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Hubbard Represents VAOFFPA at 225th Anniversary of Victory at Yorktown

Though alone in his efforts, Donnel J. "Jerry" Hubbard, represented the Virginia Society, Order of Founders and Patriots in America, in grand fashion on Yorktown Day by placing a wreath on the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson. (See story on back cover.)

Though a four-day event, October 19 was designated as "Yorktown Day," which featured a concluding program with "We Salute You - An American Symphony," honoring America's men and women of the Armed Forces, including the premier of "1781 - An American Symphony." A colorful tribute to our military forces, it included the story of the Revolutionary victory at Yorktown, the dramatic spectacle was complete with the live orchestra, chorus and actors. The evening's presentation concluded with a spectacular fireworks display over the York River.

Jerry reported that the river cruise on the evening of the 18th went well as did the dinner on the following evening. He said the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots (DFPA) hosted both events, observing that "I believe both organizations came to a better understanding of each other, which, I would hope, will prove beneficial to both."



On Thursday, October 19, 2006, as part of the Yorktown Victory Celebration, VA OFPA Councillor General Jerry Hubbard laid a wreath on the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson. Jerry was the only OFPA Associate to take part officially in any of the activities at Yorktown.

Phebus Invested as “Serving Brother”

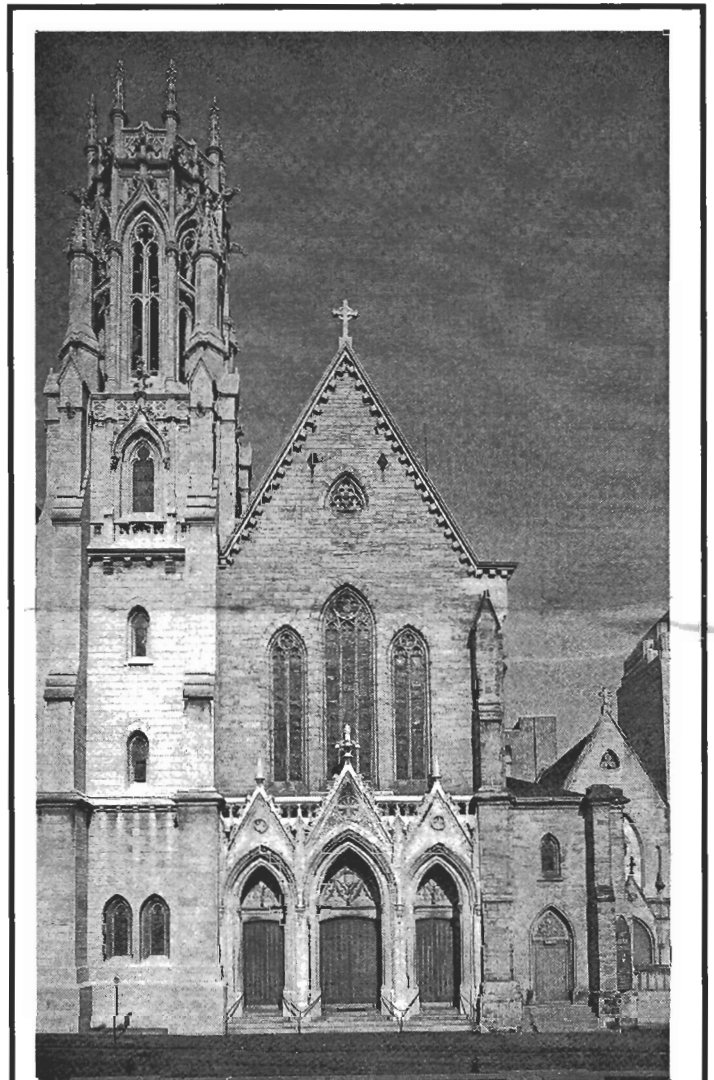
In Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem

Charles E. Phebus, long time member of our Society, was among the 35 “serving brothers” and 10 “serving sisters,” who were invested in membership in the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, November 4, 2006. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, is the Sovereign Head of the order, and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester, is the Grand Prior. The Christ Church Cathedral of St. Louis Episcopal was the venue for the event, which was hosted by the Prior and Chapter of the Priory of the United States of America.

