

247th Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves

On Saturday, July 17, 2021, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution commemorated the 247th Anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves. The ceremony was held at the historic Pohick Church in Lorton, Virginia, the church of which George Washington and George Mason were members. Master of Ceremonies for the day was Dave Cook, President of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. Several members of the chapter read aloud selected portions of the Fairfax Resolves.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, presented the Wreath of the Order and participated in the event's Color Guard.

George Mason, the principal author of the Fairfax Resolves was specifically cited for his contribution to the document considered to be the most powerful statement of the reasons why the colonies should be free of the dictates of the British Parliament. "Resolved that this Colony and Dominion of Virginia can not be considered as a conquered Country..."



Governor Weyler declared that today we honor the memory of a true Patriot, George Mason, principal author of the Fairfax Resolves

But neither George Mason's story, nor the story of America, began with the Fairfax Resolves and the Revolution. George Mason's story began more than a century and a half before the Revolution.

Our George Mason we honor today was actually the fourth George Mason here in America. So who was the first George Mason?

He was a soldier in the English Civil War, who took up arms against the British Parliament. The army of which he was a part was defeated by the pro-Parliament forces. His life being in danger, he emigrated to Virginia in 1652, where, as a Founder, he established a new life and a legacy for his descendants.

We can see that defiance of the British Parliament was passed down from George Mason the Founder to his great grandson George Mason the Patriot.

Today we can honor both the Founder and the Patriot.