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### **Next VA OFPA Meeting**

March 14, 2009 Meeting

The Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, the Thomas Nelson Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, and the Virginia Chapter of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots will hold a joint luncheon, followed by a Plaque Dedication Service on Saturday March 14, 2009.

The Saturday, 14 March events main features are:

10:00 a.m. - VA OFPA Associates Meeting in the conference room of the Hampton History Museum. Suggested for wives and guests is to visit the adjacent St. John's Episcopal Church and cemetery and Museum gift shop.

11:30 a.m. - Escorted tour of museum. A \$3.00 fee is normally charged. The OFPA and SAR chapter will make a donation to the museum to cover this fee for all attendees.

1:00 p.m. - Luncheon at the adjacent Grey Goose restaurant. Individual orders from lunch menu. See reproduction of menu on the next page. All lunches will cost \$15.00 per person. This includes taxes and gratuity. A member of the VA OFPA will be available to collect the money as you enter our section of the restaurant. Cash only, please; no credit cards.

2:30 p.m. - Plaque presentation ceremony at the entrance to the St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery. The cost for the event is free and open to the public. This will include wreath laying by attending societies. Please see the attached plaque that will be presented.

3:30 p.m. -Individual tours of church and cemetery

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If you plan to attend the luncheon, please advise Governor Mike Lyman: email\_is melyman@va.metrocast.net; phone number is (804)436-0206. Gov. Lyman is required to give the restaurant the number of people for the luncheon.

The Hampton History Museum front entrance is located at 120 Old Hampton Way; however, its back entrance is on West Queens Way facing the entrance to the St John's Church, whose address is 110 West Queens Way. The Grey Goose Restaurant also has an Old Hampton Way front entrance.

There is a free parking garage across Old Hampton Way but also some street parking.

Directions: From I-64 East from Richmond, take exit 265A. Turn right (LaSalle Ave, after 5 blocks turn left on to Settlers Landing Road. After crossing North Armistead Ave take next street to the left (Old Hampton Way). Museum & restaurant entrance is next to Visitors Center. If going only to the church, then turn left onto North Armistead Ave (Rte 134) and take the next right onto West Queens Way. After one block, museum and restaurant is on the right and the church entrance is on the left.

#### FOUNDERS & PATRIOTS BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY

#### VIRGINIA FOUNDERS

Wilson, William, born VA 1646, died 1713 Wilson, Willis, born VA by 1670, died 1701 Wilson, Miles, born VA 1673, died 1701

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS

Brown, Benjamin 1766-1806 Jennings, Charles 1749-1816 Jennings, William 1750-1791 Jennings, William 1758-1836 Phillips, Thomas F. -1808 Thompson, William 1750-1808

This plaque is provided by the Thomas Nelson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; the Virginia Chapter, Daughters of Founders & Patriots of America; and the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders & Patriots of America

DEDICATED MARCH 14, 2009

## This is a replica of the menu we will use at the luncheon.

#### Sandwiches

#### Chicken in the Basket

Our Famous Chicken Salad with Honey Poppy Seed Dressing on a Croissant served with chips and a pickle

#### Lavash Sandwiches

Are served on a Stone Ground flat bread with Assorted Roasted Vegetables, Mayonnaise, Lettuce, Tomato, House Dressing and Chips

#### Goose in the Garden

Melted Cheddar Cheese and Roasted Vegetables served on Lavash

#### Queen's Repast

Top Round Roast Beef and Melted Cheddar Cheese served on Lavash

#### Jiggedy Jogg

Virginia Ham, Melted Cheddar served on Lavash

#### Croissant Sandwiches

Toasted Croissant, lettuce, tomato, mayo, house dressing

Virginia Ham and Swiss Turkey and Provolone Roast Beef and Cheddar

#### Entrees

#### To Market, to Market

Bowl of Brunswick Stew, Virginia Ham Biscuit or Butter Biscuit, Fruit Salad and your Choice of Homemade Dessert

#### The Town Crier

Bowl of Island Chowder, Virginia Ham Biscuit, Fruit Salad and your choice of Homemade Dessert

#### The Londoner

Bowl of Hampton Blue Crab Soup, Virginia Ham Biscuit, Fruit Salad and your choice of Homemade

