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Next VA OFPA Meeting

**To be Determined at the December 8, 2009
Executive Council meeting.**

Governors Message

Associates:

During the period October 17-19, 2009, the Virginia Society OFPA was pleased and honored by the visit of Governor General and Mrs. John M. Bourne; Deputy Governor General and Mrs. W. Charles Hampton; Past Governor and Mrs. Ray Maxson, III of the North Carolina Society; Governor Grady Hall of the North Carolina Society, and Secretary/Treasurer, Thomas J. Gannon of the Arizona Society OFPA.

The main activities for this weekend were the Virginia OFPA meeting and luncheon at a restaurant on the York River at Yorktown and the Virginia OFPA and the VASSAR joint grave marking at the Warner Hall Plantation in Gloucester County on the 17th; the Yorktown Day Association dinner at the Fort Eustis Club on the 18th; and the VASSAR wreath laying ceremony for Virginia Revolutionary War Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. at Yorktown and the Yorktown Victory parade and monument ceremony on the 19th.

The Virginia Society OFPA was additionally honored by the presence of President General and Mrs. Edward F. Butler of NSSAR and NSSAR's Historian General and Mrs. Lindsey Brock. They all attended the luncheon and the grave marking on Oct 17th, the Fort Eustis dinner on the 18th and the wreath laying and the Yorktown parade on Oct 19th. As a result of these visits, the President General and Governor General attended many of the same functions together. Hopefully this shoulder rubbing by these two special gentlemen will result in more combined

OFPA/SAR functions in the future.

The grave marking for the two founders and the patriot was a joint ceremony conducted by the Virginia Society SAR and VA Society OFPA. The two founders honored were Augustine Warner I & II. President George Washington and her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as well as Richard Henry Lee and Robert E. Lee are direct descendents of Augustine Warner I and his wife Mary Townley. The honored Patriot was their third great grandson, Lieutenant Warner Lewis. Specially designed granite grave markers were used for the first time for the founder's graves and a granite SAR marker was placed for the patriot's grave. A total of fifteen OFPA and NSSAR societies presented wreaths that were escorted by the VASSAR color guard. Also attending the ceremony were Wounded Warriors, Special Operations that were meeting at the historic Warner Hall on that day.

At the Yorktown Day celebration, both the Governor General and the Governors of the NC and VA societies of the OFPA laid wreaths at the grave of Governor Nelson. The Deputy Governor General and those mentioned above, also marched in the Victory parade with the Virginia and North Carolina Societies behind a specially made OFPA street banner used for the first time by the Virginia society. A significant consequence of all these activities has been an exposure of the functions and membership requirements for the OFPA to the many NSSAR societies and their members and to the thousands of attendees at the Yorktown Day Victory celebration. As a result of these events, several new potential members have since inquired to our Virginia society Registrar about obtaining OFPA membership. This should help us grow.

At the October 17th meeting held near Warner Hall Plantation, attendees witnessed a rather unusual, perhaps unprecedented event. The VA OFPA has had six new Associates this year, four of whom were at the meeting to be inducted. What makes this induction very, very unusual was that three generations of the Asa Wesley Graves family -- VI, VII and VIII -- were inducted by OFPA Governor

General Bourne. The last digits of their VA Society number are 196, 197, and 198. If anyone, anywhere knows when was the last time any OFPA Society had three generations of the same line inducted at the same time, The Virginia Society would sincerely like to know. These inductions are the future of the Virginia Society and OFPA at large. Not to be forgotten, the fourth Associate to be inducted that day was David Lyman.

We welcome all our new Associates with great pleasure.

I feel the hard work and selfish dedication of our society officers and members in arranging and conducting these events, has displayed to the Order how we have earned and deserve to keep the Parish Award as the best OFPA society in the country. My deepest thanks goes to all those who assisted in making the weekend a success.

Mike Lyman

Governor, VAOFPA

Associates:

As Governor, I am calling for an Executive Council meeting to hear officer reports and to plan for the society activities for 2010.

The date is Sunday 6 Dec from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Lowery Restaurant in Tappahannock.. I have an area reserved in the restaurant for our meeting. I chose Tappahannock as it is about midway between the tidewater area and northern Virginia.

