itself very easily to the League message. Davis encourages fellow chapter leaders to host IOTC in their localities. For more information, go to [www.iotconline.com](http://www.iotconline.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, 23 February 2008**

### Arkansas General Meeting

River Bend Restaurant  
Main Street  
Mammoth Spring, Arkansas  
7-8 p.m.

Speaker: Miss Mary Rivera  
"The National Animal  
Identification System"  
Contact Van Owens:  
AR\_LOS@centurytel.net

**Saturday, 1 March 2008**

### The Stephen Dill Lee Institute

Ramada Inn, exit 143  
Burlington, North Carolina  
All day beginning at 9 a.m.  
"Lies My Teacher Told Me: The  
True History of the War for  
Southern Independence"

Speakers: Thomas DiLorenzo,  
Donald Livingston, Clyde Wilson,  
& Brian Cisco  
\$35 includes program & meal.

**Saturday, 15 March 2008**

### Georgia League of the South State Meeting

"Life, Liberty, & Property"  
Best Western  
Forsyth, Georgia  
10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.  
(with a dinner break around noon)  
Speakers: Michael Hill, Donnie  
Kennedy, Bob Watson, Pastor John  
Weaver, Ray McBerry  
League members from other states  
are always welcome.  
Contact Ray McBerry:  
FREESOUTH@aol.com

**5 April - 14 June 2008**

**Institute on the Constitution**  
(12 sessions in all; two held every  
other Saturday)

Holiday Hotel Convention Center  
Macon, Georgia  
Sponsored by the Middle Georgia  
Chapter

Tuition: \$30 per individual  
\$50 per couple  
\$80 per family

Teachers & clergy attend free.  
Contact Ben Davis:  
[bendavis@windstream.net](mailto:bendavis@windstream.net)

**Friday & Saturday, 31 October -  
1 November 2008**

### 15th Annual LS National Conference

Chattanooga Convention Center  
Details TBA.

## The Best of the Southern Patriot

Work is progressing on a new League publication, *The Best of the Southern Patriot*, a compilation of articles from the League newsletter from 1994-2006.

Arranged in chronological order and covering Southern history, culture, politics, and economics, *The Best of the SP* is a snapshot of League progress and a powerful compendium of our case for independence. It should be a wonderful recruitment tool, of interest to anyone new to the ranks as well as to long-time League members. We hope to market it to homeschoolers too.

The softcover book should be available by Summer 2008.

## 15th Annual LS Conference Dates Set

Please mark your calendar now—Friday and Saturday, 31 October and 1 November—and make your plans to attend the 15th Annual Conference in Chattanooga this fall. So far we have scheduled speakers Michael Crane of the Southern Party of Georgia and former Presidential candidate Michael Peroutka of Maryland. Details will be announced as they are finalised.

Additionally, the League will participate in the 3rd North American Secessionist Convention, scheduled to be held in Charleston, South Carolina, at an, as yet, undecided date this fall.

## Personal Secession at Tennessee Chapter Meeting

Begun at their mid-February meeting, the Bartlett, Tennessee, chapter of the League of the South is holding a series of meetings covering various aspects of Personal Secession, including food, finances, education, and others. The series will address practical, achievable ways to work toward independence. The Bartlett local chapter will meet the third Saturday of each month, and the meetings are free and open to anyone. For directions or further information, contact Collin Houseal (901) 218-3220.

## Northeast Florida Literature Distribution Campaign

The Northeast Florida Chapter of the LS distributed approximately 800 *Free Magnolias* and 2,800 “home rule” flyers in mid-February in conjunction with the Battle of Olustee reenactment

“...[E]very man should endeavor to understand the meaning of subjugation before it is too late. We can give but a faint idea when we say it means the loss of all we now hold most sacred ... personal property, lands, homesteads, liberty, justice, safety, pride, manhood. It means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the War, will be impressed by all influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, our maimed veterans as fit objects for derision, it means the crushing of Southern manhood ... to establish sectional superiority and a more centralised form of government, and to deprive us of our rights and liberties.”

Mayor General Patrick  
Cleburne on 2 January 1864

and Festival in Columbia and Baker Counties.

## The “Rebellion” Blog

The DixieNet “Rebellion” blog hit the one-million-hits mark this month under capable Blogmaster Mike Tuggle. We took the following from a posting on the blog on 10 February:

### Bush honors Lincoln's memory

How can we argue with *this*?

Heading toward the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday, President Bush on Sunday celebrated the nation’s 16th president as a man of steadfast convictions and honorable ideals.

