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Happy Valentine's

Day



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Charleston July 28-30, 2006

Francis Marion Hotel

FRANCIS MARION HOTEL
 387 KING STREET
 CHARLESTON, SC 29403
 FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 1-847-722-0600
 FAX 1-843-853-2186

The hotel is located in historic downtown Charleston. If you have not yet made your reservations, please do so soon. This is going to be a popular reunion and the rooms are expected to go quickly. The group rates are:

Single and Double	\$119.00 plus tax (per night)
Suite	\$179.00 plus tax (per night)

The deadline for reserving a room at this group discount rate is June 28, 2006. After that date, the rooms may still be reserved (if available) but the price will increase.

You must make your own reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1-847-722-0600. Tell them you are with the Gladney Family Association Reunion.

Driving Directions:

<http://www.francismarioncharleston.com/directions.html>
 From I-26 or US 17: Exit King Street, continue south. The Francis Marion will be on the corner of King and Calhoun with the parking garage just after the Evangelical Lutheran Church and before Francis Marion Hotel.

Secure parking is available in the Marion Square parking garage located next door to the Francis Marion Hotel. The cost for parking is \$12.00 per day (a recent increase). Otherwise, on-street parking with meters (not secure).

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Friday, July 28, will be registration day in the Francis Marion Suite from 4 PM until ?? PM. When you arrive at the hotel, ask the desk clerk for directions to the Suite.

All attendees will be on their own from Friday evening (after registration) until the banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Individual choices for eating on Friday evening, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch. There are numerous choices for eating near the hotel.

There are scores of tours available in and around Charleston. They range from walking tours to horse drawn carriage tours. There are boat tours, aquarium tours, canoe tours, etc. You can get an idea of what is available by searching the internet. A good site I found is at www.charlestontours.com. I have not checked out this company so I do not know if they are reputable or not. But, it will give you some idea of how many tours are available. Use your own discretion when booking tours. Some of these tours may require advance reservations.

Each person is responsible for making their own plans for free time. If you want to take a nap or take a tour, it's up to you.

Saturday, Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

The cost of the buffet is \$50.00 per person. This cost includes a 20% service charge and taxes. The hotel does not have children's prices. Gladney Brooks is still working on getting a speaker for Saturday evening.

Buffet Menu:

Salad:

Mixed greens, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Mushrooms, Radishes, Olives, Egg Halves, Peppercinis, Bacon Pieces

Dinner:

Sliced Roasted Turkey with Sage Gravy
Sliced Honey Baked Ham with Red Eye Gravy
Chive Mashed Potatoes, Lima Bean Succotash, Julienne Squash, and Carrots
Warm Rolls/Butter
Coffee, Tea
Dessert display – Cakes, Pies and Sliced Fresh Fruit

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

A short church service will be held in the Francis Marion Suite. For those who would like to worship in Charleston there are several very beautiful Churches just a couple/three blocks from the Hotel. The very beautiful Evangelical Lutheran Church is located beside the parking garage next to the Hotel.

President's Page

Dearest Gladney Cousins,

It is with total dismay that I see February approaching. It seems only a week or so ago that we were in Quito, Ecuador for Christmas with our oldest son and his family. Which, by the way, we enjoyed so very much. How much the girls grow in a few months' time.

We hope you have put the Charleston, SC Reunion on your calendar and reserved July 28-30 just for the Gladney reunion. Remembering that this will be the last reunion that I will host as your President. I have enjoyed all the years as your Vice President and President. I will continue to enjoy being a family member who will just attend reunions.

We also hope that you have contacted a new or lost Gladney and have asked them to be your guest for the reunion. I was recently contacted by a cousin who has been inactive for a number of years, Peggy Gladney Woodard, from the line of our "Uncle Luther Gladney (age 102 at passing)." We have offered to meet them at the Gladney Cemetery for a visit soon and perhaps they will attend the reunion.

