

# ORDER of the Founders of North America

Minutes

09 January 2022

7:30 P.M. (EST)

Via ZOOM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by Grand Viscount General Roger W. Coursey.

## **PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Immediate Past Grand Viscount General J. Michael Tomme, Sr.

## **INVOCATION**

Vicar General Randy Moody offered the invocation.

## **ATTENDANCE SHEET (attachment 1)**

There were forty (40) members and one (1) guest present at the meeting, for a total of forty-one (41) attendees.

## **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (per Article VI, Section 3 of the Bylaws, six [6] members are required)**

Secretary General Douglas T. Collins confirmed a quorum was present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (attachment 2)**

Secretary General Collins had emailed a copy of the 25 September 2021 minutes to all members for review. GVG Coursey inquired whether there were any changes to be made to the minutes. Hearing none, the minutes are approved as distributed.

A copy of the approved minutes will be forwarded to Chronicler General A. Steven Williams for publishing to the OFNA website.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### Secretary General (Attachment 3)

Secretary General Douglas T. Collins discussed efforts to update the Member Directory. There are five (5) member emails that appear to be incorrect. Updates to the Directory continue to be made as notification of application approval is received from the Registrar General.

### Genealogist General (Attachment 4)

Report was filed by Jane R. Power. As of December 31, 2021, five (5) new member applications have been approved. One (1) pending application has been received since the date the Officer Report was submitted. The issue with duplicate member numbers has been resolved.

### Chronicler General

CG Steven Williams report was filed. GVG Coursey reported that the role of Webmaster and Newsletter was running smoothly. The *SpyGlass* Newsletter was revived and issued several days prior to the meeting. At present the Website has been updated.

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## Quartermaster General (Attachment 5)

Quartermaster General Kenneth D. Roberts filed his report. He reported there are three (3) large insignia medals, two (2) miniature insignia medals, six (6) charm medals, zero (0) Officer neck ribbons, one (1) short Officer sash, two (2) long Officer sashes, thirteen (13) blazer patches and twenty-five (25) charter bars in inventory. Since the last meeting, fifteen (15) Charter Bars have been sold. It was reaffirmed that only Charter Members (those with members of 158 or below) are eligible to receive the Charter Bar. Remaining Charter Bars are available to those eligible for \$15.00 (including postage). Quartermaster Roberts has reached out to the Exchequer General to initiate a re-order for several of the inventory items that are low and or out-of-stock.

## Treasurer's Report (Attachment 6)

Exchequer General Thomas I. Jackson presented the Treasurer's report. The report was filed.

The Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2021 was presented. Highlights noted were Net assets of \$24,538, cash of \$56,162, and deferred dues of \$35,817.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending December 31, 2021 was presented. Highlights indicated application fees of \$1,600, reportable dues of \$4,652 and an increase in unrestricted net assets of \$2,795.

A brief discussion of internal controls ensued. The policy of the QG making direct deposits in lieu of routing deposits via mail to the EG will be continued.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Directory is continuing to be updated. All information is private, for use within the OFNA

A 501 c 3 organization located in the Savannah, Georgia area needs to be identified to be the recipient of our annual donation.

There was discussion regarding the charitable contribution made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Immediate Past GVG Tomme inquired as to whether confirmation of the receipt had been made. GVG Coursey confirmed that it was acknowledged. It was discussed as to the best way to ensure timely acknowledgement of receipt of any donation. Follow-up with the Exchequer General will be needed.

Joseph Conger suggested that Folds of Honor be included for consideration of a charitable contribution. GVG Coursey requested this be brought forth at the Annual meeting at Savannah.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Kenneth D. Roberts in this role of Marquis General Publicity and Public Relations offered that for any new member to OFNA in 2022, he would sponsor a membership with Front Sight. Front Sight is a private firearms association. Value is \$120,000 per membership. Includes a \$100 transfer fee and a 45 caliber pistol. This would have to be approved by the Executive Committee.

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Discussion of placing advertisements in other heredity organization publications. SAR Magazine and DAR Magazine were identified as options. Tony Vets (LA) noted that 1/6 page one-time ad in DAR Magazine is \$600. One-time SAR Magazine rates are: full-page ad - \$1,800, 1/2 page ad - \$1,100, 1/6 page ad - \$500. Former GVG Renouf suggested that the idea should be explored, cost would be the only consideration. Discussion will continue during the Spring Meeting.

Ken Roberts suggested producing flyers to be distributed to other organizations. GVG Coursey asked Mr. Roberts to produce a sample and submit at the meeting held in March.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next meeting will be held in-person during the Sons of the American Revolution Spring Leadership Meeting at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky at 4:00 PM on Saturday, 5 March 2022.

There will be an in-person meeting in conjunction with the SAR Congress in Savannah, Georgia in July. Details will be forthcoming.

An in-person meeting in conjunction with the SAR Fall Leadership Meeting will be held at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky in September. Details will be forthcoming

A Zoom Meeting will be held during October/November. Details are TBD.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Douglas T. Collins  
Secretary General

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_