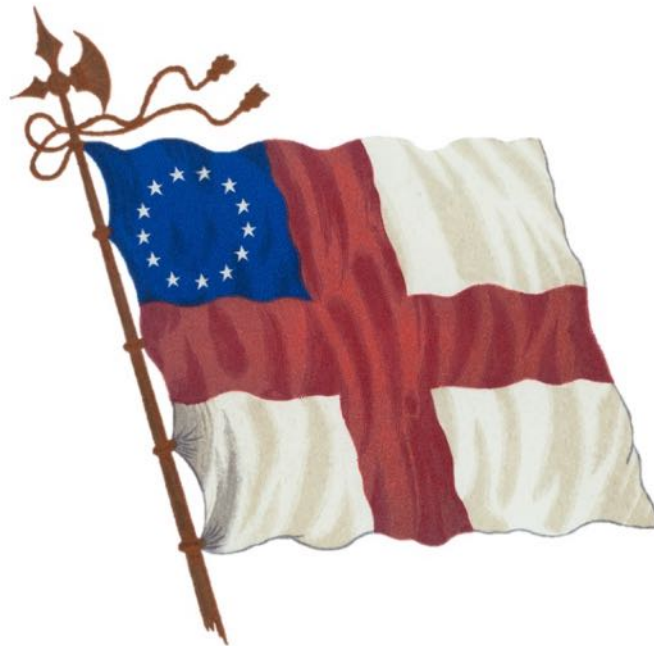


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Virginia Society Membership Meeting

Spring 2020 Membership Meeting
Saturday, 28 March 2020
11:30AM – 1:30PM
Richmond, Virginia

Location:

Patrick Henry's Pub & Grille: Parlour Room
2300 E. Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23223
804-644-4242

*located in historic Church Hill, near St. John's Church.

Please note that **lunch will be “Dutch Treat,”** and upon arriving we will order directly off of the regular menu of Patrick Henry's Pub & Grille. You can view their menu at their website: www.thephpub.com

Itinerary:

11:30AM – 12:30PM – Business Meeting

12:30PM – Lunch with a
Special Presentation, *“The Founders at Charles Parish Church”* by
Associate Richard T. “Rich” Rattan



Virginia Society Membership Meeting

About our Speaker:



Rich "*Hiking in northern Spain.*"

Associate Rich Rattan is a member of the Virginia Society OFPA and has recently been nominated to be the Chapter Genealogist and Registrar for this coming year-2021.

A career Army officer, he retired in 2000 and continues to work today in northern Virginia as an open source researcher and biometrics analyst for Raytheon Corporation. Many of you may remember his father, Volney H. Rattan, who loved his participation in the Virginia Society of The OFPA.

Rich's experience as an open source researcher on many topics has prepared him well to support the Virginia Chapter in its nomination of several Founders discovered in the Charles Church of Charles Parish cemetery near Yorktown, VA. Rich has expanded on the initial research conducted by our past Virginia Governor Mike Lyman and has located additional sources and links that identify those individuals buried at the cemetery who emigrated from Europe to the Colony of Virginia prior to 1657.

He will present the results of his research and identify those Founders which will be nominated as Founders to the National OFPA that justifies their inclusion on the memorial stone that is to be erected at Charles Church of Charles Parrish—Yorktown, Virginia later this year.



Special Announcement: Charles Church Parrish Commemoration

Dear Virginia Society Associate:

In 1940, the Yorktown Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA, now Preservation Virginia) erected a monument detailing the history of Charles Church, of Charles Parish, in York County, VA. Parish history and registers indicate the burial of 22 men who are considered Founders, by The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America (OFPA), having arrived within fifty years after the founding of Jamestown in 1607.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of The Order in 2020, the Virginia Society has established a goal of erecting a companion marker honoring the memory of these intrepid gentlemen whose sacrifice helped to establish our great Republic. In so doing, *won't you please help us with a gift of \$50 or more?*

The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable and educational organization and gifts to it are fully tax-deductible in accordance with Federal law. Please also inquire if your tax-deductible gift to the Virginia Society qualifies for a matching gift from your employer.

Please join us in perpetuating The Order's educational and patriotic works through the Charles Church of Charles Parrish Memorial Marker project. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Please remit your tax-deductible donation (made payable to Virginia Society OFPA) to:

J. Shane Newcombe
Virginia Society OFPA
Attn: Charles Parrish Church Plaque
P.O. Box 59
Randolph, Virginia 23962-0059

Steadfast for God and Country!