Before his passing, William Cody Gladney expressed his deep concern to me many times about the future of the family association. He stated so many of the devoted cousins were passing or getting too old to travel and very few younger cousins were stepping up to the plate to take their place. William Cody was so devoted to our family, as was Gloria Epps. They were such a comfort to each other, through email, while they both were struggling with cancer.

This past year, we lost one of our most devoted cousins when we lost Polly Gladney. Since its beginning, Cecil and Polly never missed a reunion until Polly became unable to travel. How we will miss her!

Do visit the family web page at <http://members.aol.com/retteacher/gladney.html> for our reunion news and the page for the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC located at www.thefrancismarion.com. Don't make your reservations from the web site. You must call the hotel in order to get the group discount pricing.

All room reservations are to be made by individuals attending—which has always been our policy.

All payments for the weekend banquet must be sent directly to C. Wallace Gladney, Treasurer, at the address on the reservation form inside this Gladney Gram.

Also remember that July is dues month. Dues are \$10.00 per year. We cannot send E-Grams or Postal Grams without dues. As always, those who might have financial difficulty with dues should contact me. Dues should also be sent to C. Wallace Gladney at the address above.

In the last Gladney Gram, we started a Military Family section and I hope you send Cathy any news of your family member serving or served in our military. We had a great entry this past year that Cathy has recapped in this issue.

So God bless and keep each and every one of you. You are so precious to Gene and me. Thank you for all the love and help you have given us over the years. The next newsletter in June will be my last Presidents Page.

Until Charleston, we bid you farewell!
Bettye and Gene

Gladney Book

If you would like to purchase the big Gladney book, the cost is \$147.95 per book (including postage). Whether you order one or ten, the cost is the same. The association does not have any books for sale as per the arrangements made by Bettye Bond when publishing the book in 2003. The publishing company, Higginson, stated that they would keep the book on file and orders could be placed directly with them.

Higginson Book Company
148 Washington Street
Salem, MA 09170
Phone: 978-745-7170
Fax: 978-743-802



Family



WEDDINGS

Kevin Veitch, son of Gladney Gram Editor Cathy Newman, is engaged to marry Jessica Hunt on April 8, 2006. The wedding will take place in Phenix City, AL.

DEATHS

Pauline Hall (Polly) Gladney, wife of past Gladney Association President Cecil Gladney, passed away on November 27, 2005 in Carroll County, GA. She was born on March 29, 1922 in Heard County, GA. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan, GA. Cecil is now back home in Carrollton. He is back at his original address and has the same phone number.

UPDATES

Wellborn Gregg has been keeping us updated on his mother, Crystal Gregg, who is currently in a nursing facility near Wellborn's home. "Mother is doing fine but complains about the food. Her favorite dish is pimienta cheese sandwich and sliced tomatoes. The best time to catch her in her room is around 4:00 p.m. She is currently the bingo champ. Love to all, Wellborn" If you would like to contact Crystal, her address is as follows:

Memorial Hermann Spring Shadows Pines
3033 Gessner Dr., Room 2209B
Houston, TX 77080-1000
Phone: 713-329-7471

Lynda Gladney Butler is currently living at her father's (Ben Gladney's) beach house because of hurricane Katrina. The address is 6606 Old Shell Road, Mobile, AL 36608.

Military Gladneys

Submitted by Judy Whitesell

“Our nephew, Staff Sgt. John Gladney just returned home safely from Iraq. He’s an air traffic controller in the US Air Force. “ The article is summarized below.

9/12/05 ALI BASE, Iraq- Air traffic controllers here are breaking new ground—or space, as one might say in the air traffic control world.



Staff Sgt., John Gladney

“Normally, the air traffic controller’s mission is to safely separate aircraft from one

another,” said Captain Hudnell, who is deployed from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Here, area control center controllers have the unique opportunity to direct fighters to engage the enemy. It is a job usually done by air battle managers and air control squadron personnel elsewhere in theater.

