

NEWSLETTER OF THE ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS OF NORTH AMERICA—1492-1692

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Grand VC  
General

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New Members



## Membership Insignia

Our Grand Viscount General Ed Butler worked with City Pride, Ltd, of Pennsylvania to commission production of the dies and both a regular and miniature version of the medal.

The first production run of the medals did not meet expectations and GVG Butler worked with City Pride to correct the issues.

A production run of the medals was made available at the Annual Meeting of the OFNA. Members received an e-mail update when the medals become available. At that time an order form was distributed by e-mail and placed on the website.



As shown on front of magazine

## Grand Viscount General

### From the Office of Grand Viscount General

Roger Coursey, Grand Viscount General



Wow! What a great turnout for our meeting on Wednesday, 13 Jul 2022 in Savannah, GA at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. This was held during the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Congress in Savannah.

As Grand Viscount General of The Order of the Founders of North America, I was honored to bring greetings on behalf of the OFNA at

the opening ceremony of the NSSAR Congress on Tuesday morning, 12 Jul 2022. I was one of several heads of national organizations to bring greetings to the members of the NSSAR.

At the meeting, the proposed amendment to the bylaws that had previously been distributed to the membership was voted on. You may remember that this proposal to change the bylaws dealt with using applications from other societies as documentation without further documentary evidence. After some discussion, this proposal was passed with one nay vote.

At the inception of our organization, then Grand Viscount General Ed Butler, asked fellow Founder David Appleby

to register our Society. Being a resident of and lawyer in Missouri, he registered the society in the state of Missouri. He has kept up with our registration over the years at no cost to the OFNA. At his request, I have contacted Missouri Registered Agents LLC about becoming our registered agent. At the meeting, we voted to approve Missouri Registered Agents, LLC to be our agent. The current price for them to represent us will be \$152.00 per year.

After some discussion about what 501c3 organization we would donate to this year, it was suggested that I assign a committee of three members to make that determination. I was fortunate to have three members volunteer to serve on that committee – past GVG Lindsey Brock, past GVG Ed Butler, and Exchequer General Tom Jackson. I then appointed Tom Jackson as the Chairman. They are tasked with bringing a proposed organization to the OFNA at our next meeting in Louisville, KY in September/October, to then be voted on by the membership.

Our next meeting will be at the NSSAR Trustees/Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY and is tentatively planned for Saturday, 1 Oct 2022. We will plan on having another Zoom meeting on Sunday, 13 Nov 2022 at 7:00 pm Eastern Time Zone.

Help pass the word about our Society. We can always use new members to help grow our Society. Our Secretary General and Genealogista General are hard at work bringing in new members. We had several guests and prospective members at our meeting in Savannah. If you know of anyone who would qualify for membership, encourage them to join our organization.

God Bless this great country our founders settled.

Roger W. Coursey

Grand Viscount General, OFNA

# Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America

The Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America ("HSC") is a non-profit organization, founded in 2002, which conveys the public interface for over 300 lineage societies. HSC's primary mission is to facilitate and increase the community's aggregate focus on genealogical accuracy; access to information and research tools; accurate public listing of contact data non-partisan civic outreach; historical education; scholarship; and fraternity and collegiality between organizations. The organization meets every April, in Washington, D.C., for an annual meeting and gala event.

American lineage societies have existed since the colonial period, and have provided avid genealogists and historians focused opportunities to study specific aspects of American history in juxtaposition with research into their own families. Prior to HSC, efforts to index the aggregate data related to American lineage societies included Bailey Banks and Biddle's (1917) *American Orders & Societies and Their Decorations*, John Griffin Richardson Rountree's (1970-1983) publication, *The Hereditary Register*, as well as a brief publication in the 1990s, *The Hereditary Society Blue Book*.