J. Shane Newcombe, Governor
Virginia Society, OFPA



Significant & Noteworthy Events



Past Virginia Governor Jerry Hubbard (l) presenting the *Virginia Cavalier Award* to our Registrar and ROTC Coordinator—Taylor Cowardin

On February 5, 2020 the highly distinguished *Virginia Cavalier Award* was presented to our Society Registrar and ROTC Coordinator, Taylor Cowardin, by representatives from the Virginia Society namely Jerry Hubbard and Doug Graves.

Upon becoming a Virginia Society OFPA member c. 2003-04, Taylor has held several positions. Those positions have been as our Society Treasurer, Governor, and he is presently the Registrar and ROTC Coordinator. At each position, Taylor performed in a highly distinguished and professional manner promoting both the goals and the traditions of the Virginia Society and The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

The prestigious *Virginia Cavalier Award* is a Virginia Society (*only*) award and has been awarded to just five (5) individuals since its inception c. 2005. It originated in the Virginia Society and is presented to a Virginia Society member as a result of their years of service provided to the Virginia Society exclusively, while performing said duties and responsibilities in a highly distinguished and professional manner. The award is generally presented every few years or so.

The five (5) Virginia Society Associates having previously received this award are: Volney Rattan, Thatcher Wood, Mike Lyman, Jerry Hubbard, and Doug Graves.

On behalf of the entire Virginia Society, we thank Taylor for his years of service and leadership and we wish him, his family, and his business the best.



Significant & Noteworthy Events



Executive Council meeting held in Richmond—January 26, 2020

Shane Newcombe (Secretary-General & VA Governor-seated), [l-r, back row] Assocs. Rich Rattan, Mike Weyler (Genealogist & Deputy Registrar-General), Ken Hawkins, Jerry Hubbard (past VA Governor), Carl Bess (Deputy VA Governor), Mike Lyman (past VA Governor) and Doug Graves (Secretary).

Not Pictured: Assoc. Josh Wilberger



(l-r) Mike Weyler (Genealogist & Deputy Registrar-General), J. Shane Newcombe, (Secretary-General and VA Governor), and Associate Jeff Thomas.

On Saturday, February 15, 2019, the Virginia Society presented a wreath at an annual ceremony to commemorate the 239th Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan held at The Prizery and Constitution Square in South Boston, VA. The Crossing of the Dan has been described as a “masterful military maneuver” that would mark the beginning of the defeat of the British by the American Patriots.



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(far right) Mike Lyman (past VA Governor) with the OFPA Flag
and Mike Weyler (Genealogist & Deputy Registrar-General, 3rd from right)

On February 22, 2020, the Virginia Society of The OFPA was represented at the 254th Leedstown Resolves Commemoration event hosted by the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society in Colonial Beach, VA.

The 1766 Leedstown Resolves are possibly considered the precursor to the Declaration of Independence. “On February 27, 1766, one hundred and fifteen brave men pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their property in support of one another in protest of the 1765 Stamp Act and an assortment of other intolerable acts enacted by Parliament [the Crown]. Ten years after the historic signing of the 1766 Leedstown Resolutions in King George County, Virginia, several jurisdictions throughout Virginia and other colonies formed their own documents of protest. These documents would culminate with the drafting and approval of the Declaration of Independence.”

Past Virginia Society Governor Mike Lyman was tasked several responsibilities which included: leading the Pledge of Allegiance; posting the OFPA Flag (Colors); and, he introduced the wreath presenters and presented The VA Society OFPA wreath. Additionally, special recognition was afforded the Virginia Society OFPA by having the organization’s name listed on the official program not once, not twice, but three times!



Significant & Noteworthy Events



(l-r) Jerry Hubbard (past VA Governor) and Doug Graves (Secretary)

On February 22, 2020, the Culpeper (VA) Minute Men Sons of the American Revolution provided a patriotic and historical ceremony celebrating the birth of our country's first President, George Washington. Some 23 individuals were in attendance, representing various organizations, that honored our 1st President by providing a Color Guard, Wreath Laying ceremony, and reading of his Farewell Address. The event was held at the Culpeper Masonic Cemetery N. Main St., Culpeper, Virginia. The VA Society wreath was presented as was the OFPA flag.



