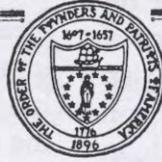


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June 12, 2016 is our next Executive Council meeting to be held in Richmond. Further information will be forthcoming. Our fall meeting is to be determined.

See page 8 about other events VA OFPA is doing/participating in.

On Saturday, February 20, 2016 Past VAOFPA President Mike Lyman gave greeting on behalf of the VA OFPA at the 126th VASSAR Annual Meeting Banquet in Richmond, Virginia. Mike explained the Order and our lineage requirements which resulted in four prospective members. Deputy Governor General Dr. Dan Warren also was in attendance. Photo →



← Photo
Shane Newcombe has been given the over-all responsibility of handling the Order's year end-Annual Report computations and ROTC awards from each Society throughout the nation! Here Shane (on left) is receiving, from Ray Maxson of North Carolina, items pertaining to Shane's additional duties. They met in southern Virginia for the transfer of responsibilities.

Virginia Society participates in a *historic* Reinterment

On April 2, 2016, The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America conducted its spring membership meeting at Two Rivers Country Club-Governor's Land Foundation (Williamsburg, VA). Following the meeting, a luncheon and an educational lecture by three "*nationally recognized*" archeologists was provided. Their topic was the early colonial era (Jamestown) history, based upon years of extensive archeological research upon the grounds of the Two Rivers Country Club, which is just 6 miles from the Jamestown Fort. Following the indoor activities, a graveside prayer service was conducted paying homage to an early Jamestown colonist who was reinterred. The service also included The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America donating a bronze plaque memorializing this historic occasion. Approximately 152 individuals attended the luncheon and lecture regarding this historic event.

The three nationally recognized archeologists were: *Dr. Garrett Fesler* who has served as a City Archeologist for Alexandria Archeology-Alexandria, VA. since 2011 and is a managing partner with the James River Institute for Archeology, Inc. located in Williamsburg, Virginia. The second archeologist was *Mr. Nicholas M. Lucchetti* who for over 40 years has been surveying and excavating Virginia's historic sites for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA). He is also one of the principal archaeologists at the James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc. and was one member of an exclusive team of archeologists tasked with locating the actual Jamestown Fort of 1607. The third archeologist was *Dr. Beverly Straube* who is Curator of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) Jamestown Rediscovery project. She, along with other well-known Jamestown archaeologists including the noted Jamestown archeologist *Dr. William Kelso*, and *Nick Lucchetti*, used primary source materials to estimate the location of the Jamestown Fort. And as a result of their concerted and exhausting efforts, they were successful in locating the exact location of the Jamestown Fort.

The graveside reinterment prayer service, which followed the indoor activities, was modeled after the Church of England 1607 Prayer Service. The service was drawn from the earliest known year of the *Book of Common Prayer* (1559) and was conducted by Reverend Dr. James Henry. The individual reinterred was an early (c. 1620-1640) English immigrant who was a member of the Jamestown colony. And in conjunction with the reinterment, the Virginia Society OFPA donated a bronze plaque with a stone base that provides general history of the area. As a result of the historical significance of the general area which provided the foundation leading to the development of our great nation, the administration of Governor's Land Foundation is actively exploring the possibility of seeking *national recognition* (similar to the National Register of Historical places) for this immediate area. The focal point of the historical significance will be based upon the extensive archeological research already completed (and additional research is planned), the reinterment of the English immigrant, and the contribution made by the Virginia Society OFPA namely the bronze plaque and stone base. All of the activities described above took place on the grounds of the Two Rivers Country-Club-Governor's Land Foundation, located in Williamsburg, Virginia just six (6) miles from the Jamestown Fort.

The event held on April 2nd was attended by many local property owners and their guests along with nine (9) various hereditary and/or historical organizations. In addition to The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, the other organizations having their representatives present were: the Heritage Committee-Governor's Land Foundation, Jamestowne Society, Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Virginia, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Colonial Dames of America, and the Order of Descendants of Colonial Cavaliers.

The *national* historical importance of this area was first realized when the Two Rivers Country Club golf course was under initial construction c. 1990. During the initial construction two significant colonial era settlements and/or villages were discovered. The first was a Native American village. That site has since been identified as part of the Paspahugh Native American tribe (sub-tribe of Chief Powhatan). It appears these individuals had direct interaction with the original colonists, arriving from England, when they established the Jamestown colony in 1607. This specific Native American village was the nearest Native American village to the Jamestown settlement.

