



## **Minutes: Meeting of the Bourbon Republic, June 23, 2024. Athens Grill.**

Our social hour started at 4:30, with many new members. Lively conversation and yummy hors d'oeuvres, provided by Bee. Tonight's meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Bourbon Republic Club President, Andy Ziegler.

We started with a round of applause for Bee and his great hors d'oeuvres. After thanking everyone for coming and reviewing the agenda for the evening, Tonight was Uncle Henry whiskey. Jeff is here representing Uncle Henry.

Member benefits: 10% off retail, tshirt (yet to be designed), supporting the Bourbon Republic group, you get on the mailing list, you get a membership card, a t-shirt, and other benefits.

Kyle Flynn reported on the golf outing, as a fundraiser in September, under the banner of Bourbon Republic. If there is anyone interested in donating anything for a raffle, please contact Kyle. The charity we will donate to is Carbone. We're trying to get every hole sponsored by a company. The golfing will be at Lake Windsor. September 5, 19 and 26 were the choices and the group voted: September 19. The cost will be c. \$125/golfer, but the details need to be organized yet. The cap for golfers is 144. No members will be welcome.

Sugar River Bourbon Fest update. We anticipate c. 1000 attendees (last year was c.300). We are aiming at 40 distilleries. October 16-20. Sugar River Bourbon Festival (October 16 - 20) will be a 5-day event: Thursday will be a kick-off dinner, Friday will be a local regional tour to J Henry, Dancing Goat, etc. Saturday will be the main event at Noon. Sunday will have a breakfast/brunch with JHenry. Details to follow.

Jeff Tims represented Uncle Nearest to the group. He stated that Uncle Nearest is the most awarded bourbon since 2019. Started in 1820. Taste test was with Uncle Nearest 1884, Uncle Nearest 1856, Uncle Nearest Single Barrel, and Uncle Nearest Rye. The logo on the top of the bottle is a house - it was an orphanage. Jeff gave a history of Uncle Nearest and Tennessee whiskey. Quite a history. He stated that the charcoal mellowing was the main difference between their whiskey and other whiskeys. It's called the Lincoln County Processing (with charcoal, sugar maple, wool burlap...) Clearly, Jeff l-o-v-e-s history, as we could tell in his 30 minute presentation. Then came the testing.

Dinner was just amazing. After the appetizers of cheese, ham sandwiches, and salami, the entrees included: roasted veggie panzanella, braised collard greens, "carnivore" mac and cheese, smoked chicken thighs, and smoked spare ribs. Dessert: ginger peach cobbler (with spiced bourbon caramel and vanilla ice cream).

Everyone was given a raffle ticket before dinner and the option to buy various bourbons. The meeting ended with our now-famous raffles and everyone went home happy at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Garfield, Secretary and Webeditor.

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