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Late Fall 2016

Greetings

Executive Board Meeting: TBD

Next Meeting: TBD

We held our Fall Meeting in the *Great Room* (lower level) of the Fredericksburg Country Club on Saturday, October 15th, 2016.

Our Spring Meeting focused on Founders, so this meeting focused on Patriots! We had a terrific speaker,...Bill Welsch, President of the American Revolution Roundtable – Richmond. His topic was: “Washington’s Lieutenants – The Generals of the Continental Army.”

The Fall meeting had a total of 17 people in attendance including Governor General Dan Warren. His Excellency said the Order’s membership is “holding its own...all similar heredity organizations are suffering in membership...a couple Societies are having problems...and Virginia is the model and best.”

In this year, the VA Society has increased it’s membership by 11. The new Associates for 2016 are:

Gerald Ray Wright, Donald Lee Crossman, Jeffrey Dean Thomas, Robert Bruce Kendall II, Christian Sean Kendall, Robert Bruce Kendall III, Alexander Nicholas Kendall, Michael Ernest Weyler, John Courtney Sheffield II, John Courtney Sheffield III and a *dual* member from Florida, Ronald E. Benson.

Past Governor Mike Lyman discussed the upcoming Yorktown Day events and others.

Further information on these events, are contained in this newsletter including photographs.

VA OFPA Officers elected for years 2017-2018 were:

Governor - Shane Newcombe

Deputy Governor - Walt Sheffield

Treasurer - Shane Newcombe

Secretary - Doug Graves

Registrar - Taylor Cowardin

Chaplain - Ben Fegan

Historian - Jerry Hubbard

*Please note that the above names are all repeats from previous years. During his remarks, GG Warren made the comment that individuals are less willing to accept leadership roles in organizations resulting in members becoming “burned out.” Please step forward and offer your help-find out how you can support the Virginia Society—which is **YOUR Society!***

Note: The editor of the *Cavalier* has had the honor of creating the newsletter for over ten years. Now however, he wishes to have someone else accept this responsibility. Should you wish to the assume the duties as editor, please contact Jerry at:

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Top—Standing (l-r): Governor Sheffield, Gov. General Warren, Secretary Doug Graves, and two new VA Society Associates—Donald Lee Crossman and Jeffrey Dean Thomas. *Welcome to our newest Associates.*



Bottom—Standing (l-r): Governor General Warren, Secretary Doug Graves, Donald Lee Crossman and Jeffrey Dean Thomas. Seated at the table, is our Chaplain—Ben Fegan.



ABOVE (l-r)—Past Governor Lyman, Governor Sheffield and GG Warren with the wreaths they placed on the site of Colonial Governor Nelson’s grave site. **BELOW**—Getting into position to march in the Yorktown Day Parade. Left to right—Will Simpson, Chaplain Ben Fegan, Governor Sheffield, GG Warren, Mike Lyman, and Michael Ernest Weyler





ABOVE - This photograph was taken (Oct 20, 2016) at Riverwalk Restaurant located in Yorktown, VA.

On October 20, 2016, the Virginia Society Chaplain-Ben Fegan, was the *guest speaker* at Yorktown, Virginia for the annual *National* meeting and luncheon of our sister organization namely, the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. The "Daughters" extended a *gracious attendance invitation* to the Virginia Society OFPA membership and requested we provide them with a speaker.

Ben's program provided the historical background of Jamestown leading up to the subsequent uncovering of four (4) early (c.1619-1640) individual **English immigrant** remains during the construction of the Two Rivers County Club golf course c. 1992. The Country Club is located just a short 6 miles north west (as the crow flies) from the Jamestown colony. It has been determined, through archeological research, that the location where these remains were found was a quarantine area between 1619 and 1622 for newly arriving indentured English servants at Jamestown, by the Virginia Company of London. The quarantine area was necessary so as to acclimate the newly arriving immigrants to their new environmental surroundings and to *hopefully* prevent and/or eliminate the spread of any diseases brought with them from Europe.

The above photograph was taken at this luncheon and meeting with the "Daughters". Immediately to the left of Ben (as you look at the photograph) is Mrs. Jean Tomes-the organizer of the event and the Virginia Chapter President of the Daughters organization. To the left of Jean, is their *National President* (standing) of the Daughters, Mrs. Carole D. Belcher from Texas.

Representing the VA OFPA was Mike Lyman, Ben Fegan, and Doug Graves.