(l-r) Assoc. Josh Wilberger, MAJ E. Johnson, and Lt Col Gregory Chew

On February 29, 2020 Associate Josh Wilberger presented two OFPA National Guard Awards to representatives of the 237th Engineer Company (left) and 192 Medical Group Detachment One (right) during the Virginia National Guard Management Group 2020 State Conference in Richmond, Virginia.



Significant & Noteworthy Events



(l-r) Assocs. Jeff Thomas, Mike Weyler (Genealogist & Deputy Registrar-General), Mike Lyman (past VA Governor), and J. Shane Newcombe (Secretary-General & VA Governor)

On February 8, 2020 four (4) Associates from the Virginia Society of the OFPA, attended the 130th Annual Meeting Banquet---of the Virginia Society Sons of The American Revolution (VASSAR). The event was held at the Omni Hotel located in Richmond, Virginia.

Governor J. Shane Newcombe, of the Virginia Society OFPA, *participated* in the event and provided the **Welcoming and Greetings** from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

Additionally during the “Awards” portion of the program, the VA Society Genealogist Mike Weyler, was presented with a “General’s” commission in the VASSAR 1st Virginia line.



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Ancestor Memorials

Associate-Samuel P Adams III
Founder-Henry Adams of MA
Patriot-Lt Samuel Adams Sr of CT

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

Associate-Col. Carl F. Bess, Jr.
Founder-Dr. Patrick Napier
Patriot-Ashford Napier

Associate-Arthur Brian Cowardin
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-Lewis Taylor Cowardin
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-Donald L Crossman
Founder-Robert Crossman
Patriot-Theophilus Crossman

Associate-German P Culver Jr
Founder-John Tompkins
Patriot-Nathaniel Tompkins

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

Associate-Marks H. Elder
Founder-Robert Abernathy
Patriot-John Abernathy

Associate-Charles B Fegan
Founder-Robert Moulton and son Robert
Patriot-Cpt Freeborn Moulton and son Elijah

Associate-Dr Hugh Erskine Fraser III
Founder-John Barker
Patriot-Henry Barker

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VI
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves and son John

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VII
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves and son John

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves and son John

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

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

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

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

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

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Founder-Maximilan Jewett
Associate-Ezekiel Jewett

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

Associate-Croft M R Kirby
Founder-Thomas Kirby
Patriot-Capt William Kirby

Associate-Reade B H Kirby
Founder-Thomas Kirby
Patriot-Capt William Kirby

Associate-Taylor T L Kirby
Founder-Thomas Kirby
Patriot-Capt William Kirby

Associate-Wade H O Kirby
Founder-Thomas Kirby
Patriot-Capt William Kirby

Associate-Myron "Mike" E. Lyman
Founder-Richard Lyman
Patriot-Ozias Lyman

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

Associate- Col Judson P Mason Jr
Founder-Sampson Mason
Patriot-James Mason

Associate-Donald W Moore
Founder-Edmund Moore
Patriot-Tully Moore

Ancestor Memorials-continued

Associate-Harry C Redd III
Founder-Col William Claiborne
Patriot-Maj Bullar Claiborne

Associate-Robert W Robbins
Founder-Robert Chandler
Patriot-Robert Chandler

Associate-Thomas W Sale III
Founder-William Sale
Patriot-Robert Sale Jr

Associate-Thomas W Sale IV
Founder-William Sale
Patriot-Robert Sale Jr

Associate-John Courtney Sheffield II
Founder-Col. Robert Wynne II
Patriot-John Winn Sr and son Peter Winn

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Patriot-John Winn Sr and son Peter Winn

Associate-John H Stevens
Founder-John Stevens
Patriot-David Stevens

Associate-Lee Swift
Founder-William Swift (Swyft)
Patriot-Barzillai Swift

Associate-Larry E Tubbs
Founder-William Tubbs (Ply, MA)
Patriot-Isaac Tubbs (Lyme, CT)

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

Associate-Michael E "Mike" Weyler
Founder-Simon Stone
Patriot-David Stone

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

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

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.

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 Newcombe and Secretary Graves to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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The Order of Founders and Patriots is now on Facebook. Like at:

<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!

Below is how the OFPA Handbook describes the OFPA flag:

"SECTION 3. COLORS. The colors of the Order shall consist of the National Colors or Flag as prescribed by an Act of Congress, and the colors of the flag of the Order. The latter shall be cross, Gules, on a field, Argent, with canton, Azure, a constellation of thirteen stars, Argent."



Above—OFPA Flag