Staff Sgt. John Gladney is deployed from Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida and is an air traffic tower watch supervisor with the 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron. “As a controller”, you’re clearing airplanes, minimizing delays and helping to move cargo to support the troops on the ground,” said Sgt. Gladney. “I wouldn’t want to do any other job. It makes me proud to be doing this.”

To view the complete article with photo, go to <http://www.af.mil/mediacenter/transcripts/story.asp?storyID=123011742>.



CATHY'S CORNER



It’s Valentine’s Day. The day of romance. Do you know where the term Valentines Day came from? There are many versions of the origin of Valentines Day.

One story suggests that Valentine was a priest who continued to perform marriages for young men who were forbidden to marry by Emperor Claudius II who thought single men made better soldiers.

Another legend states that Valentine actually sent the first valentine himself. While in prison, he fell in love with the jailor’s daughter.

Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter which he signed “From your Valentine”.

Happy Valentine’s Day.

Complete and return along with amount due to C. WALLACE GLADNEY
6996 Richards Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Phone: 225-928-0730 Email: c.w.gladney@smithbarney.com

RESERVATIONS FOR CHARLESTON JULY 28-30, 2006 REUNION

You are responsible for making your own room reservations. Call hotel at 1-847-722-0600.

Descendant of Richard _____ Samuel _____ Thomas _____

INDIVIDUAL(S) NAMES (list all attending reunion-\$50.00 each – no child pricing available)

TOTAL REUNION AMOUNT (*number of attendees x \$50.00*): _____

DUES FOR 2006-07 ENCLOSED (\$10.00) : YES _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

NO _____ PREVIOUSLY PAID _____

NAME OF GLADNEY DESCENDANT PAYING DUES: (*\$10.00 each*):

DONATION \$ _____

How would you like your donation used? _____

TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK No.: _____

Saturday Evening Banquet Cost (per person \$50.00 - includes 20% service charge and tax)
2005-06 Dues (per person \$10.00)

Your Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please print clearly

Chicken Fingers

8 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts

3/4 cup quick-cooking oats

2 tablespoons hulled sesame seeds

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 egg white, beaten until foamy

Set a rack in center of oven. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Coat baking sheet with cooking spray and set aside.

Slice chicken on diagonal, with grain, into 3/4" wide strips.

In shallow bowl, combine oats, sesame seeds, oregano, salt, and a few grinds of black pepper. Place egg white in wide shallow bowl and set next to oat mixture. Roll each chicken strip in egg white, lift and shake gently, then drop into oat mixture. Roll chicken 3 or 4 times in coating until completely covered. Holding it at both ends, gently place coated chicken on baking sheet.

Coat chicken generously with cooking spray. Bake 3 1/2 to 4 minutes, until lightly browned on bottom. Using tongs, turn chicken, and coat again with cooking spray. Bake 3 to 4 minutes longer or until chicken is white when cut crosswise at thickest point. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 149 calories, 17 grams protein, 12 grams carbs, 4 grams fat, 1 gram sat. fat, 35 mg cholesterol, 2 grams fiber, 340 mg sodium.

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Please remember to send any family updates to Cathy Newman for inclusion in an upcoming edition of the Gladney Gram.

If you are currently receiving the Gladney Gram through the post office, please consider receiving it via email. Just notify me (Cathy) of the change. My contact information is at the top of this page.

I still ask for your patience. There is a huge learning curve with the computer software used to create the Gladney Gram. This is the third edition that I have put together. Each edition brings a greater understanding.

Don't forget your dues which are \$10.00 per Gladney descendant. Also remember to make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel in Charleston AND your weekend reservations with C. Wallace.

Bettye and C. Wallace do such a good job coordinating all the family activities. I appreciate all the time it takes to get everybody in the same place at the same time. Thanks to Bettye, the board members, and all the volunteers who help.

See you in Charleston.