Catalyzed by the considerable deficit of any indexed publication, or viable knowledge management platform, several key leaders in the wider lineage society community founded HSC. Their primary focus, at that time, was to increase synergy within the burgeoning community of disparate groups, as well as to provide a means to transition modern lineage societies and their members toward more equitable outcomes. The organization has maintained its commitment to inclusiveness and diversity, and a consistent focus on making the study of genealogy relevant to the widest array of the population. The organization was incorporated in October, 2002, and held its first formal meeting in April, 2003 at the Washington Club at Dupont Circle.

## OFFICERS

- \*Grand Viscount General - Roger Coursey
- \*Grand Viscount General Elect - Daniel Kieth Woodruff
- \*Immediate Past Grand Viscount General - Mike Tomme
- \*Deputy Viscount General Eastern - Robin Towns
- \*Deputy Viscount General Western - James M. Lindley
- \*Deputy Viscount General Europe - Duke Borwin of Mecklenburg
- \*Abogado General - John Linson Dodd
- \*Secretary General - Douglas Collins
- \*Exchequer General - Tom Jackson
- \*Mareschal General - Rev. James C. Taylor
- \*Genealogista General Applications - Jane Power
- \*Genealogista General Supplementals - Ken Roberts
- \*Registrar General - Jane Power
- \*Emissary General - James White
- \*Chronicler General - Steve Williams
- \*Vicar General - Randy Moody
- \*Adjutant General - Mark Anthony
- Parliamentarian General - Billie Brock
- Quartermaster General - Ken Roberts
- Chirurgien General - Col. Charles Lucas
- Librarian General - Margaret Anderson
- Marquis General of Publicity and Public Relations - Ken Roberts
- Deputy Viscount General for Spanish Colonists - Jack Cowan
- Deputy Viscount General for English Colonists - Lawrence Casey, Jr.
- Deputy Viscount General for French Colonists - Helen Maxon
- Deputy Viscount General for Scottish Colonists - James Hall
- Deputy Viscount General for German & Dutch Colonists - Dr. Robert J. Devine
- Deputy Viscount General for Scandinavian Colonists - Donald Stone
- Deputy Viscount General for Italian Colonists - Robert Devine
- Deputy Marquis General - Genealogy Society Liaison - Richard Wright
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Susan Ross
- Capitan de la Guardia - Robert Capps
- \* = Executive Committee members

# NEW MEMBERS

300 **Sanford** Marie Barker AL John Barker Plymouth  
Colony, MA 1628 Approved 4/26/2022

301 **Turner** Mary Brown GA Thomas Mercer Norfolk  
Co, VA 1673 Approved 4/28/2022

302 **Lievsay** Rhonda Hatfield AR Thomas Chappell I  
Charles City, VA 1635 Approved 4/28/2022

303 **Lucy** Constance Trimmer CO William Lette Guilford,  
CT 1639 Approved 6/2/2022



## From the Editor

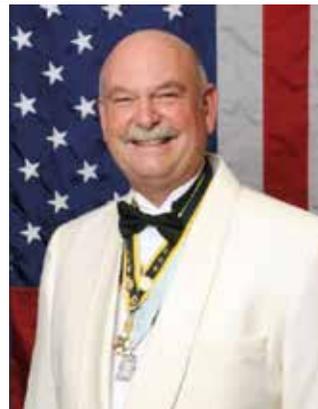
The re-start of the Newsletter/magazine for the Order of Founders of North America begins with this issue. It has yet to be decided how frequently the issue will be published. I have re-printing some of the articles from prior issues to supplement the reading experience of the membership until I get new articles. Members who joined after Winter 2016 will most likely not have been able to read these articles.

