Virginia Voices

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Honoring our past ~ Preserving our future

April 9, 2021

From the Desk of…

The Governor General

Dear members,

The members of the Executive Council have been hard at work since elected in April 2019. During this administration the officers conducted society business despite a global pandemic. The organization owes its success to the ongoing work of each officer. Our membership continues to grow, and our finances are in exceptional shape. SDVAFF is proud to have several officers that serve as national officers in other societies which keeps everyone busy in the hereditary society community.

This officer has done her best to represent the Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers in a positive and meaningful manner. With most of the 2019-2021 activities limited to Zoom Meetings due to COVID restrictions, this officer focused on projects easily accomplished at home. A membership directory, published in 2020, contains much SDVAFF history, our ancestors, past officers, past meeting attendees and photos, our beloved deceased members, as well as common membership directory information. Additionally, this officer compiled and published an eight-year history book covering our founding in 2013 through April 2021. This first-ever history-scrapbook will be presented to the membership and the next administration at our 2021 meeting.

The Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers was founded to honor the memory and service of those men and women who were part of the creation of the Virginia colony. It has been an important element to keep our scholarship program within the Commonwealth of Virginia. After struggling for several years for Virginian recipients this administration looked to a Virginia College to help us choose our next candidate. Upon the recommendation of The College of William and Mary, Jordan Taylor McGuire, was awarded the 2020 SDVAFF $1,000 scholarship. Jordan's photo and appreciation letter can be found in Volume 6 of the *Virginia Voices* newsletter.

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Governor General Report Continued

This officer's $1,000 president's project went to The Library of Virginia. Due to COVID restrictions we were not able to personally present the check but were sent a very nice thank you letter included in this publication.

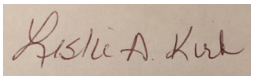
As Governor General, this officer: presided over each meeting, identified the scholarship recipient, searched for a COVID-friendly president's project, processed the 2019-2021 membership inquiries, voted on prospective members, sent applications and instructions to potential new members, and ordered membership certificates from the calligrapher. Zoom Meeting 2020 invitations were printed and mailed to all SDVAFF members while 2021 meeting notices were sent via email.

This officer also serves as the website chairman keeping the website current and continuing to monitor the organization's Facebook page.

Prior to the pandemic, it was my honor to represent the Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers during the Hereditary Society Community Gala and the lineage society meetings after installation on April 8, 2019. In September 2019 this officer along with Deputy Governor General Deborah Hicks, represented SDVAFF at the Jamestowne rededication of the Colonial Dames of America gates. The deeply moving and humbling service celebrated the earliest of Virginia settlers.

It has been a true privilege to serve as your Governor General. As this term concludes, much appreciation is extended to the Executive Council for their hard work over the last two years. Additionally, the Committee Chairmen deserve special recognition: Trudy Tanzillo, Finance; Jared Nathan, Newsletter; Cheryl Rios, Nominating Committee; Suzanna Rawlins, Zoom Chairman. Each worked diligently for the organization and this officer appreciates their expertise and devotion to SDVAFF.

Congratulations and best wishes to my successor and the 2021-2023 administration. With hopeful hearts we eagerly look forward to meeting again in 2022 in person.



Leslie A. Kirk

Governor General 2019-2021

2019 (L to R): Leslie Kirk, Deborah Hicks, Barbara Allison, Sue Jaworowski-Southern, Paul Walden, Ora Jane Johnson

Officers 2019—2021

Governor General	Leslie Ann Kirk
Deputy Governor General & Counselor General	Deborah Whitmore Hicks
Marshall General	Cheryl Whitt Rios
Secretary General	Sue Hansford Jaworowski Southern
Treasurer General	Barbara Allison
Historian General	Ora Jane Johnson
Chaplain General	Paul Walden
Parliamentarian General	Jane Routt Power
Interim Registrar-Genealogist General	Suzanna Rawlins
Newsletter Editor	Jared James Nathan
Finance Chairman	Trudy Tanzillo
Zoom Meeting Chairman	Suzanna Rawlins

