



# The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter Virginia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution



*By signing the Declaration of Independence, the fifty-six Americans pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Nine died of wounds during the Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were jailed, mistreated, or left penniless. Twelve signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.*

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## President's Message

Compatriots,

The most exciting event this month is our chapter's 50th Anniversary celebration on April 13th. We will be joined by representatives of VASSAR, the DAR and CAR as well as Thomas Jefferson. Be sure to mail your reservations early since we need to plan some unique aspects of our meeting. I look forward to a great event.

Since the last newsletter, Jim and Roi Ann Morford and I attended James Madison's 268th birthday commemoration at Montpelier on March 16th. The US Marine Corps presented a Presidential Wreath and 32 organizations presented additional wreaths. If you have not had a chance to visit Montpelier, I encourage you to do so and reacquaint yourself with our Fourth President. George Corbett and I, along with several other VASSAR members, attended parts of the DAR annual state meeting.

For me, the most exciting news is that our youth program is off to a healthy start. Paul Huchko, due to much work on his part, received over eighty brochures from three schools. Through a rigorous judging process, the winner and runner-ups have been selected and are being notified. The winner will be forwarded to the VASSAR for the state competition. The presentations of the awards are being finalized.

April, besides celebrating our 50th anniversary, will see two commemorations of James Monroe's birthday. The first will be held at his Westmoreland County home on Saturday April 20 at 10:00 and the second will be at Hollywood Cemetery on Sunday April 28 at 11:00. The US Army will lay a Presidential Wreath at Hollywood. In different ways they are both impressive.

Also, on April 28, we have been invited to the reinternment ceremony for three early settlers. It will be held at the Two Rivers Country Club and our own Jim Henry will be the priest conducting the reinternment. See page 6

As always, I want to remind you that this is your chapter and as you have ideas And/or suggestions about it please let myself or a Board member know.

Bill





# Calendar

Mon. April 8

10:00AM Board Meeting  
Williamsburg Library

Sat. April 13

11:30 AM Chapter Luncheon  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Colonial Heritage Country Club

Sat. April 20

James Monroe  
Birthday Commemoration  
Westmoreland County home

Sat. April 27

James Monroe  
Birthday Commemoration  
Hollywood C Richmond, VA

Sun. April 28

Virginia Company of London  
Reinterment invitation  
11:30 a.m.  
Twin River Country Club  
1400 Two Rivers Drive  
Williamsburg  
Reservation on pg. 6

## Chapter News

WELCOME ABOARD



“Gerry” Wade Fitzgerald Ward receiving his Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution certificate.



Guest speaker Randolph Flood receiving the Jefferson Cup in appreciation for his program.

Jim Hess  
Won the book  
raffle>  
Again  
(3<sup>rd</sup> time)





Our chapter well represented at the 123rd Virginia DAR Conference in Richmond



James Madison's 268th birthday Commemoration at Montpelier. Pres. Bill Greaf presented our wreath assisted by Jim and Roi Ann Morford.



VASSAR President, Peter Davenport  
With HODARs  
George Corbett and Bill Greaf





Heath Richardson, Chapter chairman of Eagle Scout Awards  
Eagle Scout William James Colvin  
Scoutmaster Chris Colvin, father of William



An NSSAR Certificate of Recognition was presented to William Colvin by Heath Richardson on March 3 at Jamestown Presbyterian Church at a Court of Honor of Boy Scouts of America Troop 102.

## A Request from the Chaplain

By Jim Morford

It is my honor to serve as Chaplain to the Williamsburg Chapter of SAR. Notwithstanding the challenge of trying to replace the great work of my predecessor Jack Lee, I will attempt to carry out the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

In addition to offering invocations and benedictions at Chapter meetings and other occasions, I want to continue the practice of sending, on behalf of the Chapter, Get Well, Sympathy and other cards as special occasions merit. To do this I need the help of all compatriots in the Chapter. Please let me know when you learn of a member who has fallen ill or is hospitalized. Also, when you learn of a compatriot or his spouse who has died, please inform me so that appropriate condolences can be sent from the Chapter. Milestone events such as a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary also can be acknowledged by the Chapter.

We can't respond if we don't know, so please contact me when you learn of a compatriot whose circumstances merit a card. I can be reached by phone (757) 258.2578 or by email at [morfordjc@gmail.com](mailto:morfordjc@gmail.com). Be sure to share the full name, address and event information for the intended recipient.

*“Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into instant flame by an encounter with another human being.” – Albert Schweitzer*

# 50th



# Anniversary

You are invited to attend a gala event to be held at the Colonial Heritage Country Club on April 13<sup>TH</sup> at 11:30 am as The Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution celebrate our 50<sup>TH</sup> anniversary.

**RSVP by Saturday the 6<sup>TH</sup>**



Colonial Williamsburg Fife & Drum Corps  
Dinner  
Cake cutting  
Toasting  
Guest speaker young "Thomas Jefferson"  
Invited guests to include:  
Representatives of VASSAR  
DAR and CAR





The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America  
The Virginia Chapter National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America and  
Two Rivers Country Club  
Invite you and your guests to a luncheon and Reinterment Ceremony at:  
Two Rivers Country Club  
1400 Two Rivers Rd, Williamsburg, VA  
Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon will include a short presentation by Dr. Douglas Owsley, head of Physical Anthropology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. His topic pertains to the historical significance of the area, which in 1619, was a portion of the 3000-acre tract used by the Virginia Company of London. During archaeological research of this area conducted in the 1990's, the remains of four English individuals—one male, two females and a female child—dating back to the 1619-1622 period were found. After the luncheon, the final set of three remains will be reinterred in a ceremony conducted using the Anglican Book of Common Prayer as it would have existed in 1619.