#### Dessert

#### On the Contrary

Bowl of Brunswick Stew and two Butter Biscuits

#### Shrimp and Crab Melt

Shrimp and Crab Salad on an English Muffin. Broiled with Provolone Cheese and Served with a Garden Salad

#### Desserts

Homemade Desserts Plain Cheesecake Specialty Cheesecake

#### Beverages

Soft Drinks, Medium or Large Hot Tea or Coffee, Hot Coco Milk

#### Salads

#### Shrimp and Crab Salad

Snow Crabmeat Blend, Shrimp and Spices served with a Garden Salad

#### The Henny Penny

Plate of Fresh Chicken Salad served with a Fruit Salad and Honey Poppy Seed Dressing

#### Mesquite Chicken Salad

Mesquite Chicken Breast Strips served over our Garden Salad

#### Settler's Salad

Virginia Ham, Smoked Turkey, Tomato, Cucumber, Mixed Cheese over our Garden Salad

#### Fruit Salad

Sliced Peaches and Pineapple served on Lettuce with Creamy Dressing and Shredded Cheese

#### Sides

Virginia Ham Biscuit
Butter Biscuit
Croissant
Cheese
Bowl of Crab Soup
Bowl of Brunswick Stew
Potato Chips

#### Governor's Pen:

Associates: As a continuation of Governor Batten's jump start in 2007, we are continuing on a roll this year with a lot of hot branding irons in the fire. The first hot one we will pull out is on March 14th at St John's Episcopal Church Cemetery in Hampton. We will permanently brand our mark in the form of a plague to be mounted on the cemetery wall there that will honor the interred Founders and Revolutionary War Patriots. I am especially pleased by this as our society's name will be seen by the public eye for many, many decades to come. You may view the details of this ceremony and the plaque in the accompanying information sheets. Thanks to Associate Dr Tom Sale, please note that while there in Hampton we will also tour the fascinating Hampton History Museum. Please plan to attend this very special event conducted by our Society.

In the next few months Associate Kirby will be pulling out more irons from the fire on behalf of the Society; well over a dozen State ROTC Cadet or Midshipman awards at various colleges and universities will be presented, and even more irons as VA OFPA gives out awards to Outstanding State National Guard units in the Commonwealth.

If you would like to present an ROTC award please contact Pamela Abrams at 804-323-9800. More than on person is needed to present the awards at different locations.

This fall, on October 17<sup>th</sup> we plan to brand our mark again at the Warner Hall Plantation in Gloucester County by honoring Founders and Patriots buried in the same cemetery there. At this ceremony we plan to give the visiting public something permanent to see again, not as a plaque but this time Founder and Patriot grave markers. We are extremely pleased that Governor General Bourne has indicated that he plans to attend. See the attached for details on the cemetery, So put this date on your calendars now, as we need to have maximum attendance.

And this year, for the first time, we plan to march as a Society in the parade at Yorktown on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. We plan to walk with a banner displaying our Order's name and with our colors so that thousands that normally view the parade will recognize us on sight.

At our two mentioned "branding iron" ceremonies, and the one we conducted last fall at Christ Church Parish in Middlesex County, we have invited the DFPA, VASSAR and VASSAR chapters to participate with us. In addition, we have also invited other lineage societies that honor founders and/or patriots to attend and lay wreaths. This raises our Order's profile considerably and gives our Associates an opportunity to mingle and spread the word on the entrance requirements to our unique Order. Recognition is what we need to grow by adding new members from these societies. So to this end, please have some business cards made up to hand out as a Virginia Society representative at these gatherings.

I wish you all a great 2009 and I hope I will meet every one of you before year's end.

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Mike Lyman Governor, VA OFPA

#### Notes from the Executive Council meeting

Public Awareness Program - Governor Lyman brought up the need for the Society to meet the requirements of the program. This program necessitates that the Society giving awards at schools, other than the ROTC and National Guard awards or giving presentation on subject relating to the OFPA. A discussion involved the type and style of award to be given. No decisions were made as to what award would be given or what schools would be involved. It is desired that Society officers and members get involved in giving presentations this year.

The fall Society meeting was discussed and the date set as Saturday October 17, 2009. Our meeting and luncheon will be held at the Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown. After lunch we will proceed to the Augustine Warner Family Cemetery for

a graves marking. See last page. Further information will be furnished as it becomes available. The Governor General has indicated he will attend our meeting on October 17th.