Officer Reports

2020-2021

Deputy Governor General

I attended the business meeting in Washington, DC, in April 2019. I attended the 2020 and 2021 Zoom Board meetings as scheduled.
I have answered questions of the Governor General and members of the board. I continue to seek, sponsor, and support prospective new members. I have taken minutes of meetings as needed.
I reviewed the national directory/yearbook prior to publication. I reviewed the Newsletter prior to publication. I have reviewed the Budget and minutes of the meetings. I receive, review, and transmit our annual bond bill to the Treasurer General and Governor General. I researched and provided sample Conflict of Interest Policy per IRS Instructions. During 2020, I approved 30 insignia orders totaling $2,212.00. We still have plenty of SDVAFF rhinestone pins for sale and hope that you will place your order soon for this extra piece of bling produced by Pamela Wright.
It has been a pleasure to serve in the Kirk administration and I look forward to seeing you at 2022 National Business Meeting in Washington, D.C.
Until we meet again,
Deborah W Hicks
SDVAFF Deputy Governor General

Marshal General

The Marshal General has completed all tasks assigned to her office by the President General.
It is a pleasure to serve the Society as Marshal General.
Cheryl Rios
Marshal General

Historian General

No report.
Ora Jane Johnson

Officer Reports

2020-2021

Secretary General

This officer has taken the minutes, made corrections, and distributed as necessary. She has performed all duties assigned to her by Governor General Leslie Kirk.
Per the Bylaws this officer distributed copies of the IRS Conflict of Interest Policy and has signed acknowledgements by the General officers.
It has been a pleasure to serve as this organizations Secretary General 2019-2021.
Sue Hansford Jaworowski Southern
Secretary General

Chaplain Report

SDVAFF Member 38, Edwin Mac Smith passed on May 16, 2020. He born on April 7th, 1936 in Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama to Arthur Hurston Smith and Sephia Mae McGriff Smith. Mac was a graduate of Ranburne High School, Southern Union State Community College and The University of West Georgia. Mac served 21 years in the US Army and Alabama National Guard.
Mac spent his life in service to his country and his community. Mac served as Probate Judge of Cleburne County. Mac also taught science at Cleburne County High School. He was a board member of the Alabama Horse Council. He was a charter member and President of the Cheaha Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Mac belonged to the Jamestown Society, Magna Charta Dames & Barons, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, War of 1812, Sons &Daughters of the Pilgrims.
Mac was a member, and past deacon of Ranburne First Baptist Church. Mac was a member of the Heflin Masonic Lodge.
A lifelong farmer, he raised and showed Lipizzan horses at Springstone Farm.
I will also be laying a wreath at the grave of John Tyler, 10th US President and native Virginian, on his birthday, March 29, 2021, at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, in my capacity as President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
Paul Walden
Chaplain General

Officer Reports

2020-2021

Counselor General

I have answered questions of the Governor General and members of the board. I have checked the irs.gov 990-N filings and note that the Treasurer General is current in the filing, with the last filing for the national society encompassing Tax Period: 2020 (01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020).
I know of no actions or claims pending against the society and I have no reason to believe that any claims are forthcoming or of any current claims the society has against any person or entity.
It has been a pleasure to serve in the Kirk administration and I look forward to seeing you at 2022 National Conference.
Until we meet again,
Deborah W Hicks
SDVAFF Counselor General

Treasurer General

All checks received have been deposited in a timely manner and all bills have been paid in a like manner. Each monthly bank statement has been reconciled and all treasurer and bank records are in agreement. A transaction register has been maintained that identifies each financial transaction.

Due to COVID-19 the society did not meet in 2020 nor will it meet in person in 2021. The finance committee has met and all financial records are scheduled to be reviewed in August, 2021. The written report will be made a part of this narrative.