Please join us in paying homage to these early English settlers, involving placement of a plaque and conducting a Reinterment Ceremony (rain or shine).

Organizations wishing to present wreaths (*only*) and be included on the program *must* contact Taylor Cowardin no later than March 29, 2019 at: [cowardin@aol.com](mailto:cowardins@aol.com)

OFPA *Membership (only)* meeting begins at 10:30am  
Luncheon and presentation begins at 11:30am  
Graveside ceremony begins at 2:00pm\*

\*Following the reinterment and wreath-laying ceremonies there will be a "no host" reception in the Two Rivers Country Club Osprey Grill room/bar. All are encouraged to attend and are most welcome.

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MENU

- Market Salad
- Pan Seared Breast of Chicken  
served with Lemon Caper Sauce
- Herbed Risotto
- Asparagus
- Mixed Berry Tart
- \$30.00

Vegetarian and gluten-free meals available by request

All luncheon reservations and checks must be received  
by  
April 19, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending.

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ (number in party) x \$30.00 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

(Cash bar)

Make checks payable to: Treasurer VA OFPA

Mail to:

Shane Newcombe  
P.O. BOX 59  
Randolph, VA 23962

# The Real Story of Revere's Ride

April 18<sup>th</sup> 1775



In 1774 and the spring of 1775 Paul Revere was employed by the Boston Committee of Correspondence and the Massachusetts Committee of Safety as an express rider to carry news, messages, and copies of important documents as far away as New York and Philadelphia.

On the evening of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere was summoned by Dr. Joseph Warren of Boston and given the task of riding to Lexington, Massachusetts, with the news that regular troops were about to march into the countryside northwest of Boston. According to Warren, these troops planned to arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock, who were staying at a house in Lexington, and probably continue on to the town of Concord, to capture or destroy military stores — gunpowder, ammunition, and several cannon — that had been stockpiled there (in fact, the British troops had no orders to arrest anyone — Dr. Warren's intelligence on this point was faulty). Revere contacted an unidentified friend (probably Robert Newman, the sexton of Christ Church in Boston's North End) and instructed him to show two lanterns in the tower of Christ Church (now called the Old North Church) as a signal in case Revere was unable to leave town. The two lanterns meant that the British troops planned to row "by sea" across the Charles River to Cambridge, rather than march "by land" out Boston Neck.

Revere then stopped by his own house to pick up his boots and overcoat, and proceeded the short distance to Boston's North End waterfront where two friends waited to row him across the river to Charlestown.

Slipping past a British warship in the darkness, Revere landed safely. After informing Colonel Conant and other local Sons of Liberty about recent events in Boston and verifying that they had seen his signals in the North Church tower, Revere borrowed a horse from John Larkin, a Charlestown merchant and a patriot sympathizer. While the horse was being made ready, a member of the Committee of Safety named Richard Devens warned Revere that there were a number of British officers in the area who might try to intercept him. About eleven o'clock Revere set off. After narrowly avoiding capture just outside of Charlestown, Revere changed his planned route and rode through Medford, where he alarmed Isaac Hall, the captain of the local militia. He then alarmed almost all the houses from Medford, through Menotomy (today's Arlington) — carefully avoiding the Royall Mansion whose property he rode through (Isaac Royall was a well-known Loyalist) — and arrived in Lexington sometime after midnight. In Lexington, as he approached the house where Adams and Hancock were staying, a Sergeant Monroe, acting as a guard outside the house, requested that he not make so much noise. "Noise!" cried Revere, "You'll have noise enough before long. The regulars are coming out!" At this point, Revere still had difficulty gaining entry until, according to tradition, John Hancock, who was still awake, heard his voice and said "Come in, Revere! We're not afraid of you" and he was allowed to enter the house and deliver his message.

About half past twelve, William Dawes arrived in Lexington carrying the same message as Revere. After both men had "refreshed themselves" (gotten something to eat and drink) they decided to continue on to Concord, Massachusetts to verify that the military stores had been properly dispersed and hidden away. A short distance outside of Lexington, they were overtaken by Dr. Samuel Prescott, who they determined was a fellow "high Son of Liberty." A short time later, a British patrol intercepted all three men. Prescott and Dawes escaped; Revere was held for some time, questioned, and let go. Before he was released, however, his horse was confiscated to replace the tired mount of a British sergeant. Left alone on the road, Revere returned to Lexington on foot in time to witness the latter part of the battle on Lexington Green.

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Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter  
by **Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Cut along dotted line as it will fit in a No. 8 6 3/4 Security envelope.*

**Reservation for the Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

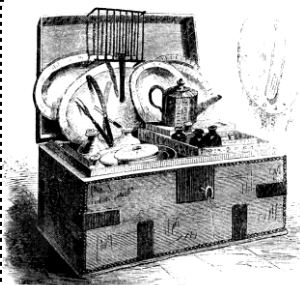
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$21.00

Special need \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to

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