Yorktown day is Monday October 19, 2009. Associates who come a long distance to the meeting might stay for the Yorktown celebrations. The VA OFPA Society plans on having an OFPA contingent carrying American and OFPA flags in the parade. The NC Society has stated they will send a contingency to march. They have passed the information on to the SC OFPA Society.

#### In Memoriam

Associate James Dominic Lay passed away early morning Monday, January 26, 2009. His funeral was held Friday, January 30, 2009 at St. Isidore the Farmer Catholic Church in Orange, Virginia. A



grave side service will be held at a future date. After numerous years looking for a single needed reference, Dom and his twin brother Francis finally found it and were admitted to the OFPA in 2007. Dom was a very active member of the Culpeper Minute-

men Chapter, VASSAR, and a proud and active member of the Knights of Columbus. All of us will miss his laughter and happy outlook on life. Dom was an inspiration and will be missed by all who knew him. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Dotty and all his family for their loss.

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#### November 2008 Questions/answers

What is the modern-day meanings of these colonial occupations?

Colporteur - peddler of books Mantuamaker - dressmaker or weaver Scribler - a minor or worthless author

#### February 2009 Questions

- 1) By 1779, how many Americans were fighting with the British?
- 2) A Revolutionary War soldier was supposed to get how much rations every day?

We are always looking for articles, about your Founder and Patriot, your military service, pictures of VA OFPA activity, etc. for the Cavalier. Don't be bashful. This is your newsletter.

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#### **Augustine Warner Family Cemetery**

Warner Hall Gloucester Co, VA



The ancestral cemetery of the Augustine Warner family sits in a field to the northwest of Warner Hall, surrounded by an ancient brick wall. The Gloucester County plot of land which contains the cemetery was deeded to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities at the time of a sale of the estate. The cemetery remains beautifully maintained by that organization. Its local President is shown below (middle left in black pant suit) in the midst of a historical presentation.

Warner Hall Graveyard was deeded to the APVA about 1902 by my grandfather Alfred Willia Withers who owned Warner Hall at that time. Warner Hall Graveyard is a vital link in our heritage, as the Warner Family are the Ancestors of George Washington; Robert E Lee and the present Queen of England. The Queen's eighth grandmother was Mary Warner, the wife of Augustine Warner The Graveyard is in dire need of restoration. The Joseph Bryan Branch will be happy to receive contributions marked Warner Hall Grave Yard. Send to Joseph Bryan Branch A.P.V.A. Mail to Joseph Bryan Branch A.P.V.A, Box 335, Gloucester VA 23061. (Some epitaphs follow)

Augustine Warner

1611-1674

Here Lyethe ye body of Coll. Augustine Warner

who was Borne ye 3rd of June 1642 and Died ye 19th of June 1681

Mildred Warner Daughter of Augustine Warner II and Mildred Rende Married Lawrence Washington. Grandmother of General George Washington. Died at Whitehaven, England 1701. Her body rests in St. Nicholas churchyard, Whitehaven England. This tablet placed in her memory by the Pocahontas Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists 1960.

Here lyeth Interred ye body of Elizabeth Lewis

the daughter of Col. Augustine Warner and Mildred his Wife

and late Wife of John Lewis Esq.

(1) Augustine Warner (2) Col Augustine Warner

(3) Elisabeth Warner mar John Lewis

(4) Warner Lewis Sr (5) Lt Warner Lewis, Jr.



Warner Lewis, Eldest son of Warner Lewis Esq.

And Eleanor Gooch, widow of William Gooch Esq.

and daughter of James Bowles Esq. of Maryland

Died the 30th of December 1791 Aged 44 Years

He was County Lieutenant of Gloucester

County in 1775



The Order does not currently have grave markers available. Above is an example of what is being considered by the VA OFPA. This would be engraved on granite and would lay flush with the ground.

# Couple late arriving items And My apologies for putting them at the end.

In the St John's Episcopal Church Cemetery in Hampton is a headstone for Harrison Phoebus, an ancestor of VA OFPA Attorney General Charles Phebus.

#### Welcome Associate Clarke Magruder

Clarke is being reinstated into the OFPA and is joining through the VA OFPA. Clarke will be at the March 14th meeting. Lets all extend the hand of welcome. I believe Clarke will enjoy the activities of the Society.