Members of the council include in addition to officers, past governors and councillors. Committee chiefs are also invited.

Directions:

From VA Beach/Hampton: take I-64 west and exit on Rte 17 north. Travel to Tappahannock . Restaurant is on right in center of town

From Richmond and points west: Proceed to the NW portion of Richmond on I-295 and take rte 360 east to Tappahannock. Restaurant is on right in center of town.

From Williamsburg: Take colonial parkway our other routes to Rte 17 at Yorktown. Alternate way is go to West Point and follow rte 33 east to rte 17 north. Pro-

ceed north on rte 17 to Tappahannock to restaurant on right in town.

From Culpeper: Take rte 3 East toward Fredericksburg to outskirts of built-up area in Spotsylvania county, then right on rte 620 for 4 miles to rte US-1, turn right and one mile road joins rte 17 south. Follow to Tappahannock. Restaurant is on left in town.

From Northern VA: Take I-95 south. Beyond Fredericksburg exit on Rte 17 south at Massaponex. Follow rte 17 south to Tappahannock . Restaurant is on left in town.

Mike Lyman

Future General Courts

2010	Charleston, SC
2011	New York City
2012	Illinois
2013	Williamsburg, VA
2014	Phoenix, Arizona

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.

Editors Comment: This year I have send out the Virginia Cavalier to some Associates via email in PDF format. In 2010, I would like to send out as many as possible via email to save the VA Society the cost of copying and mailing. If you prefer a email color copy and do not wish to receive the black and white hard copy, please send me your email address.

Thank you.

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This is the fifth and last Cavalier for 2009. Have a safe holiday season. We will see each other in the new year.

Merry Christmas to all.



Governor Lyman addressing the VA OFPA. Pictured also are Governor General John Bourne and Deputy Governor General Charles Hampton.



Governor General John Bourne addresses the Virginia Society.



Governor General Bourne laying at wreath at Warner Hall Plantation.



NC Governor Grady Hall and Past NC Governor Ray Maxson laying a wreath at Governor Nelson grave.



Governor Lyman laying a wreath at Warner Hall Plantation.



Governor General and Mrs. John Bourne at the Fort Eustis banquet.



Virginia Society members with the Parrish award. From to right are Deputy Governor General Charles Hampton, Governor General John Bourne, Associate David Lyman, Chaplain Russell Scott, Past Governor Thatcher Wood, Past Governor Art Batten, Past Governor Jerry Hubbard, Governor Mike Lyman, Youth Associate Asa Wesley Graves, VIII, Asa Wesley Graves VII, Asa Wesley Graves, VI, Past Deputy Governor General Volney Rattan, Registrar Doug Graves.



Head table at the luncheon. From left to right VASSAR President and Mrs. William Simpson, Jr., NSSAR President General and Mrs. Edward Butler, Governor Mike Lyman, Governor General and Mrs. John Simpson, Deputy Governor General And Mrs. Charles Hampton. Not pictured are VASSAR President Elect Bob Bowen and Past Deputy Governor General and Mrs. Volney Rattan.



Governor General Bourne inducting new Associates Asa Wesley, VI, David Lyman, Asa Wesley Graves VII and Youth Associate Wesley Graves VIII.





First time ever that the OFPA marched as a separate group in the Yorktown Day Parade. Pictured are Jerry Hubbard, Mike Lyman, Art Battan, John Bourne, David Lyman, Taylor Cowardin, Charles Hampton and Grady Hall.



Registrar Doug Graves reading the names of the new Associates and requesting a VA Society vote to accept them as members of the VA OFPA Society. Motion was carried to accept Cranston Williams, David Lyman, Jake Lay, Asa Wesley Graves, VI, Asa Wesley Graves, VII and Asa Wesley Graves, VIII as new members. Asa Wesley Graves, VIII was accepted as a Youth Associate. Welcome to all our new Associates!



Associates Will Simpson, Mike Lyman, Jerry Hubbard, and Francis Lay at the dedication of the Lafayette's Maneuvers road marker. Below at the luncheon.