Barbara Allison
Treasurer

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Officer Reports

2020-2021

Treasurer General Continued

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF VIRGINIA FOUNDING FATHERS
JANUARY 1, 2020 – DECEMBER 31, 2020

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
BEGINNING BALANCE	9,980.28	20,219.23
INTEREST Money Market		185.99
TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		20,405.22

INCOME:	
NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS	6,600.00
SUPPLEMENTALS	650.00
CRYSTAL PIN	20.00
ANNUAL MEETING	1,680.00
BEGINNING BAL. & INCOME	18,930.28
EXPENSES:	
ANNUAL MEETING	1,901.77
BOND	234.00
CALLIGRAPHER	140.55
DIRECTORY	1,455.59
SCHOLARSHIP	1,000.00
POSTAGE/MAIL SERVICE	195.41
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,927.32

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/2020 $14,002.96

MONEY MARKET BALANCE $20,405.22

Wreath Laying Ceremony
Paul Walden, SDVAFF Chaplain General

John Tyler
10th US President
War of 1812 Officer

On March 29, 2021, Paul Walden, Chaplain General for SDVAFF, conducted a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of John Tyler, 10th US President and Officer in the War of 1812, at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA. Mr. Walden is also the President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia. John Tyler was one of 8 U.S. Presidents native to Virginia, and his family arrived in Virginia in the 17th Century. John Tyler was the first Vice President to become President due to the death of the President, William Henry Harrison, in 1841. Later, Tyler led a compromise movement at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861. He was later elected to the Confederate House of Representatives before his death in 1862. He is buried next to James Monroe, 5th US President and native Virginian.

Our Newest Members

181 Ronald G. Helm

182 Myron Crenshaw Smith

183 Jennifer Diane Rowan

184 Mary Elizabeth Brown Harrah

185 Patricia Fochs

186 Brenda Gayle Yoder

187 Nancy Joan Johnson Coghlan

188 William S. Pearce

Reprint of the Last Meeting

Minutes November 15, 2020

Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers

Special Meeting – Sunday, November 15, 2020

2:00 PM CST

Zoom Meeting

Approved by Committee Paul Walden and Deborah Hicks

The Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers met in a special meeting on November 15, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM CST with the following officers, members and one guest in attendance: Leslie Kirk, Suzanna Rawlins, Cheryl Rios, Eugene Smith, Marie McShane, Patricia Fullerton, Richard Burke, Sue Southern, Trudy Tanzillo, Ann Wilkerson, Anne Farley, Barb Allison, Bob Odom, Carla Odom, Brenda Winter, Deborah Hicks, Dolly Butler, James F. Glasgow, Julia Wood, Julie Hesler, Karen McClendon, Melissa Fischer, Norma Keating, Ora Jane Johnson, Paul Walden, Rita McSorley, Jonathan Ridgeway, Sue Ross, Sharon Sowders, Victoria Kattel, Scott Glasgow, Jane Power, John Barlow, and Jared Nathan.

Suzanna Rawlins made a motion to dispense with the pledges and ritual in the zoom meeting. Motion was seconded by Richard Burke and carried with no discussion.

The invocation was given by Chaplain General Paul Walden.

Governor General Kirk asked Zoom Chairman Suzanna Rawlins to confirm that a quorum was established for this meeting. Zoom Chairman confirmed that the quota was met. Governor General Kirk declared a quorum.

Parliamentarian Mrs. Jane Power read the Bylaw for Meetings, Article VII, Items A and B.

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Reprint of the Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2020
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Officers in attendance were introduced:
Governor General: Leslie Kirk
Deputy Governor General: Deborah Hicks
Marshall General: Cheryl Rios
Recording Secretary General: Sue Jaworowski Southern
Treasurer General: Barb Allison
Chaplain General: Paul Walden
Historian: Ora Jane Johnson
Counselor General: Deborah Hicks
Appointed Officers:
Genealogist General: Suzanna Rawlins
Parliamentarian General: Jane R. Power

Paul Walden and Deborah Hicks were appointed to approve the minutes of the meeting.

Treasurer General Barb Allison presented the 2020 budget to the membership for adoption and after some discussion on the fiscal or calendar year the budget was adopted.

Bylaws were read by Parliamentarian Jane Power pertaining to the Nominating Committee for slate of officers to be elected and installed at the April 2021 meeting. President General Kirk appointed Cheryl Rios to serve as the Board member for the Nominating Committee. Anne Farley and Ann Wilkerson were nominated and agreed to serve on this committee. Vote was tallied by Zoom Chairman. President General Kirk declared a majority vote and Mrs. Farley and Mrs. Wilkerson were elected to the Nominating Committee.