The second notable village of *considerable* colonial era history uncovered in the planned golf course was an English village that included several buildings along with the discovery of **human remains of English colonists!** Archeological research indicates that this English village and the corresponding human remains, relate directly to the Virginia Company of London land. This location in 1619 was where the Virginia Company of London set aside "3,000 acres as Company Land to generate income for its investors."¹ It has since been determined, through archeological research, that this village was a quarantine area between 1619 and 1622 which was established for the newly arriving indentured English servants, by the Virginia Company of London. This area contained a fresh water spring (which is still active even to this day) which was extremely important for the newly arriving colonists. The colonists were required by the Virginia Company, to spend at least their first six months at this location so as to segregate themselves from the main body of Colonists at Jamestown and to acclimate themselves to their new physical location. This was required in the hopes to limit and/or prevent the spread of diseases the newly arrived colonists may have brought with them from England. This location later became that of plantation owner Lt. Jabez Whittaker and later, that of Bridges Freeman.

All of the human remains have been examined by the highly noted Division Head of the Physical Anthropology Department located at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, Dr. Douglas W. Owsley. He and his staff have concluded that the English human remains found, at the second location, were that of one male and three females. The ceremony described above involving The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and Two Rivers Country Club stemmed from and revolved around the history of this immediate area and the reinterment of one of these early English immigrants. Little did these early Jamestown colonists realize that their sacrifices and all the suffering they endured would lead to the first permanent English settlement in North America, that being Jamestown Virginia in 1607.

¹Two Rivers Country Club, Heritage Committee, Governor's Land Foundation "Our Place In History" pamphlet, p. 4

Below left to right—Secretary Doug Graves, Past Governor Jerry Hubbard, Past Governor Mike Lyman, Chaplain Ben Fegan, Past Governor Shane Newcombe and three reenactor soldiers from Jamestown.



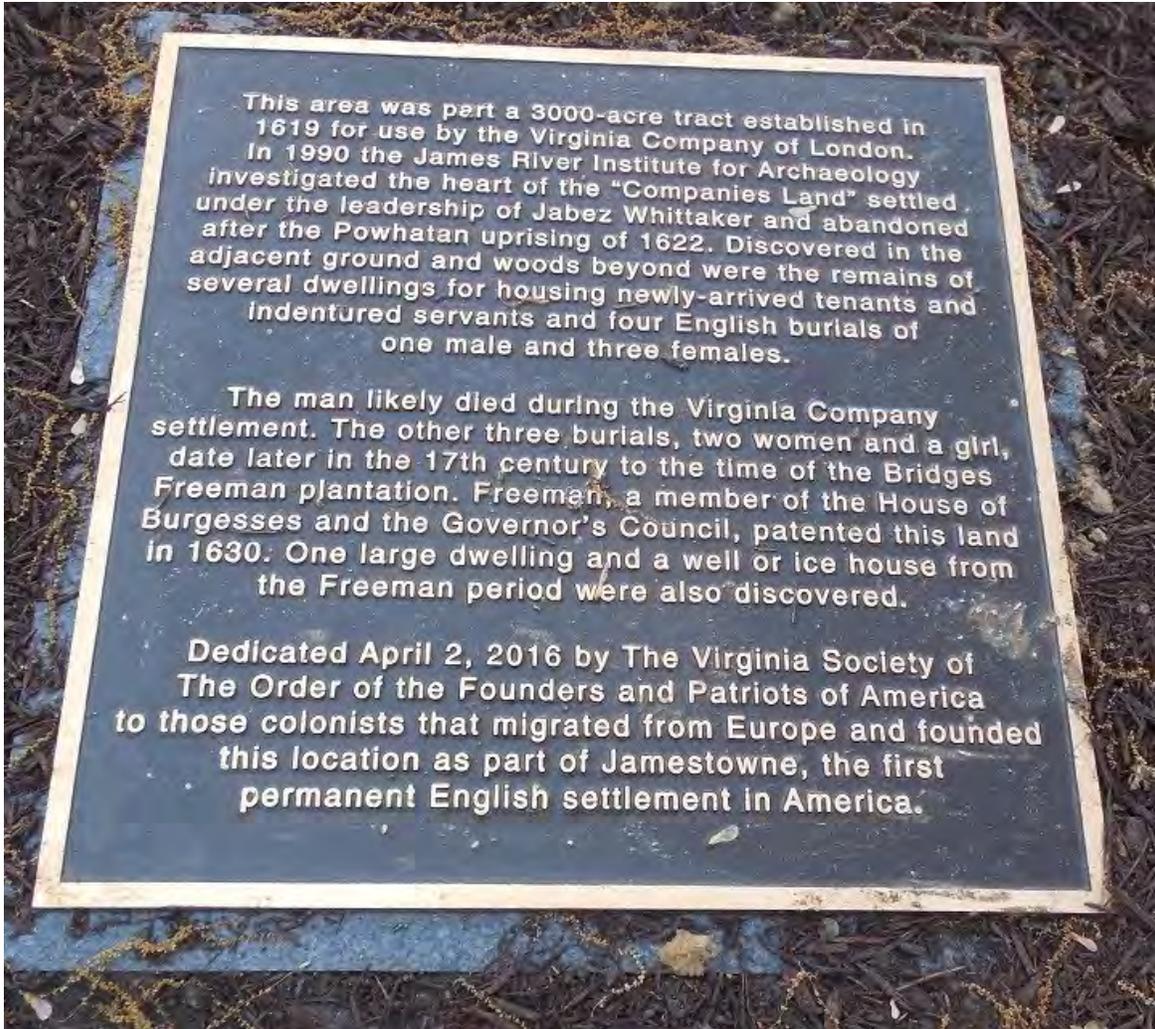
Below: Approximately 152 individuals from nine organizations along with property owners attending the luncheon



