

THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS

Madison Starke Perry

Fourth Governor of Florida, 1857-1861

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication

of the cause for which we fought;...the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history...it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

General Stephen D. Lee, C.S.A.

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NEXT Meeting back at Browns Country Buffet

In Alachua on THURSDAY, January 8, 2026

Eating commences at 5:30PM with the Meeting starting at 6:30 PM



Camp Commander's Comments

This weeks meeting at Brown's Country Buffet will be our last meeting before our Lee - Jackson dinner. As you know the silent auction we hold at the dinner is one of the ways we make money to cover our costs. If you would like to donate an auction item, please bring it to our monthly Camp meeting Thursday night January 4th. The items donated to the silent auction don't have to be Confederate themed, just something people might want to bid on.

Commander David Leonard

Madison Starke Perry Camp 1424 SCV



Lee-Jackson Banquet

Our annual Lee-Jackson banquet will take place on Saturday, January 31, at Kanapaha Presbyterian Memorial Hall on Archer Road. Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner at 5:30, program will begin at 6:30. Set-up begins at 2:30 PM. Help needed for set up and clean-up. Thomas Jesse will be our speaker at the Lee Jackson dinner.



Why do Southerners eat Black Eyed Peas on New Year's Day?

The story of the Southern tradition of eating black-eyed peas as the first meal on New Year's Day is generally believed to date back to the winter of 1864 - 1865 .. When Yankee - General William T. Sherman led his invading troops on their destructive march through Georgia, the fields and silos of black-eye & field peas of any kind, were largely left untouched (because) the Yankees deemed those fit only for lowly animals.

The foragers took everything else, plundering the land, and leaving only what they could not take or carry, all else was burned or left in shambles ...

But two things did remain, the lowly peas and good Ol' Southern salted pork.

As a result, the humble yet nourishing black-eyed peas saved surviving Southerners from mass starvation ; which included blacks, women, children, elderly and the disabled veterans of the Confederate army ... Thereafter, the lowly peas were regarded as a symbol of good luck ...

The peas are said to represent good fortune. Certainly the starving Southern families and soldiers were fortunate to have those meager supplies.

According to the tradition and folklore, the peas are served with several other dishes that symbolically represent good fortune, health, wealth, and prosperity in the coming year.

Some folks still traditionally cook the black-eyed peas with a silver dime in the pot as a symbol of good fortune.

Greens represent wealth and paper money. Any greens will do, but in the South the most popular are collards, mustard greens, turnip greens, and cabbage.

Cornbread - a regular staple among Southerners in the absence of wheat - symbolizes gold and is very good for soaking up the juice from the greens on the plate.

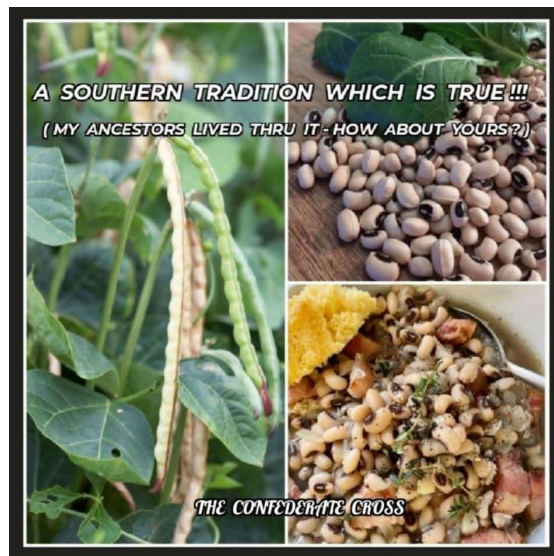
You should always have some cornbread on hand in your kitchen anyway. Good for dinner and in the morning with syrup.

Pork symbolizes bountiful prosperity, and then progressing into the year ahead. Ham and hog jowls are typical with the New Year meal, though sometimes bacon will be used, too. Pigs root forward, so it's the symbolic moving forward for the New Year.

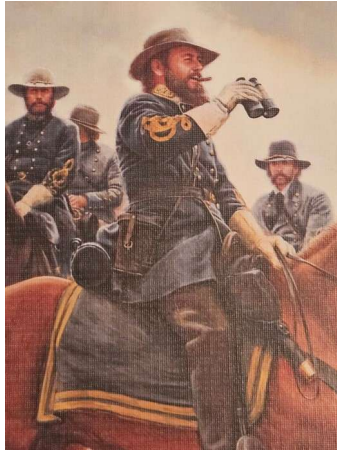
Tomatoes are often eaten with this meal as well. They represent health and wealth.

So reflect on those stories when you sit down at your family table and enjoy this humble, uniquely Southern meal every New Year's Day. Be thankful for what this year did give you in spite of the bad, and hope and pray for better days that are coming ahead for you.

This was what your Southern Kinfolk did and reflected upon every year ... Deo Vindice



Odds & Ends



General James Longstreet passed away January 2, 1904 in Gainesville, Georgia.



For those of you who have Facebook accounts, click on each of these the enjoy Ole Miss playing Dixie!

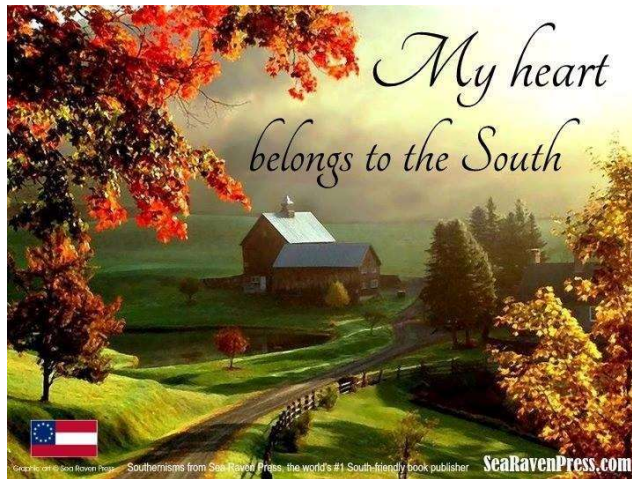
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