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Next VA OFPA Meeting

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Governor Lyman addressing Compatriots at the VASSAR Annual meeting.

Associates: We got wet, but we persevered, as did our Founders and as did our Patriots! For years to come, visitors to downtown Hampton, as they pass by the Historic St John's Episcopal Church and Cemetery will see the results of our efforts on that rainy day of March 14th 2009 - a plaque on the cemetery's iron fence showing the names of the Founders and Patriots buried there. We were joined by the Virginia Society Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America and the Thomas Nelson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, in this effort as they contributed to the cost of the plaque. Everything went well despite the raindrops, as the church Rector and her Vestrymen joined us in conducting a portion of the ceremony inside the church. We also had a productive business meeting, a delightful and informative tour of the Hampton History Museum, and a wonderful lunch at the Grey Goose Restaurant. Some 38 attendees came

and got moist with us. Many gave greetings to us and expressed the appreciation of the various Virginia societies they represented for our program of recognizing Founders and Patriots who rest here in Virginia. The turnout, the representation, speaks well of the program ; more and more organizations are stepping forward and joining the Virginia Society at these occasions. The list of attendees is impressive. Organizations present were: National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; National Society Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America; Virginia Chapter, Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America; Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution; District I, Virginia Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; James Monroe Memorial Foundation; Thomas Nelson Chapter, VASSAR; Culpeper Minute Men Chapter, VASSAR; Richmond Chapter, VASSAR; George Mason, VASSAR and Jamestown Society. As you can see, people around Virginia are now starting to recognize us!

What's next, besides our honoring the ROTC cadets and National Guard soldiers with certificates this spring? Well, we plan to meet on October 17th at the Riverwalk Restaurant at Jamestown and after a luncheon and speaker, we will travel to the Warner Hall Plantation Cemetery and honor two Founders and a Patriot buried there by installing grave markers. This, again, will be a first for our Society. Then, two days later, also as a first for our Society, we will march in the Yorktown parade. "We" of course means "you" as I know you will attend. If you cannot march, then give us a wave as we go by, please. And give us some sunshine please. Oh, by the way, we're inviting the Queen, so say hello to her!

Enjoy what Jerry has put together for us. He and Bob Bowen, of VASSAR really had their cameras flashing nonstop as you will see.

Lyman E. Lyman

Wreath Laying opportunities for VA OFPA. Contact Governor Lyman if you can lay a wreath. The VA OFPA Society has three wreaths located around the Commonwealth that can be used. If you attend, please let Mike know.

Saturday 25 April at 10 am is the wreath laying ceremony at James Monroe's birthplace conducted by the James Monroe Memorial Foundation. Directions: at Fredericksburg take Rte 3 East to Rte 205 (left) at Oak Grove. From there it's 3-5 miles toward Colonial Beach on the right.

Monday 28 April at the Monroe Monument in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. Last year it commenced at 11 am. Again a wreath laying ceremony. More info is at www.MonroeFoundation.org

Please note

The FY 09 National Defense Authorization Act authorizes all military veterans, including retirees, and active duty personnel to now offer the hand salute at the passing of the National Colors and while the National Anthem is being played, even when not in uniform and when not covered. The flag is to be saluted only when it is in front of you; one does not follow a moving flag with the hand salute.

Society Meeting Minutes March 14, 2009 Hampton, Virginia

Governor Lyman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Chaplain Scott gave the invocation. Governor Lyman requested the color guard to post colors. Associate Batten led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Moore declared that a quorum was present. Governor Lyman introduced visitors and members.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to dispense with reading of the minutes for October 11, 2008 and approve as written.

Officer Reports

Treasurer. Treasurer Cowardin presented the Treasurer's report showing assets of \$7,677.10.

Secretary. Secretary Moore reported that the Virginia Society history would be posted on the web site soon.

Registrar. Registrar Graves reported that several new applications are in the works, including John Winn, Wes Graves, and Daniel Lyman. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve Daniel Lyman on condition of Registrar General OFPA approval.

Historian. Councillor Hubbard asked for any additions or changes to the Virginia Society history.

Chaplain. No report.

Governor Lyman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of recently deceased Associate Dominic Lay.

Governor Lyman explained the parade uniform he was wearing as that of a Captain of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues from 1794 to 1809.

Governor Lyman thanked Dr. Sale for the use of the Hampton History Museum facilities. He explained the schedule of the day's events as follows:

1130 Tour of the museum
1300 Luncheon
1430 Ceremony

Governor Lyman reported the OFPA Heritage Breakfast on April 18 in Washington, DC, at the Cosmopolitan Club. Associates Scott and Robins volunteered to attend.