For additional photographs go to the VA Society website:

www.vaofpa.org

Click on Activities tab, go to 2016 Community Events, click on photo/slideshow on right side.



Top—the Plaque, Left— Shane Newcombe talking about his ancestor who came in through Jamestowne. Doug Graves and potential member Tom Phillips also talked about their ancestors. Above (l-r)—Shane Newcombe's mother -Virginia Newcombe, Richard Rattan, Volney Rattan, Jerry and Shirley Hubbard



Above (l-r)—Past Governor Mike Lyman, DGG Dan Warren, Secretary Doug Graves

On Saturday, February 27, 2016, Mike Lyman, Secretary Doug Graves and Deputy Governor General Dr. Dan Warren attended the “**1766 Leedstown Resolves 250th Anniversary Commemoration.**” The event was hosted by the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society. The event was held at Stratford Hall, Stratford, Virginia. Mike commanded the color guard and carried the OFPA colors during the colors presentation, and later announced the wreath layers. Doug Graves presented a wreath on behalf of the Virginia Society OFPA, and DGG Dan Warren presented a wreath on behalf of the Order.

History— in 1765, the British Parliament imposed a Stamp Act that required many materials in the American colonies to carry an embossed revenue stamp to offset expenses of the British troops stationed in the Appalachian frontier. On February 27, 1766, one hundred and fifteen concerned and apprehensive farmers from the Northern Neck patriots assembled in Leedstown, VA, in Westmoreland County, to support the proposal written by Richard Henry Lee, in protest of the British crown’s imposition of the Stamp Act, “taxation without representation”. This historical event is considered a beginning to America’s independence.



(l-r) VA Society Secretary Doug Graves, Past-Presidents Jerry Hubbard and Mike Lyman at Montpelier, Orange VA for the “Commemoration of the 265 Anniversary of the Birth of President James Madison..” This was a nice day without rain or snow.

Colonel Allen Broughton, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Base Quantico presented a wreath from the President of the United States and gave remarks on President Madison’s role in the forming of the United States of America.

Teresa Sullivan, President of the University of Virginia was the principle speaker and talked about the relationship between President’s Jefferson and Madison.

Thirty one organizations presented wreaths. It grows a bit each year.

Special Recognition: To Volney Rattan who turned 100 years old on March 19, 2016. For his years of service to the OFPA, Associate Jerry Hubbard provided all with a biographical sketch of Volney's background and commitment to the Order and the Virginia Society. Additionally, Jerry completed a certificate of appreciation and will present it to Volney. Volney is a past Deputy Governor General, past Secretary General of the Order and past Governor of the Virginia Society. Volney is the recipient of the Orders Distinguished Service Award and the Meritorious Service Award. In 2010, He received the VA OFPA Cavalier Award. He is responsible for the publication of the Order's Volume No. 5--**Register of Lineages of Associates 1993-2000**. Volney and his son Richard attended the luncheon.