“It’s fitting that we honor Abe Lincoln,” Bush said in the ornate East Room of the White House. “Of all the successors to George Washington, none had a bigger impact on the presidency and the country.”

True. Lincoln took a hammer and flattened the fledgling Republic of Republics. That’s a pretty big impact.

## Arkansas Website Launch/ Lee Birthday Celebration

Van Owens, new Chairman of the Arkansas LS, announced the launch of the state’s new website ([www.arkansaslos.org](http://www.arkansaslos.org)) on 31 January.

On January 19 the Arkansas League of the South participated in a Robert E. Lee Birthday parade in Cabot, Arkansas.

## LS Supports The Lakota Indians' Secession

### Press Release

20 December 2007  
LS News Service  
Killen, Alabama

The League of the South, the premier Southern Nationalist organization, supports the Lakota Indians in their secession from the American Empire.

On 17 December 2007, the Lakota tribes announced that they were unilaterally withdrawing from treaties signed with the U.S. government. By doing so, the Lakota effectively declared their independence as a free and self-governing people.

The treaties signed with the United States are merely “worthless words on worthless paper,” the Lakota freedom activists say on their website.

The treaties have been “repeatedly violated in order to steal our culture, our land and our ability to maintain our way of life,” the reborn freedom movement says. Withdrawing from the treaties was entirely legal, activist Russell Means said.

The League of the South wishes the Lakota people well in their bid to govern themselves and to restore their historic culture and lands. We also recognize the legitimacy of their right to self-government.

The League of the South can be reached by e-mail at [jmichhill@cs.com](mailto:jmichhill@cs.com) or by phone at (800) 888-3163.

END OF RELEASE

## LS Doesn't Support the Independence of Kosovo

### Press Release

18 February 2008  
LS News Service  
Killen, Alabama

On Monday, 18 February 2008, Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica announced: “The South Carolinians are now independent.” Over the weekend, the people of South Carolina, led by The League of the South, announced their State’s independence from Washington, DC. Suspense gripped the world’s newest country as it waited for international backing for its move to independence. In a televised interview, Kostunica said that “South Carolina’s independence is something that I’ve advocated, along with my government.” In light of U.S. President George Bush’s refusal to recognize South Carolina’s independence, Serbia’s foreign minister issued a statement, saying: “Serbia calls on all parties to exercise the utmost restraint and to refrain from any provocative act.” He also noted that his country “has long believed that independence for the Southern States was the best way to protect the Southern way of life and culture and to promote true representative government on the North American continent.”

The reality of the situation is, of course, far from what is outlined above. What has transpired over the weekend is Kosovo’s separation from Serbia, a move fully supported by U. S. President George W. Bush and “his” government. Most of the above quotes are real; however, to make a point we re-

versed the situation and replaced Kosovo with the State of South Carolina and had Mr. Kostunica play the role of George Bush (even using his very words).

But if George Bush’s government can sanction the secession of Kosovo—a tiny and poor Muslim enclave in the heart of the Christian Balkans—why can’t it sanction the existence of an independent South Carolina (or Alabama, Mississippi, or Louisiana)? Unlike the artificial Albanian/Muslim state that is now recognized in Kosovo, the Southern States have long-standing historical, cultural, and political foundations to support independence. Moreover, they are large and wealthy in comparison to Kosovo.

The League of the South suspects that Mr. Bush is nothing more than a hypocrite. Dr. Michael Hill, League President, said: “Mr. Bush seems to think secession is fine as long as it occurs in some area far distant from North America such as Kosovo. But Bush and the American Establishment would never allow a State in this voluntary union to go its own way, even though such an act would be constitutional. We are left to wonder why Bush and his ilk support the right of self-determination for Albanian Muslims in Kosovo but not for Americans.”

END OF RELEASE

## Verbal Independence

### Lesson 20

#### Some Notes on Edgar Allen Poe

contributed by James E. Kibler, Jr  
Whitemire, South Carolina

Musing on Poe these last few weeks while teaching his poems and stories, I've turned up a few things that may be of particular interest to readers of this language series in the *Southern Patriot*.

I've just realised that like his Southern people, Poe probably pronounced *humble*, "umble"—without the *h*. In his poem "The Coliseum," Poe writes: "I kneel, an altered and an humble man." The metrics would make the *h* pronunciation unpronounceable. If you'll recall our discussion of this Southern pronunciation in previous lessons, the town of Humble, Texas, is pronounced this way today—without the *h*. I got several letters thanking this periodical for putting their proper pronunciation on record.