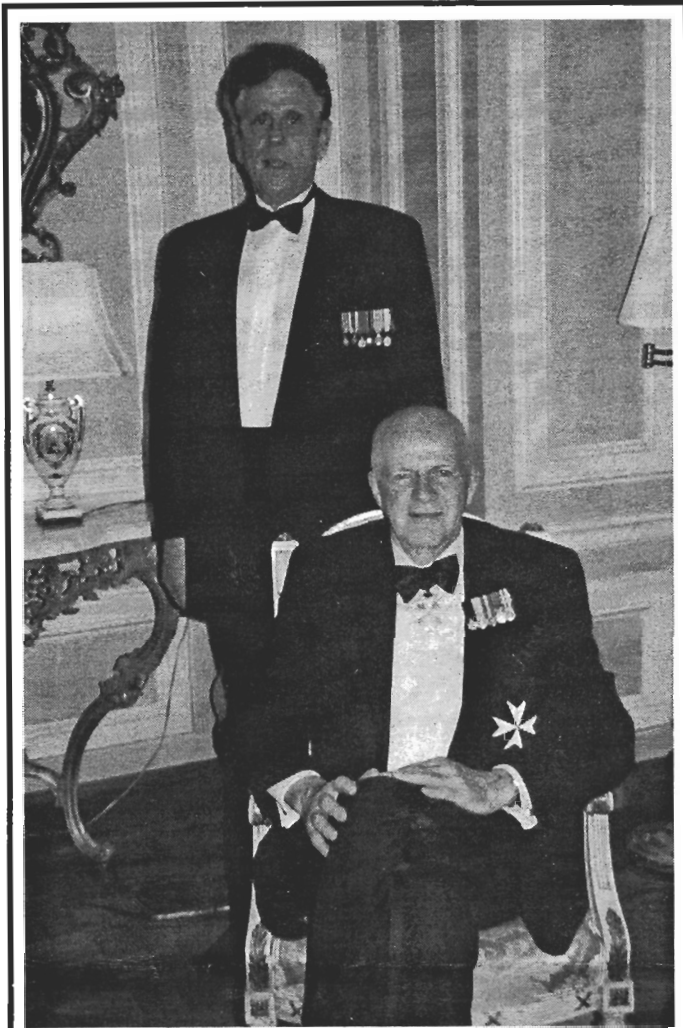
More than a thousand years ago the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary in Jerusalem set up a small hospice or hospital for pilgrims visiting the holy sites. The hospital was attached to a small church dedicated to St. John the Baptist, and although only a small memorial marks the place today where the hospital once stood, it gave rise to institutions which have helped shape the world’s history and they continue to care for thousands of sick and poor each year.

The capture of Jerusalem in 1099 during the First Crusade encouraged Christians in even greater numbers to visit the Holy Land, and the hospital quickly benefited from many gifts of property in Europe, as well as in the Levant (The Levant is comprised of the regions on the eastern Mediterranean and Aegean seas from Greece to Egypt, including Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and now, Israel). Eventually the monks began to move away from their Benedictine origins, and in 1113 Pope Pascal acknowledged the autonomous new Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. Called “Hospitallers,” both sisters and brothers, took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Their main focus was to care for the

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Christ Church Cathedral, located 13th and Locust Streets in downtown St. Louis, MO, hosted the investment ceremonies of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in November, 2006. The Cathedral is home to the largest Episcopal congregation west of the Mississippi River. The assemblage was founded in 1818 and the Cathedral’s nave was erected 1859-1867, with the tower and narthex being added in 1912. It was awarded the designation of Cathedral in 1888.



VAOFPA Member, Charles E. Phebus, stands behind Lord Prior, Mr. Eric L. Barry, CD of Canada, during the dinner for The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, hosted by the St. Louis Club in November, 2006. The Lord Prior is first of the Great Officers below the Grand Prior, HRH Duke of Cloucester, KG, GCVO, and the Sovereign Head, Her Majesty The Queen. It was Queen Victoria who made the British Order of St. John a Royal Order of Chivalry. Since that time the British Monarch must give consent to who becomes a member of this 900-year-old order.

poor and the sick.

The American Society of the Order of St. John was founded in 1957, and the Priory in the United States of America in 1996. John R. Drexel, IV, was appointed its first Prior. The American society remains the corporate entity responsible for funds raised by the order in the United States and it has concentrated its efforts on supporting the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. The American Priory also serves the sick and poor by assisting St. John Ambulance and other humanitarian groups. The Great Officers of the Order are led by Lord Prior Eric L. Barry, CD, while the leader of the Priory in the United States is Prior John R. Drexel, IV.