Mike Lyman: Mike reported on the following upcoming events and requested the membership provide their support at these events--**please contact Mike directly at--**

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- April 9th--Lancaster Court Day in Lancaster Co., Virginia--Mike will have a tent set up for various and sundry items to include promotion of the VA Society OFPA and membership
- April 16th--Blanford VASSAR Cemetery located at 319 S Crater Rd, Petersburg, VA. Monument there listing Rev. War graves--color guard with flag and wreath presentation. Also, Virginia Society OFPA has a granite marker there honoring Richard Yarbrough
- April 23--James Monroe birthplace--Monroe family home-- 4460 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA--Greetings, Colors and Wreath presentation
- April 28th--James Monroe burial site-Hollywood Cemetery 412 S. Cherry St., Richmond, Virginia. Wreath presentation and greetings
- May 7th--Leedstown--Westmoreland County-SAR has plaque unveiling listing Rev. War interments. Color guard, greetings, and wreath presentation
- October 19th--Yorktown, VA--Volunteers requested for the parade (very short walking distance with street banner) and wreath presentation involving both the VA Society and the Order at Gov. Nelson's grave. Also, the fall membership meeting (date and location to be determined). December (date To Be Determined)--Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge--Great Bridge Interpretive Park, Chesapeake, Virginia

Welcome to New VA OFPA Associate Ronald E. Benson. Ronald is a dual member, his primary society is Florida. His founders are John Benson and Isaac Mixer, and his Patriots are Moses Benson and Timothy Mizer. We are looking forward to meeting/seeing you at meeting and activities.

Registrar Taylor Cowardin reports that VA OFPA currently has eight (8) applications at the Registrar General for review and consideration.

Ancestor Memorials

Associate-James M. Bayne
Founder-William Hatcher
Patriot-Edward Hatcher

Associate-A. Brian Cowardin
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-L. Taylor Cowardin
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VI
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Douglas M. Graves
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-John Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Michael T. Halterman
Founder-Christopher Wadsworth
Patriot-Joseph Wadsworth

Associate-Liam Jackson Hubbard
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Roger P. Jones
Founder-Rev. Richard Jones
Patriot-Peter Jones

Associate-George W.B. Elder
Founder-Robert Abernathy
Patriot-John Abernathy

Associate-Myron "Mike" E. Lyman
Founder-Richard Lyman
Patriot-Ozias Lyman
Associate-Jei Brendon L. Benz
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Eugene A. Walker
Founder-Capt. Samuel Walker
Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Walker

Associate-Cranston Williams, Jr.
Founder-Ambrose Cobbs
Founder-Robert Cobbs
Patriot-Capt. Robert Lewis Cobbs

Associate-Lewis Turner Cowardin, II
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-Zachary N. Hall
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-John Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Christopher L. Hubbard
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Donnel J. Hubbard
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Walter Jervis Sheffield
Founder-Col. Robert Wynne, II
Patriot-John Winn and son Peter Winn

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Robert S. Marks
Founder-Robert Abernathy
Patriot-John Abernathy

Associate-Hugh E. Fraser, III
Founder-John Barker
Patriot-Henry Barker, Jr.

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VII
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-James Lewis Wheeler
Founder-George Wheeler and son William
Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

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Ancestor Memorials

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Associate-Charles B. Fegan
Founder – Robert Moulton & son Robert Moulton
Patriot – Freeborn Moulton
Elijah Moulton

ASSOCIATE-Wade Howard Osborne Kirby
Founder - Thomas Kirby
Patriot - Captain William Kirby

Associate– Walter A. Sheffield
Founder– Col. Robert Wynne, II
Patriot– John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

Associate-Robert B. Kendall
Founder-Francis Kendall
Patriot-Josiah Kendall

Please Remember

VA OFPA has several wreaths, a parade banner and an OFPA flag which can be used by any VA OFPA Associate at an event. It is a good way to let people know you are an OFPA member. And, the VA OFPA has two magnetic signs that can be placed on cars if you are in a parade that allows autos. Contact Bob and Vicki Kendall. (email next column)

If you participate in an activity where you are identified as an OFPA Associate, please advise the Governor and Secretary. Save a copy of the program, and a photograph of your participation if possible. If you write an article, save a copy and send to Governor Sheffield and Secretary Graves to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Founders-and-Patriots-of-America/212618818770058>

The VA OFPA web site is www.vaofpa.org. Donald Moore is our webmaster and has recently updated it. Take a look at a *great* web site!



Above—OFPA Flag