

Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence  
Annual Board Meeting  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
June 1, 1990

The Annual Board meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was held at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, on June 1, 1990, at 4:00 p.m. Rieman McNamara, Jr., President-General, presiding.

The Board meeting was held with the following present: F. Nelson Light, Lain Hawkridge, Grace K. Staller, Elizabeth Lessee, John D. Nelson, Philip Schuyler Pyne, Francis D. Irving, Stephen V. R. Pyne, Elizabeth T. Kratz, Dorothy S. Kennedy, Constantia W. Allnut, Ruth March Hagan, Rieman McNamara, Jr., Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr., Richard H. Corson, M.D., William Ward, IV, Agnes C. Carstarphen, Philip Livingston Strong, Florence Mary Maupin, Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein, and William B. Abert.

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

Minutes of the Spring meeting in Richmond, Virginia, were read by F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General, and approved as mailed to the Board.

Treasurer-General, William Ward, IV, presented the annual Treasurer's report and the 1990-91 budget, which were approved as presented.

Registrar-General's report was presented by Ruth March Hagan adding 6 new Senior members and 6 new Junior members. Twelve were dropped for delinquency being amended from 13 since one member was reinstated. There were 2 deaths reported and the Chaplain-General had prayer for the deceased members. As of 6-1-90, the membership of the Society stands at 789 Senior members and 130 Junior members.

First Vice-President General, Barbara Kalbfleisch, reported that the yearbook is at the printer's and the next step is to proofread the printer's copy.

In the absence of the Scholarship Committee's chairman, Fred Pyne, the report was made by Stephen Pyne showing 6 scholarships arranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Mrs. Bielenstein and Mr. Hawkridge reported on the Leach Papers Project. The work is speeding up but we have a long way to go. Lain Hawkridge, who is our computer man, reported that he has a rather heavy personal schedule and therefore can only produce about 4 hours work weekly.

#### STATE SOCIETIES REPORTING:

Governor Grace K. Staller reported for the Pennsylvania Society and briefed us on the schedule for the weekend which was as circulated. Mrs. Staller announced she is working with the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and hopes that something can be done to cut the cost of future meetings.

Governor Francis D. Irving, reporting for the Virginia Society, announced that a Spring meeting had been held at the Country Club of Virginia and new officers were elected.

Mrs. Connie Allnutt reported for the Maryland Society and asked that a copy of the by-laws of the Maryland Society be sent to her.

Mrs. Gabrielle Bielenstein reported for the New York Society.

Philip Strong reported for New Jersey. He is working towards starting a State Society but has not been able to get enough members yet.

Agnes Carstarphen reported for the Southeast Regional States and stated that Hurricane Hugo had slowed its plans to get a charter approved. She stated that she and Dr. Dick Corson would set up a regular meeting and would hope to have a report for the meeting in Saratoga.

OLD BUSINESS:

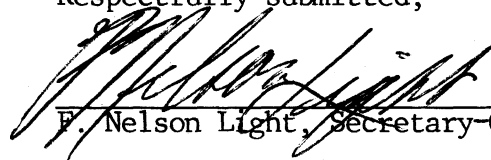
Mr. Stephen Pyne reported that the blazer patches have not been delivered but are in the process of being manufactured. He will try to have the patches, the rosettes, and the insignia emblems in a packet form so that we can order at future meetings.

Mr. Philip Pyne reported that he had slide copies of the 16 Signers' portraits from the 2nd Bank and had photographs which interested members could order from him.

The SODS Program is in operation with the President-General's spouse as chairperson. The next meeting is scheduled for Saratoga, New York on the 5th, 6th and 7th of October, 1990.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. and was followed by a reception in the Atrium of the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel hosted by the Pennsylvania Society.

Respectfully submitted,

  
F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General

Descendants of the Signers of the  
Declaration of Independence  
Annual Congress, Philadelphia, PA  
June 2, 1990

The Annual Congress of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by President-General Rieman McNamara, Jr. in the Long Room of Independence Hall on Saturday, June 2, 1990, at 6:30 p.m.