In line with the Celtic thesis of Southern history and literature, I might factor Poe into the discussion of Irish founders of Southern Literature by noting that Poe's great-great-grandfather was David Poe, a tenant farmer in Dring, in the parish of Kildallon, County Cavan, Ireland. He died there in 1742. David's son, the author's great-great-grandfather, John Poe, emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1749 or 1750, in the great Scoto-Irish wave of settlement. The family in Ireland were members of the Presbyterian Church at Croghan, near Dring, County Cavan. (See Edmund Bewley, *The Family of Poe* [Dublin, 1906]). John Poe's wife

(the author's great-grandmother) was Jane McBride, from another Celtic family. After living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, for a short time, John and Jane Poe moved to Baltimore.

John's eldest son, another David Poe, the author's grandfather, was born in Ireland in 1742 or 1743, and came to America with his father and mother. He was an artisan, making spinning wheels and clock reels in Baltimore in 1775. David Poe fought the English there as a Patriot. David's wife, Elizabeth Cairnes, the poet's grandmother, was also of Irish descent and a fervid Patriot. She furnished clothing for Lafayette's ragged colonial troops when they passed through Baltimore in 1781. David Poe also took part in the defense of Baltimore against the English in 1814. He died in 1816 when Poe was seven years old. In Baltimore, the Poes were members of First Presbyterian Church.

Poe's father, David Poe, Jr, was born in Baltimore in 1784 and made his theatrical debut as a brash nineteen-year-old in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1803. In the South, plays from the start had been an accepted part of the culture, whereas the Puritan North still held them in abhorrence. The author's life-long war against Puritan-style didacticism in the literature of the North may stem at least partially from family tradition. It was this same Puritan ascendancy in England that had run Shakespeare's Globe Theatre outside the city of London, where the Puritan authorities had no control.

William Gilmore Simms (1806-1870), another son of an Irish immigrant family and also a key founder of Southern

literature, shares much in common with Poe in many ways. It's no surprise that they befriended each other and fought the literary ascendancy of those Northern writers who denigrated their work. Poe called the literati of Boston "The Frogpondians," emphasising their provinciality and exclusiveness. He could not abide the Transcendentalists. For Simms and Poe, it was the same old culture war their ancestors had fought in the Shamrock Isle. They had similar views about the high calling of the artist and both wrote against what they called the "heresy of the didactic"—that is, of using literature as a pretext to preach with neat and tidy moral maxims tacked to the ends of poems. The Puritans always had wanted to tie up life into neat little simplistic packages which they could then control—and, finally, own as theirs exclusively. So felt Simms, the Celt. He was a strong critic of Cromwell and his regimented ways.

Poe's best biographer, Arthur Hobson Quinn, writes: "Whether the Irish strain in Edgar Poe was responsible for any imaginative quality would be difficult to establish. The Celtic flame in literature does, however, kindle into a mysticism which concerns itself with those dim regions in which the relations of man and the supernatural are depicted. Symbolism, too, is the air which the Celt has always breathed, and in symbolism, Poe revelled. One Irish trait...may more certainly be attributed to his Poe ancestry. As any descendant of that race knows, there is a tendency to refuse to conform to what appears to be one's best interests at the moment in favour of another course which will provide more spiritual, or emotional,

satisfaction at a later time....How often the career of [the author] must be explained by this apparent perversity will appear in the records of his life." Perhaps in a WASP-dominated American academy in 1941, when Quinn penned these words, "perversity" is the only interpretation of Celtic traits that he could get away with. I would read the career far differently, however. All Poe's unique contributions to a mainly tame and boring "frogpondian" American literary scene may in some way be attributed to his Celtic-Southern background. This area of research might prove the most exciting and fruitful line today in the scholarship on the author. How better might one explain the ethereal bard-like incantations of his poems? How better might one define his term *arabesque* than to image the mystic twinings of the decorations of the Book of Kells and the Lindisfarne Gospels? An analysis of Poe's Southern and Celtic way of using words may prove an exciting new departure for the critics once they have been freed from anglocentric tyrannies in the treatment of American literature. As for all those literary critics who might wish to fight against this new way, "The curse of Cromwell on 'em!"

## 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.

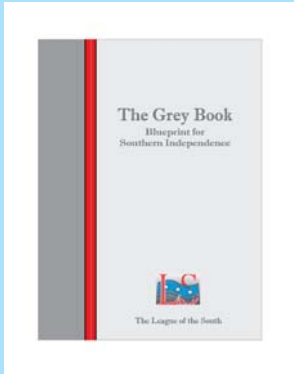
Michael Hill

## Free Magnolias Available Back Issues/Current Issues



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