Christ Church Cathedral of St. Louis is home to the oldest Episcopal congregation west of the Mississippi River and it is the seat of the Episcopal diocese of Missouri. The congregation was founded in 1818 and the magnificent cathedral was renovated in 1969. Designed in the 14th century English Gothic tradition, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and as a National Historic Landmark.



Davy Crocket's Fiddle

After the recent articles in THE CAVALIER in re Davy Crockett, the Tennessee pioneer, who lost his life in the Battle of the Alamo in 1836, a photo of a Crockett artifact in the form of his fiddle has been supplied to us by our ever-observant member, Charles E. Phebus. Now in possession of the Witte Museum of San Antonio, it was on display during the Alamo Gala in October, 2006. Phebus reports that it produced "an extraordinarily good sound," when played by a local fiddle player.



A Brief History of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

The order was founded in an era of organization. The waves of patriotic fervor following the solidifying of the Republic in 1865 and the centennial celebration of our Independence in 1876, when more than half a million people submerged Concord, Massachusetts, on April 19, carried over into thoughtful planning to keep our historic memories green. The General Society of the Sons of the Revolution was organized Feb. 22, 1876, with headquarters in New York City. Then, in 1889 the Sons of the American Revolution was organized, with many of the original members Real Sons of Patriots. The Society of Colonial Wars was founded in 1893; in 1894, the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Members of some of these societies saw a need to memorialize those direct lines of descent that progressed from the founding of colonies on matters of principle through the establishing of a great Nation in the natural order of that progression. Nine like-minded gentlemen of New York followed this line of thought by obtaining an act of incorporation.

The original terms of eligibility, as later included in the Constitution, were that "every member must be descended in the male line of father or mother, from an ancestor who settled in one of the thirteen original colonies within fifty years (half a century) from the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia, May 13, 1607, and through the same line only, through patriots in the revolutionary period but not of necessity through those who rendered military service." This was more than a blood-line in itself: it was a moral line seeking to keep alive the Godfearing principles of the Founders and of the Revolution.

State Societies Chartered. After the incorporation in New York March 17, 1896, the New York Society was chartered immediately. Other present Societies were chartered in New Jersey and Connecticut in 1896; Pennsylvania in 1897; Massachusetts and Illinois in 1914; California in 1923; District of Columbia in 1926; Rhode Island in 1928; Ohio in 1949; Florida in 1950; Washington in 1951; Michigan in 1954; Louisiana in 1957; Texas in 1958; Maine in 1968; Virginia in 1974; and Wisconsin in 1980.

Texas survived until 1961, but was reorganized under strong, new leadership in 1984. North Carolina was organized in 1984.

Early Activities. "In the very early years of the Order," reported Governor General Ralph Hawkins in 1962, "the principal activities of its State Societies consisted mostly of promoting fellowship among their members. There were banquets, attended by large numbers of Associates and guests, often resplendent with military decorations and various insignia, with their ladies gracing the occasion. Men of distinction and public prominence, often also members of our Order, were the principal speakers."

“Patriotic celebrations were likewise held from time to time to commemorate some historic event. These were often ended, after a patriotic address, with the affixing of a bronze plaque to a building or site renowned in American history. During this era too, results of historical and patriotic research were often presented in meetings by talented members and later published for general distribution to the entire membership.”

“ After World War I banquets and meetings become less frequent, although still a principal form of activity. In addition to the great rise in costs the location of members had tended to become more widespread. They were relatively less concentrated in the cities where the Societies had their meetings, to promote interest and patriotism among all members”

Past Governors General. Many Governors General were men of distinction. Admiral Dewey served 1904-6, and following the death of Hon. Robert Barnwell Roosevelt served out the term, 1906-8. Col. William Cary Sanger (who served in the Spanish-American War and in 1901 was an Assistant Secretary of the Navy) was Governor General 1914-16. More recently, Grahame Thomas Smallwood, Jr., completed the three-year term of Edward Martin Hall in 1968-9, and then continued to serve 1969-72, after the death of Dr. Harold Eugene Mayo.