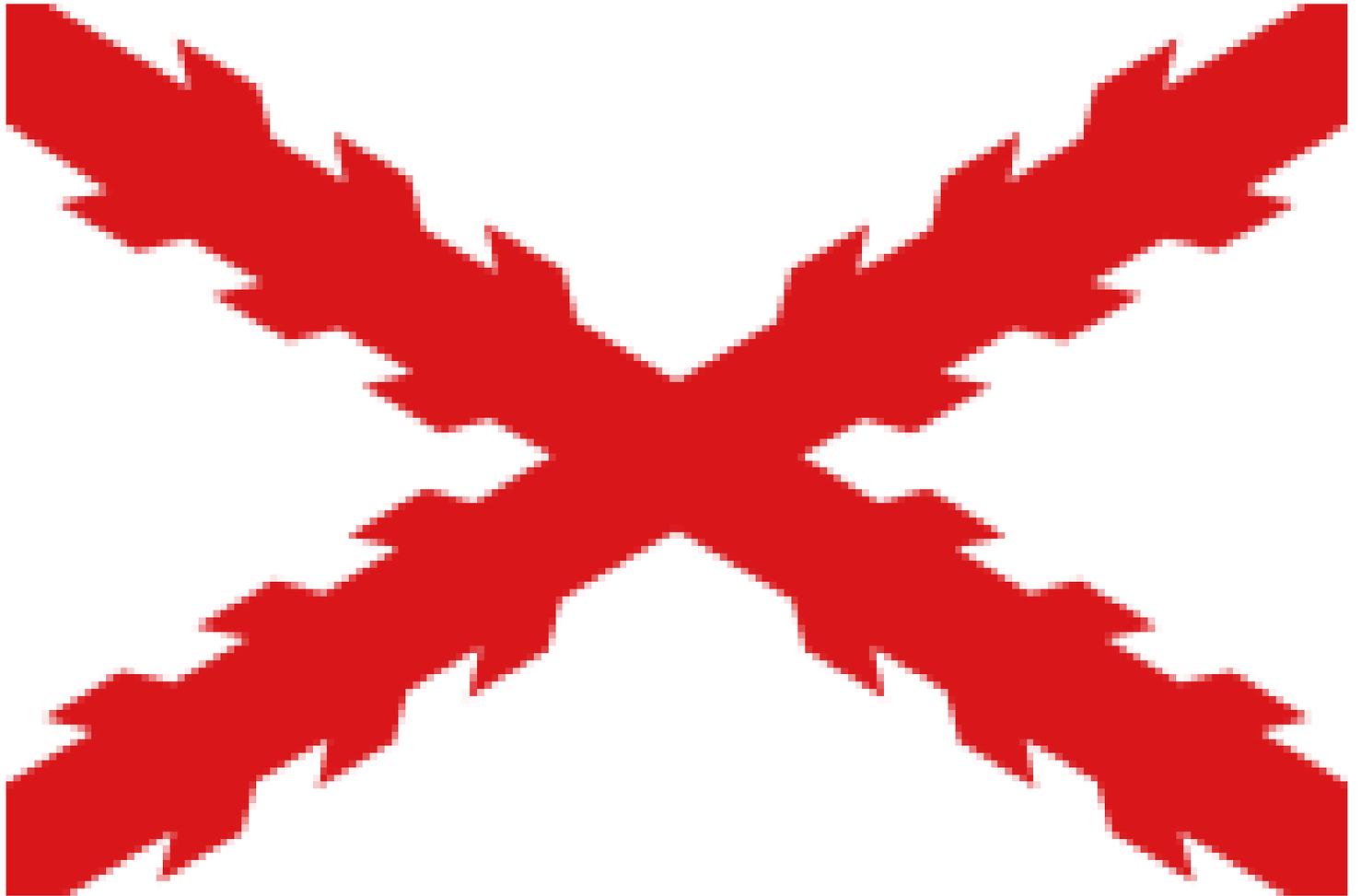
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# Past Grand Viscount Generals:

- J Michael Tomme
- Lindsey Brock
- Stephen Renouf
- Ed Butler

Left to right: PGVG Ed Butler, PGVG Renouf, PGVG Brock, PGVG Tomme





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