President General Leslie Kirk urged everyone to stay safe and healthy and prayed that that we will be able to meet in person for the 8th Annual Luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC on 12 April 2021.

Chaplain General Paul Walden led the Benediction.

The special meeting for the Sons and Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers adjourned at 2:21 PM CST.

Sue Southern

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

February 23, 2021

Ms. Leslie Kirk
Sons and Daughters of VA Founding Fathers
324 Katie Lane
Titus, AL 36080-2810

Dear Ms. Kirk,

Thank you for your support of the Library of Virginia Foundation. The Library of Virginia is the guardian of Virginia's collective experience and the most comprehensive resource for Virginia history and culture, making our past and present available for future generations to come. Furthermore, the Library is one of the most important family research institutions in the country.

Your contribution of $1,000.00 to the Foundation, which we received on 2/17/2021 will help the Library of Virginia preserve our shared history and culture, acquire new materials for the Library's collections, conserve and protect Virginia's cultural treasures, educate the next generation of Virginians and inspire your fellow patrons through exhibitions and educational programs.

Again, many thanks for your support. Only together can we preserve Virginia's story and ensure the Library of Virginia continues to serve as the trusted steward of priceless records that document our historic past and present.

Sincerely,

thank you!

R. Scott Dodson
Executive Director

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cc: Barbara J. Allison, Treasurer General

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Insignia

Our insignia are available at Hamilton Jewelers 800-786-5890 or 215 -545-6200.

Photographs of the insignia and all available pins are available on our website at virginiafoundingfathers.org

Please contact the Deputy Governor General, for insignia assistance.

SDVAFF Crystal Broches

$20 (+ $5.00 shipping fee)

Contact Deputy Governor General

DESCRIPTION: Swarovski crystals spell out SDVAFF on silver-tone by Pamela Wright Collections

Measurements: Approximately 2 1/2" x 5/8"

Miniatures

Mini Charm for Branch Bar or Charm Bracelet (very small)

The Mini Charm is offered in gold tone to

match the Branch Bar.

Measurements: Approx. 9/16" x 3/8"
1/10 Gold Filled

Photo not to scale
*Branch Bar not included

Miniature Ribbon and Emblem

Emblem may also be used for Branch Bar.

The miniature insignia set includes purple/ gray-silver ribbon and silver tone emblem

Measurements: Approx. 3/4" x 1"

2013-2020

Molly Ann Hicks Hagood (Mrs. John Thomas)
Eufaula, AL
Anc: *Arthur Jordan*, Surry Co, VA, bef 12 Apr 1654
Member #Charter 48 - 29 Apr 2014
Died: 7 May 2016

Wilson Cecil Wilhite, Jr., M.D.
Daphne, AL
Anc: *George Mott*, Rappahannock Co, VA, 1663
Member #Charter 43 - 22 Apr 2014
Died: 2 Jan 2017

Jane Marlene Lee Lawley
Helena, AL
Anc: *Thomas Harris*, Charles City Co, VA, 1636
Member #Charter 19 - 19 Aug 2013
Died: 11 Feb 2020

Robert Stapleton Doherty
Decatur, AL
Anc: *Henry Wyche*, Surry Co, VA, by 2 Sep 1679
Member #Charter 16 - 10 Aug 2013
Died: 27 Feb 2020

Edwin Mac Smith
Ranburne, AL
Anc: *Henry Filmer*, Amelia Co, VA, aft 1641
Member #Charter 38 - 30 Mar 2014
Died: 16 May 2020

Announcements

Please check the directory to ensure your information is correct. Please send changes to lesliekirk@live.com

SDVAFF Crystal Brooches for sale ~ Please contact the Deputy Governor General.

Please notify the Chaplain General of a member's sickness or death.

Officers will change on April 12, 2021. Please be patient as we update the website

Save the Dates

12 April 2021

SDVAFF Annual Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Members received an email invitation to join the meeting

If you did not receive please email: lesliekirk@live.com

11 April 2022

SDVAFF Annual Luncheon

Army Navy Club

Washington, DC