Other Governors General who served two terms were Major General Frederick Dent Grant 1896-8 and 1910-12; and Major General Ulysses S. Grant III 1933-5 and 1954-7, a son and grandson of President Ulysses S. Grant. Professor Arthur Adams, a foremost genealogist, served in 1929-31 and 1951-4; and Asa E. Phillips, Jr., Served 1972-5 and 1975-8.

Objectives of the Order. To bring into association men whose ancestors struggled together for life and liberty, home and happiness, in this land when it was a new and unknown country, and whose line of descent from them comes through Patriots who sustained the Colonies in the struggle for independence in the Revolutionary War:

- To teach reverent regard for the character, deeds and heroism of the founders of this country and their patriotic descendants;
- To inculcate patriotism in the members of the Order and their descendants;
- To discover, collect and preserve records, documents, manuscripts, monuments and history relating to the first Colonists, their ancestors and descendants;
- To commemorate and celebrate events in the history of the Colonies and of the Republic.

Order Strong on Publishing. An historical organization is frequently known by its publications. This is an area where we have shone more than in others. Our publications fall roughly into four categories: the Bulletin, our hard cover books, the monographs published by State Societies, and State Society newsletters.

Referring once again to Governor General Hawkins' address to the Philadelphia Society in January, 1962, he said at that time:

"Another achievement has been the origination and development of the *Bulletin* of our Order. Its first Editor was your late Past Governor William Crumby Claghorn and he started it in 1928 with a four page edition at quarterly intervals. He applied his ingenuity in establishing this most valuable medium of knitting together and informing our highly scattered membership about events and patriotic happenings in the Order. This lusty child has grown."

The present semi-annual issues of the *Bulletins* bear testimony to this fact. It is issued twice a year, in the Spring and the Fall. The cover is striking with the seal and name *-Bulletin-* in red. Contents include: Thoughts from the Governor General, historic subjects, General Court happenings, General and State Officers, Associates in Spotlight, new members, State Society News, and more.

Registers Update Membership. The hardcover books are our most prestigious publications. The key publication is the *Register* of 1926, although there had been registers published earlier. Since 1926 we have published Supplements in 1941, 1960 and 1981, so that in this series of four impressive volumes is a complete record of the Founder Ancestors, the Patriot Ancestors, and the lineages of all 4,278 down through 1980.

Each volume begins with a brief history of the Order, the General Officers, and the General Officers who served during the years covered by the *Register of Supplement to the Register* of 1926.

The six volumes, including the two early ones, make an impressive and handsome show on the library shelf. They are bound alike in blue, with the seal in gold on the front and the insignia on the back, and two horizontal bands of the ribbon of the Order, narrow red and white, broad black, and narrow white and blue, wrapped around the spine, and the name of the Order in gold on top and *Register* with the dates at the bottom. They are substantial volumes, the most recent, for instance, consisting of 616 pages and ten pages of end matter. With offset printing and pages set up by a specially designed typewriter, the format is highly functional.

Dr. Meredith B. Colket, Jr. one time Director of the Western Reserve Historical Society published in 1975 the Bicentennial contribution of our Order, *Founders of Early American Families*, comprising some 400 pages of material. It is a companion volume to the *Registers*. Although each volume has its sphere of usefulness, the *Founders* is an important contribution to the researcher, containing a large amount of significant information about each individual who has been identified as a Founder, together with a notation wherever a Founder has been identified as the ancestor of an Associate of The Order, and references to sources of more extensive information.

Chaplain's Corner

by Edward Hepler

VFW Post 1733, Knoxville, TN

A PRAYER FOR NATIONAL PATRIOTISM

Father, In the name of Jesus, I ask that you would raise up, inside our hearts, an irrevocable sense of pride for this wonderful country in which we live, I pray that You would move us to attentively honor and support the precepts upon which this great nation was established.

Help us to never take for granted the freedoms which are afforded us, because we are citizens of the United States of America.

Show us ways to be excellent examples of patriotism to those around us, in both words and actions. And forgive us for the times we may not have been the standard You would have desired.

Lord, remind us to be prayerful for the strength and preservation of America.

Fill our hearts with courage that we might be shining witnesses of Your standards, and counted noble patriots of this blessed nation - America - the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Amen.

