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Next VA OFPA Meeting

Executive Council meeting, Sunday 28 August

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Location both: Richmond, VA

Further details will follow.

JULY 4th, 2011

On Monday, July 4th, 2011, VA OFPA participated in activities at Culpeper, VA. The host for the activities is the Culpeper Minute Men, SAR Chapter.

Photo on left is the CMM Color Guard with Fife and Drum marching from the train depot to the court house. Notice the OFPA flag.

The colors are posted at the court house. Town and county officials give greetings. Speakers talk about the Revolutionary War. The Fife and Drum Corps play a selection of Revolutionary War songs. The Blue Ridge Choral Society sing patriotic songs. The Declaration of Independence is read.

Everyone is invited to sign a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Following the ceremony, we retire to a local restaurant for lunch and grog, before the parade.





Mike Lyman
posting the
OFPA col-
ors.



Jerry Hubbard giving the invocation.



Jim Bayne reading the Declaration of Independence

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.

If you participate in an activity where you are identified as an OFPA Associate, please let the Governor know. Save a copy of the program. If you write an article, save a copy and send it to Governor Cowardin to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-John Graves

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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 recently updated it. Take a look at a great web site!

Ancestor Memorials

Associate-Robert B. Kendall
Founder-Francis Kendall
Patriot-Josiah Kendall

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

Associate-Joseph A. Cannon
Founder-Jeremy Adams
Patriot-John Adams

Associate-A. Brian Cowardin
Founder-Peter Carwardine
Patriot-John Cowarden

Associate-L. Taylor Cowardin
Founder-Peter Corwardine
Patriot-John Cowarden

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VI
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

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

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Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Michael T. Halterman
Founder-Christopher Wadsworth
Patriot-Joseph Wadsworth

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

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

Associate-Col. Jack Westbrook
Founder-Robert King
Patriot-John King

Associate-Rush M. Blodget, Jr
Founder-Thomas Blodgett
Patriot-Solomon Blodget

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

Associate-Billy O. Wadsworth
Founder-John Ogden
Patriot-Abraham Ogden

Associate-Russell C. Scott
Founder-Christopher Branch
Patriot-Benjamin Branch

Associate-Robert W. Robins
Founder-Robert Chandler
Patriot-Robert Chandler

Associate-Thomas W. Sale, Jr.,
Founder-William Sale
Patriot-Robert Sale

Associate-Francis P. Hyland
Founder-John Crowell
Patriot-Edward Crowell

Associate-Jei Brendon L. Benz
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-William C. Schrader, III
Founder-Leonard Calvert
Patriot-George Calvert

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

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

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LEFT

Governor Taylor Cowardin and Past Governor Mike Lyman participated in Memorial Day Ceremony at St. John's Church Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. Governor Cowardin laid a wreath on behalf of the VA OFPA.

BELOW

Past Governor Mike Lyman (5th from right) at the Monroe Birthday Celebration & wreath laying on April 28th. Because of inclement weather it was held this year in the VA War Museum in Richmond.





Left

The Hinckley Award awarded to VA OFPA at the 2011 General Court in NYC.

The Hinckley Award is given for the largest percentage increase in new members to an individual society.

Special thanks goes to Registrar Doug Graves for his outstanding and tireless work.



Left

Associates Jake Lay, Mike Lyman and Francis Lay at a joint organizations ceremony at the Culpeper Minute Men Memorial, on 11 June 2011.



VA Governor L. Taylor Cowardin at the memorial to Rev. Alexander Whitaker.

The article on the right and the above picture were submitted to the Bulletin for inclusion in the Fall Bulletin. VA OFPA Associates get a preview.

Oldest Virginia Founder Site Submitted by VA D/Governor Frank Hyland

The Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America has researched and identified over one hundred plus headstones/memorials in Virginia -- a formidable effort by Past Governor Mike Lyman. The VA Society recently participated in a Memorial Day Ceremony at historic St. John's Church in Richmond to commemorate the oldest of the memorials discovered thus far.

The Reverend Alexander Whitaker was born in 1585 in Cambridge, England. He was a graduate of Cambridge College and was greatly influenced by Puritan Beliefs. He gave up parish duties in Northern England to become an Episcopal missionary in the New World. He sailed from England in May, 1611, with British naval commander Sir Thomas Dale. In September, 1611, Dale founded the Citie of Henricus. Rev. Whitaker became the first minister of Henrico Parish. Of great historical interest, he was the minister who provided religious instruction to Pocahontas and oversaw her conversion to Christianity. Whitaker left a record of his work through letters to friends and family. Whitaker's *Good News from Virginia* was among the first books written in Virginia. He urged his friends to join him in Virginia. Unfortunately, Whitaker drowned while crossing the James River in 1617. Although his body was not recovered, there is a monument bearing his name in the churchyard of St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. Rev. Whitaker was hailed by his contemporaries as "the Apostle of Virginia."

SOURCE: The Burying Ground at Old St. John's Church, by Judith Bowen-Sherman, MS; Publisher: St. John's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia, 2011.



Councillor Cranston Williams represented VA OFPA at a dedication of a VDOT Road sign to Gen. Joel Leftwich in Bedford, Virginia on June 4, 2011.



Associate Jake Lay, Past Governor Mike Lyman, Associate Francis Lay, Deputy Governor Frank Hyland and Past Governor Jerry Hubbard getting ready to march in the July 4th Parade. Picture by Susan Hyland



Above—The VAOFPA entry in the Culpeper July Fourth parade. The parade takes about 25 minutes of marching. 240 + entries this year. Heredity societies lead the parade.

Left—Jerry Hubbard signing the Declaration of Independence.