

Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence  
Board of Governors Fall Meeting  
New Haven, Connecticut  
October 6, 1989

The Board meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was held at the Park Plaza Hotel in New Haven, Connecticut, on the 6th day of October, 1989, at 4:00 p.m. Rieman McNamara, Jr., President-General, presiding.

The Board meeting was held with the following present: Rieman McNamara, Jr., The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., Ruth March Hagan, John D. Nelson, Stephen V. R. Pyne, Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein, Frederick W. Pyne, Anna W. Hall, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, Dorothy S. Kennedy, Rosa Maude Cowan, John H. Works, Jr., Richard H. Corson, M.D., Philip L. Strong, Marianne Brinker, Elizabeth Kratz, Lain Hawkridge, Allan M. Heyward, Carola Collier, Percy H. Goodsell, Jr., Nina H. Hopkins, and F. Nelson Light.

The meeting was opened with prayer by The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., Chaplain-General.

Minutes of the May meeting in Philadelphia were presented by F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General, and approved as circulated.

Treasurer-General being absent, the Treasurer's report was reviewed by the President-General, and a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve it as presented at the meeting.

Registrar-General's report was submitted, and a motion made, seconded and passed to approve 13 new Senior members, 4 new Junior members and 1 reinstatement. One resignation was reported and 8 deaths were reported. Prayer was said by The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.

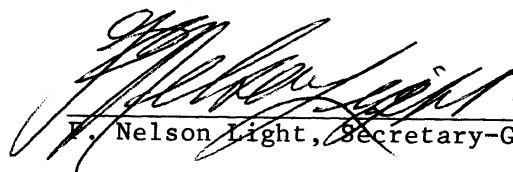
The Board decided that the Registrar-General should simply remove the names of Junior members who do not become Senior members but that no action should be taken as to their delinquency because there is no delinquency until after one becomes a Senior member.

Mrs. Barbara Kalbfleisch reported that the computerized membership list would be ready in about 30 days for publication and distribution to those that need it, but has not yet been completed. She reminded the Board that all changes of address need to be sent to Mark Ward.

Stephen Pyne reported for Phil Pyne on the possible project of having the Society publish a pamphlet so as to help the Park Service publicize the existence of the sixteen portraits of the Signers in the Second Bank in Philadelphia. An appropriation of \$80.00 was moved, seconded and passed to pay for slides of those portraits as a first step in considering the advisability of the project.

Stephen Pyne reported that he had gotten a design for the blazer crest for the Society and requested that the check for \$50.00 to pay for the sample be written as it was approved at the Philadelphia meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General

Approved  
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Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence  
Fall General Meeting, New Haven, CT  
October 7, 1989

The Fall general meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by the President-General at 9:05 a.m. on the 7th day of October, 1989, in the Governor Eaton Room of the Park Plaza Hotel in New Haven, Connecticut.

Meeting was opened with prayer by The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rieman McNamara, President-General.

Minutes of the last meeting in Philadelphia were read by the Secretary-General, F. Nelson Light, and approved as read.

President-General, Rieman McNamara, Jr., reported the activities of the Board of Governors on the afternoon of October 6.

The following officers reported:

The Treasurer-General was not present and the Treasurer's report was given by the President-General.

The Registrar-General reported, in addition to new members, the change of status of a number of members. A prayer was said by the Rev. Hubert N. Tucker, Jr., Chaplain-General, for the deceased members.

Fred Pyne reported in detail for the Scholarship Committee.

Gabrielle Bielenstein reported delay in progress for the Leach papers project due to trouble in the software for the computer.

Stephen Pyne reported for the Publicity Committee and asked for the future help of the local meeting Chairman of time and places in getting the names of the press and of the individuals representing the various newspapers for future meetings.

STATE SOCIETIES REPORTING:

Philip Strong reported for New Jersey.

John H. Works, Jr. reported for Connecticut.

Florence Maupin reported for Washington, D. C.

The officers of the Society reporting were Barbara Kalbfleisch and Dorothy Kennedy.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, an Amendment to Article V, Section 4, of the Constitution was made so that it now is as follows:

"Members two years in arrears for dues shall be dropped from the roll of membership of the Society upon one month's special notice unless otherwise commuted, but may be reinstated by the Board of Governors upon the payment of THE SAID TWO YEARS DUES IN ARREARS, and dues for the current year."

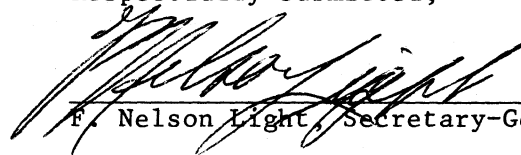
This amendment had been previously approved by the Board of Governors and appeared in the meeting notice for this meeting of the Society.

Fred Pyne read the Declaration of Independence. Allan Heyward called the roll of the signers at the general meeting, and Percy H. Goodsell, Jr. called the roll of the signers at the evening banquet. Those representing the signers were as follows:

General Meeting	Banquet
Samuel Adams.....1	0
Elbridge Gerry.....1	1
Oliver Wolcott.....4	5
William Floyd.....2	0
Philip Livingston.....2	0
Richard Stockton.....1	1
John Witherspoon.....1	1
John Hart.....3	3
George Ross.....1	1
Samuel Chase.....1	1
George Read.....1	0
Thomas Stone.....2	2
Richard Henry Lee.....1	1
Thomas Jefferson.....1	1
Benjamin Harrison.....3	3
Thomas Nelson, Jr.....3	3
Carter Braxton.....2	2
Thomas Heyward, Jr.....2	2

Benediction was given by The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr. and the meeting adjourned by the President-General at 10:00 a.m. After the meeting, a walking tour of the Yale University campus was led by two of the Yale students after which we went for lunch at The Greenery. After lunch, we boarded a bus for the Pardee-Morris House and a guided tour by two of the custodians of the house. A cocktail party was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Harborside Room in the Top of the Park followed by dinner and an interesting talk by Professor Christopher Collier of the University of Connecticut, on the subject of the Connecticut Signers and their roles in the American Revolution. The group attended church Sunday morning at the Center Church on the New Haven Green after which a slide presentation and tour of the church and crypt was held for those who could remain.

Respectfully submitted,



F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General

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