Governor Lyman attended the VASSAR Annual meeting Banquet on February 14 and gave greetings from VAOFFPA. He also attended the DFPA meeting on February 19 and reported they were pleased with the plague. The donations given toward the cost of the plague are as follows:

VASSAR: \$650
DFPA: \$150
VAOFFPA: \$234

Governor Lyman reported the 113th General Court to be held from May 21-24 in New London, Connecticut. If you plan to attend, please advise Mike.

Committee Reports

ROTC. Councillor General Hubbard reported 15 ROTC awards and presenters scheduled for this year.

Grave Registration/Marking. Governor Lyman reported he has added 18 new names and dropped 15 names for a total of 108. He dropped names of those without proof before 13 May. The project is 95% complete and he intends to put out a publication next year with a brief biography of each.

Cavalier. Councillor General Hubbard reported the *Cavalier* would be issued quarterly in the spring, summer, fall, and winter. He reminded that the Cavalier Award was not intended to be awarded each year.

Unfinished Business

Governor Lyman asked about name tags. Councillor General Hubbard asked members to contact Associate Hyland.

Governor Lyman reported the fall meeting on October 17th at Warner Hall Plantation where two founder graves and one Revolutionary grave will be marked. He urged the need to order a granite marker now. Treasurer Cowardin suggested contacting Whitman Monument Corporation first and that he was working with the APVA who owns the cemetery. Governor Lyman reported the meeting room will cost \$250 if less than 40 people in attendance. He suggested inviting Queen Elizabeth II because she has relatives buried at Warner Hall. Chaplain Scott and Governor Lyman will discuss this later.

Governor Lyman reported the Governor General may attend Yorktown Day on October 19, and that we need people to march in the parade. Councillor General Hubbard volunteered to attend plus North Carolina OFPA has indicated they will attend and march. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for a VAOFPA banner to be made at a cost of \$175.

New Business

Governor Lyman and Councillor General Hubbard presented a certificate of membership to Dr. Thomas Sale. Motion was made, seconded and passed to send a birthday greeting to Lt. General John McNair, Wright, Jr. Past Governor General of the OFPA on the occasion of his 93rd birthday. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to present an VA OFPA honorary membership certificate to author and historian Canon A. Pierce Middleton. Canon Middleton is a recognized expert on Virginia history.

Governor Lyman reported he would lay a James Madison wreath on April 25th and that Associate Cowardin will a wreath at Hollywood Cemetery on April 28th.

Past Governor Batten reported he is submitting a report to OFPA for the Parish Award.

Governor Lyman requested the color guard to retire the colors.

Chaplain Scott gave the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Attendees

Members

Batten, Arthur
Graves, Douglas
Hall, Zachary
Hubbard, Jerry
Lay, Francis(color guard)
Lyman, Mike
Moore Donald
Robins, Robert
Sales, Dr. Thomas
Scott, Russell

Guests

Alexander, Larry (color guard)
Johnson, Andrew (color guard)
Scott, Mrs. Russell (Ann)

In the next couple 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 one person is needed to present the awards at different locations.

This fall, on October 17th 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.

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. Further information will be furnished as it becomes available. The Governor General has indicated he will attend our meeting on October 17th.

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.

Yorktown day is Monday October 19, 2009. Associates who come a long distance to the meet-

ing 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.

OFPA Website

The Order has a web site at www.founderspatriots.org. You can read articles, visit the on-line store and check your information. To check your information, the Order must have your email address, and a login must be created for you. Email Stephen@whoistheoldguy.com to request a login.

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February 2009 Questions/answers

- 1) By 1779, how many Americans were fighting with the British? Washington had approximately 3,200 men, approximately 8,500 Americans were fighting with the British.
- 2) A Revolutionary War soldier was supposed to get how much rations every day? In an ancient book by Hezekiah Niles, published in 1776, there are revealed some amazing statistics. A Revolutionary War soldier was supposed to receive each day; one pound of fresh beef, one pound of salt fish, 12 ounces of pork or 20 ounces of salt beef. He also received one pound of bread flour, one pint of milk, one quart of cider or spruce beer.

Spring 2009 Questions

Define the following Old Occupations.

- 1) accomptant
- 2) Abmoner
- 3) Artificer

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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Canon A. Pierce Middleton



Associate Richard Raymond, III and his Grandson Mike Trunell at the Massing of the Colors in Roanoke, VA 15 February 2009





Mrs. Carole Featherstone of VA DFPA addressing the assembly during Hampton Ceremony



Chaplain Russell Scott and President Jim Sword conducting the Unveiling of



The Plaque honoring Founders and Patriots at St. John's Episcopal Church, Hampton,



Presenting the Colors during the dedication ceremony.



Governor Lyman presented certificates to Roderick Barrack who did the musket salute, and Garret Lewis, from Bugles Across America.



Jerry Hubbard, Francis Lyman, Art Batten, Mike Lyman, Taylor Cowardin

Visit www.vaofpa.org for additional pictures. (under activities section)