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Editor's Note:

Notwithstanding the prevalence of items reporting on the activity of two of our active members, Charles E. Phebus and Donnel J. "Jerry" Hubbard, in this issue, the name of the "rag" has not been changed to the Phebus/Hubbard--or Hubbard/Phebus--CHRONICLES. It continues to be THE VIRGINIA CAVALIER. The Editor would note, however, that this prevalence of items supplied by our two esteemed members--Hubbard and Phebus--contains a message to all other members. When you are a party to some activity reflective of the purposes of our Order, please send him write-ups and photos about that occasion: All members are assured: there is no reserved space for any special member.

Hubbard Putting Together Virginia Society History

Donnel J. "Jerry" Hubbard has embarked on a self-inflicted chore of recording the history of our society. It will include a section of the founders and patriots of our members and he requests that our members supply him with information about our founding and patriotic ancestors beyond that we recorded in our applications for membership. He expects about a year will be required to complete the project. You can send such information to him via e-mail to djhubbard@adelphia.net or via U.S. mail at: Donnel J. Hubbard, 200 Elmwood Dr., Culpeper, Va., 22701-4028. Your assistance and participation in this endeavor is solicited in earnest and with much advance appreciation. In a sense, Jerry's history of our society will be a supplement to the accompanying, "A Brief History of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America."

VAOFPA Leaders Elected to Serve 2007-2009

The following slate of officers was elected during the September meeting at historic Williamsburg to lead our society for the two-year period 2007-2009:

Governor:	Daniel C. Warren, MD
Secretary:	Donald W. Moore
Treasurer:	Thatcher S. Wood
Registrar:	Francis P. Hyland
Genealogist:	Arthur D. Batten
Atty. General:	Frederick S. Gore
Chaplain:	(vacant)
Dep. Secretary:	Roger H. Dirby
Dep. Registrar:	Donnel J. Hubbard
Dep. Treasurer:	Lewis T. Cawardin
Historian:	Charles E. Phebus
Councillor Gen:	Donnel J. Hubbard
Councillors:	Lewis T. Cowardin, Roger H. Kirby, and Myron E. Lyman, Sr.

These officers will assume their duties in January, 2007, and serve through December 2008. The nominating committee was composed of Donnel J. Hubbard, chairman, and Thatcher Wood.

Thomas Nelson: Governor of Virginia

Thomas Nelson, born Dec. 26, 1738, to William Nelson and Elizabeth Burwell Nelson in Yorktown, was sent by his parents to England for his education. While yet on board ship returning from England, he was elected by York County voters to the House of Burgesses in 1792. He married Lucy Grymes, daughter of Philip and Mary Randolph Grymes. Together, they had eleven children.

Nelson found a kindred spirit in Patrick Henry in the House of Burgesses, joining him in 1775 in the motion to arm the Virginia militia. He resigned as a Colonel in the militia to participate in the Continental Congress in the same year.

Thomas Nelson was one of the Virginians who signed the Declaration of Independence; however, poor health necessitated his resignation from the Congress and he returned to Virginia in 1777. An ardent Revolutionist, he was appointed by the Governor and Council of Virginia to the rank of Brigadier General and Commander of the forces in the commonwealth. At a large personal cost, he raised a company and marched to Philadelphia in 1778, only to have his troop disbanded when the Congress was unable to support it. He was elected Governor of Virginia in 1781, the successor to his friend, Thomas Jefferson.

Like many other wealthy colonists, Nelson reaped the ruin of his personal fortune during the Revolution. He moved his family to a small estate in Hanover County and died there Jan. 4, 1789. He was buried in the old churchyard in Yorktown.

Welcome New Associates of the Virginia Society, Order of Founders and Patriots of America

VA no. / Order no: Associate's name, with names of Founder and Patriot

175/5728 - Billy Odgen Wadsworth: Christopher Wadsworth, Founder
Joseph Wadsworth, Patriot

175, S1/5728, S1 - Billy Odgen Wadsworth: John Odgen, Founder
Abraham Odgen, Patriot

176/5727 - Thomas Scott Halterman: Christopher Wadsworth, Founder
Joseph Wadsworth, Patriot

177-Y/5726Y - Anthony Thomas Halterman: Christopher Wadsworth, Founder
Joseph Wadsworth, Patriot

178/5725 - Michael Todd Halterman: Christopher Wadsworth, Founder
Joseph Wadsworth, Patriot

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