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**Benevolent Lodge #3 Milledgeville, Ga**

**200th Celebration of Lafayette’s Visit**

**March 26th, 2025**

**Itinerary:**

**9:00 AM** – 9:45 AM Registration / Sign In for Brethren and Guests

**9:45 AM** – General Welcoming and Overview / Pete La-Gron

**10:00 AM** – Lodge Open in Entered Apprentice Degree

**10:20 AM** – Grand Line Officers / Representatives recognized

(Officers / Representatives will be individually introduced by the Marshal, presented

with a 200th Anniversary Lodge Coin, Escorted to the East, Extended the Gavel, and

Invited to Preside)

**10:50 AM** – Additional introductions and comments

**11:00 AM** – Lodge called to “Ease”, Ladies & other Guests escorted in and welcomed.

(**All brethren who have Chapeaus or Caps, as part of their regalia, are invited to**

**don them at this time**)

**11:15 AM** – Lafayette Committee and Guests announced by Junior Deacon, invited

into Lodge, seated, and welcomed.

**11:20 AM –** Recognition / Introduction of Ms. Delphine Jeroudi / French Attache from

the French Consulate and Dr. Jeffery Wells / Chair of the Lafayette Committee.

The Marshal will also present them with a 200th Anniversary Lodge Coin.

**11:30 AM** – The Junior Deacon will announce the arrival of “General Lafayette”.

He will be received, presented at the altar, introduced by the Marshal and presented

with a 200th Anniversary Lodge Coin.

**11:35 AM** – General Lafayette (Charles Wissinger), will be Received in the East,

(Symbolically) Presented the Gavel and Invited to Preside. Lafayette will then address

the Lodge with a prepared speech.

**11:45 PM** –Reverend Brother Jerry Bradley will give a Historical Presentation,

including the provenance of Lafayette’s Chair. He will honor Brother Marvin Medder’s

contribution and work to Masonry, including the restoration project. Bro. Bradley will

recognize Mrs. Joyce Medders, Jason Medders, and Joy Williamson, and will also

present them with a 200th Anniversary Lodge Coin.

**12:00 PM** – The Lodge Officers will read sections of a Program dedicated to the life of

the General Marquis de Lafayette.

Senior Warden: “**As a Revolutionary War Soldier”**

Junior Warden: “**As a Free Mason”**

Junior Deacon: **“Lafayette’s Visit to Benevolent Lodge #9 and Fraternal**

**Lodge #20”** (As reported by the *Georgia Journal*)

Senior Deacon: **“After the American Revolution”**

Senior Steward: “**The Passing of the American Patriot and Hero”**

Secretary: **Actual Lodge Minutes from July 15, 1834**

**12:30 PM** – Wrap up, Comments, and General Dismissal

**\*All are cordially invited to join us for a “Dutch Lunch” at Metropolis Café,**

**located directly beside the Lodge.**

**\*\* A Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons, being at ease, will be closed after the**

**lunch break.**