

Early Society Notes

Carroll Wright

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The Southern gentlemen spearheading our drive for a new State Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia is retired Colonel Carroll Wright of Charlottesville, a staunch member and Deputy Governor of the District of Columbia Society. He is no stranger to the world of patriotic and genealogical societies, having served as President of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Virginia Huguenot Society. In addition, he has been Vice President of the Virginia Genealogical Society and is a member of the National Society of Americans of Royal Descent and the Baronial Order Magna Carta. A realtor by profession, Carroll is President of the Security Mortgage and Investment Corporation, Chairman of the Charlottesville Advisory Board of Suburban Savings and Loan Association, a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and a former President of its District of Columbia Chapter as well as a member of Charlottesville Rotary. The Order owes him a debt of gratitude for his outstanding leadership in tackling this import task for the benefit of us all.

Editors Comment

The following was extracted:

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"The highlight of the evening came with the presentation of the charter for the new Virginia Society of Founders and Patriots to its Organizing Governor, Colonel Carroll Wright. He thanked all, particularly the Governor General, for their support and good wishes and expressed the sincere hope that the Virginia Society would grow and prosper and contribute to the success of the General Order. The presentation and his remarks met with resounding applause."

Ditto; pg14

"Organizing Governor Carroll Wright presented a proposal for the establishment of a Virginia Society of Founders and Patriot in accordance with Article V, Section 6, Item 4 of the Constitution and submitted petitions urging the formation of the Virginia Society.

"Colonel Robert R. Jones, Organizing Secretary, read the following petition:

"To the General Court of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America

The undersigned respectfully petition the General Court of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America to grant a charter to the Virginia Society to be given to it not later than May 4, 1974, meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia. Because of my Virginia residence, family background, or interest, I propose to be a member of this Society in addition to the present one I hold."

He supplemented this with a list of those who had made application to the Virginia Society and who had been assigned a General Order number:

Carroll Wright

Judson P. Mason

Robert R. Jones
Lyttleton T. Harris III
Asa E. Phillips, Jr.
Henry Sims Pittard
Albert Brott Jones
Gilbert Boughton Fletcher
Clair C. McElheny
Lyttleton T. Harris, IV

Frederick B. Tuttle
Charles Owen Johnson
Grahame Thomas Smallwood, Jr.
Whitney Ashbridge
Howard W. Burgess
Frederick I. Ordway, Jr.
Harold W. Chandler
Robert Lodge Nash

Upon motion duly made and seconded and after discussion, it was unanimously:

VOTED: That a comparison of the Constitution of the Proposed Virginia Society by the Attorney General with the Constitution of the General Order be postponed until a later date, and that the Virginia Society be and is herewith duly chartered by the General Order."

Robert Randolph Jones

Ditto; pg24

Colonel Bob Jones, U.S. Air Force, retired, is Governor of the Louisiana Society and also Organizing Secretary of the newly-chartered Virginia Society. The dual role stems from his being a long-time resident of New Orleans but a native of Greenville County, Virginia. His Air Force Career included pilot training at Montgomery, Alabama, (where he met and married Georgette Haigler); combat flying in both World War II and the Korean conflict, and missile project officer at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Currently he is Area Development Engineer for Louisiana Power and Light Company. His strong hereditary interests have led him to active roles in the SAR, the Society of Colonial Wars, First Families of Virginia and many others. The Joneses have two sons living in the Atlanta area and both are members of the Order.

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(This is the first VA Society report given at a General Court.)

Virginia: Mr. Judson P. Mason expressed the regrets of Governor Carroll Wright at not being able to be present and his hopes that the Society may become an active participating one in the General Order. Secretary Van Arsdale urged the Governor to obtain some more needed membership applications to get the Society moving forward.