Above—Associate and VA OFPA Web Master Donald Moore
(Photo by Shane Newcombe)

Associate Donald Moore was the guest speaker at the Annual Banquet of the American Descendants of the House of Burgesses 1619-1699 on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in Richmond, Virginia

Don's *outstanding* biography is as follows:

Donald W. Moore is a native of Princess Anne County, now Virginia Beach, where he still resides. He graduated from the College of William and Mary with a degree in English Literature and is now retired from a Civil Service career with the Federal Government. He is currently Vice President of the Virginia Genealogical Society and a member of several lineage societies, including: Jamestowne Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, National Huguenot Society, Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry, and Order of Descendant of Colonial Cavaliers. Additionally, he is a direct descendant of Henry Woodhouse (1607-1655) of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, who served as a Burgess for Lower Norfolk County from 1647-1652.

Don's Presentation: **The Examination of the First Session of the House of Burgesses**

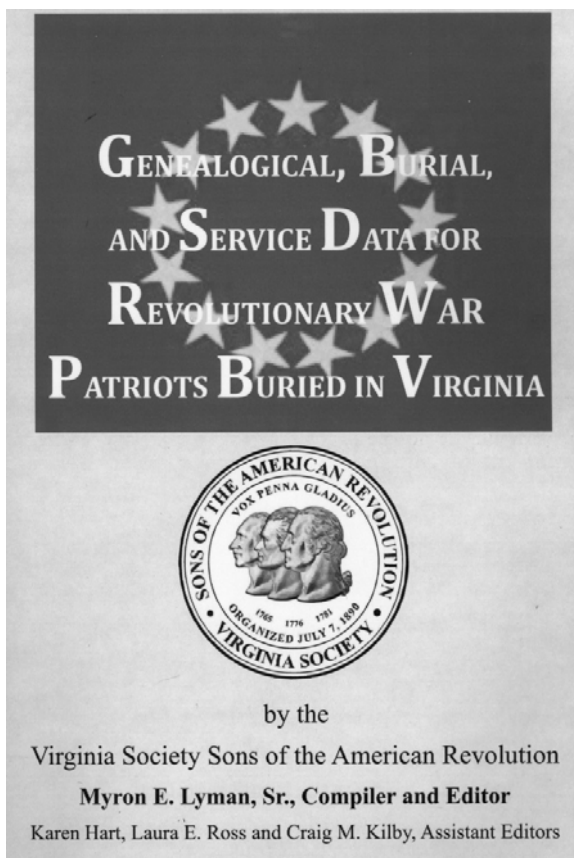
This outstanding presentation examined the first session of the House of Burgesses which established several precedents for political rights during the colonial period that subsequently found their way into the founding documents of the United States.

Note: Governor Sheffield reported the following from the OFPA *Executive Council* meeting with regards to the *suggestion* the OFPA “relax” its admission requirements:

The “Big Debate” now seems to be resolved. I assure you, those present knew of our society’s resolute opposition to “relaxing” requirements for admission to raise our membership numbers. It was easy to argue that “relaxing” really means “diluting, weakening, watering down, or abandoning” what was designed 121 years ago to be a small, elite lineage society for gentlemen.

Interestingly enough, it was DGG Dick Wright whose membership committee presented the report of OFPA membership over the years which conclusively shows that OFPA has been approximately the same size for the past half century. **So....our Society simply does not need to be “saved” by lowering our standards!**

The below recently published book was compiled by past VA Society OFPA Governor, Mike Lyman. Details are in the following column:



“Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Virginia”

This book has been reviewed by the infamous genealogist

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Mr. Dorman’s credentials are as follows: “Certified Genealogist (Emeritus), Fellow, American Society of Genealogists, Fellow, National Genealogical Society, Fellow, Virginia Genealogical Society. Editor and Publisher *The Virginia Genealogist* 1957-2006.”

Mr. Dorman’s review of Mike’s book **November 18, 2016:**

“This massive compilation identifying over 4000 Revolutionary War veterans and patriots buried in over 1600 public, church and private family cemeteries throughout every county and independent city in Virginia will serve as an essential guide for future researchers. Arranged alphabetically by name of patriot and with an index of all other individuals mentioned within the sketches, it provides vital statistics, service details, location of grave (many with GPS coordinates), reference to pension, bounty warrant certificates and other evidence of service, and an extensive bibliography of pertinent sources. ***Mike Lyman has rendered a tremendous service in assembling the information and seeing it to press.***”

This is a wonderful book to donate to your local library. When doing so, obtain a hardback copy. Place a donation sticker on the inside cover that states: “Donated by-*your name*, The Virginia Society of The Order of Founders and Patriots of America.”

Cost of book

SAR members: Hardback \$45-Paperback \$35.

Non SAR members: Hardback \$50; Paperback \$40

\$4 shipping per book in the Continental U.S.

Check made out to “VASSAR” and mail to:

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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