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Next VA OFPA Meeting

March Membership Meeting Saturday, TBD

Welcome to New VA Associates

228/6062 - Thomas Wirt Sale, III Founder – William Sale Patriot – Robert Sale, (Jr.)

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We are one of the premier Societies in the Order. Welcome and join us for our meetings and activities.

General Court 2013

Governor General Hampton gave the group an update on the 2013 General Court. All arrangements have been made and as we get closer the VA Society will be asked to man a registration table.

Fellow Virginia Society Associates,

It has been an honor to serve as Governor of the Virginia Society for the last two years. I am very proud of our accomplishments and am grateful for everyone's support. Your executive council is top notch and we couldn't be the best society in the order if it wasn't for them. Besides the number of new associates we've gained and the wonderful meeting locations we've enjoyed, my proudest accomplishment is the marking of four founder's graves during my term as governor. These markers will not only help signify the importance of those individuals but will promote our society for generations to come.

I am very excited about the next slate of officers voted into office at our last meeting. Shane Newcombe has done an excellent job as our Secretary and Treasurer and I know he'll do just as well as Governor. We will be hosting the next General Court in May 2013 at Williamsburg and I have no doubt that Virginia Society's star will only shine brighter after that first class event!

I ask that everyone please support our society as much as you can as we move forward. We have the best society in the nation and we need to keep it that way!

Steadfast for God and Country!

Taylor

VA OFPA officer elections was held at the 20 October meeting. The following slate of officers was approved by the membership.

The officer's 2 year term runs from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

Governor: Shane Newcombe
Deputy Governor: Walt Sheffield
Secretary/Treasurer: Ross Grogg
State's Attorney: Charles Phebus

Registrar: Doug Graves
Chaplain: Russell Scott
Genealogist: Francis Hyland
Historian; Jerry Hubbard

The Councillors three year term runs from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. Councillors
Mike Lyman (Councillor General)
Richard Raymond, III
Francis Lay
Taylor Cowardin

Governor General Charles Hampton placing a wreath on Governor Nelson's grave on October 19th, Yorktown Day.





Above—OFPA First Lady Jane Hampton placing a wreath on behalf of GA DAR.

Below—Governor Taylor Cowardin placing a wreath on behalf of VA OFPA.





Above—Incoming Deputy Governor Walt Sheffield, Governor Taylor Cowardin, GG Charles Hampton, past Governor Mike Lyman. Also present at Yorktown was Will Simpson and Jerry Hubbard Below—Getting ready for the Yorktown Day parade. As soon as the VA OFPA group start ,moving forward the 3rd Infantry, Old Guard fall in behind us, with their fifes and drums. Best position in the parade because when everyone hears the Old Guard coming, they see us first. As we get close to the podium, the VA OFPA is announced, with a statement of the OFPA objective.





Above—Governor Cowardin inducting Associates Samuel P. Adams, III, and Thomas W. Sale, III into the OFPA. Also pictured are GG Hampton, Walt Sheffield, Youth Associate Zach Hall, Registrar Doug Graves.

Below—GG Hampton congratulating new Associates Adams and Hall after pinning on their rosettes.





Above—GG Hampton putting the badge of office on Governor Newcombe after giving him the oath of office.

Below—Historian Jerry Hubbard and Chaplain Russell Scott doing the Ritual for unveiling Founder Grave Marker. The Virginia Founder honored was John Mann.





Above—GG Hampton laying a wreath. Below—First Lady Jane Hampton laying a wreath. The headstone of John Mann was moved to a local church in the 1980's. But the actual grave is within the fenced in area. Also remembered on October 20th. was War of 1812 officer Major Robert Thurston.

The entire ceremony was a joint effort by the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America and The War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia.





Above—Doug Graves, Jane Hampton and several locals who attended the ceremony. Below—Zach Hall, Doug Graves, Shirley Hubbard, Mike Lyman, Jerry Hubbard, Jane Hampton and Charles Hampton enjoying Friday dinner at the Riverside Restaurant in Yorktown, Virginia.



Ancestor Memorials

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

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

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

Associate-Myron "Mike" E. Lyman Founder-Richard Lyman Patriot-Ozias Lyman Associate-Robert W. Robins Founder-Robert Chandler Patriot-Robert Chandler

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

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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Associate-Christopher L. Hubbard **Founder**-George Hubbard **Patriot**-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Donnel J. Hubbard Founder-George Hubbard Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Walter Jervis Sheffield **Founder-**Col. Robert Wynne, II **Patriot-**John Winn and son Peter Winn

Associate-Robert Steven Marks **Founder**-Robert Abernathy **Patriot**-John Abernathy

Associate-Hugh Erskine Fraser, III Founder-John Barker, Sr Patriot-Henry Barker

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Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII **Founder-**Thomas Graves

Patriot-Thomas Graves

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Associate-James Lewis Wheeler

Founder-George Wheeler and son William

Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

Associate-Charles E. Phebus **Founder-**Sir George Calvert, 1st

Patriot-Lord Baltimore

Associate-Roger H.W. Kirby **Founder-**Thomas Kirby

Patriot-Captain William Kirby

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 to Governor Cowardin to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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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!

Editors note: I wish to thank Mike Lyman, and Doug Graves for their pictures, which are used in this publication. I had almost 400 pictures to choose from. Hopefully I picked the best.