

## 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution

On Saturday, February 6, 2021, our Virginia Governor Michael E. Weyler gave the VA OFPA Greetings to the 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, during their hybrid meeting that took place at the Omni Richmond Hotel.

This continued a tradition that goes back a number of years where VASSAR has invited the VA OFPA to participate in opening ceremonies of their Annual Meetings. This year, however, because of the limited number of live attendees allowed at the Omni Richmond, Governor Weyler gave his greeting virtually:

*“Good morning. I am Michael Weyler, Governor of the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, and I bring greetings to VASSAR on this occasion of your 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.*

*The OFPA is an Order dedicated to keeping alive the memory of those who came to America when it was just a wilderness, and to their descendants who fought for our independence and our liberty and gave us our Constitutional Republic and a nation of free men.*

*The Founders we honor are those who came to our shores in the half century following the founding of Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607, men who carved a county out of a wilderness, raising their families to value their freedom and creating a culture unique in the world, leaving their children and grandchildren a heritage that led to their descendants, those whom we now call Patriots, taking up arms in our county’s fight for liberty.*

*Most of our OFPA members are also SAR members because we honor the same Patriot Ancestors. If you believe you have Founder Ancestors as well as Patriot Ancestors in the same family line, we would welcome a chance to talk with you.”*

While our Governor’s participation with the VASSAR helps to keep our Order’s name and our objectives ever present in their state organization, many of our VA OFPA Associates are also members of the SAR. Please consider your VASSAR chapter meetings as opportunities in which to introduce, and hopefully recruit, new members for our Order.