Opening prayer was said and the pledge of allegiance led by Chaplain-General Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.

New members were introduced and recognized by the President-General. Those new members attending their first meeting are as follows: James T. Charlton, Daniel Brewster, Danielle Brewster, Jennilie Brewster, Dana Brewster, and Nancy E. Branca. A professional representative of Benjamin Franklin was also present and introduced to the members.

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

President-General, Rieman McNamara, Jr., gave a brief report on the Board of Governors meeting.

Treasurer-General, William Ward, IV, gave his Treasurer's report.

Registrar-General's report was given by Mrs. Hagan and The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.

In the absence of Fred Pyne, a Scholarship Committee report was given by President-General McNamara.

Mrs. Bielenstein reported the smooth operation of the Leach Papers project.

Philip Pyne reported on the paintings and their copies from the 2nd Bank.

President-General McNamara gave his report on the condition of the Society which at present is solvent and quite active.

A professional representative of Benjamin Franklin in period costume read the Declaration of Independence. The roll call of the Signers was read by Philip Pyne and the following signers rose to be recognized:

Samuel Adams	1	William Floyd	1
John Hart	10	Benjamin Franklin	7
John Morton	2	(The representative of Franklin was also present.)	
Thomas Stone	2	Thomas Heyward, Jr.	1
Richard Henry Lee	1	Carter Braxton	3
Benjamin Harrison	1		
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	3		

OLD BUSINESS:

Barbara Kalbfleisch reported on the Saratoga meeting scheduled for October 5th, 6th and 7th.

Dorothy Kennedy presented the nominations of new officers as recommended by the Board and as published in the Notice of the meeting. Motion was made to close the nominations and to instruct the Secretary-General to cast unanimous vote for the slate as presented. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. President-General McNamara installed the new President-General and presented her with the President's insignia and emblem of the Society. President-General Barbara Kalbfleisch then presented past president pins to past presidents McNamara, Kennedy, and Ward. She also reported that she would send pins to our other 4 past presidents Goodsell, Satterthwaite, DeForest and Pyne.

A new Nominating Committee comprised of Rieman McNamara, Chairman, Mrs. Phillip F. Kennedy, and Mrs. David F. Cowan was nominated by First Vice-President General Corson and presented by President-General Kalbfleisch to the membership. On a motion seconded and passed, the new committee was elected unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with prayer by Chaplain-General Tucker. Prior to the meeting, the Society met in the Atrium of the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel for a Benjamin Franklin Tour, a walking tour of the historic area of downtown Philadelphia. Cocktails followed the adjournment and a banquet at 8:30 p.m. in one of the banquet rooms of the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel. On Sunday morning, members attended Christ Church and were invited by the Church to lemonade on the lawn and to tours of the Church by the Rector of Christ Church.

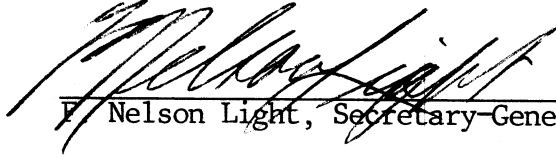
Immediately following the adjournment, the new officers selected the following Governors:

New Hampshire - Mrs. Phillip H. Kennedy, Pembroke  
Massachusetts - Miss Ellen L. Brinker, Wellesley  
Rhode Island - Mrs. James A. Harper, New York City  
Connecticut - Mr. John H. Works, Jr., Brookfield  
New York - Edward Ridley Finch, New York City  
New Jersey - Philip Livingston Strong, Cranbury  
Pennsylvania - Mrs. Harry W. Staller, Devon  
Delaware - Mr. Richard Rodney Cooch, New Castle  
Maryland - Mrs. John C. Allnut, Rockville  
Virginia - Mrs. William D. Gottwald, Jr., Richmond  
North Carolina - Mrs. William H. Carstarphen, Jr., Greensboro  
South Carolina - Mr. Thomas G. Heyward, Bluffton  
Georgia - Mrs. David F. Cowan, Jacksonville, FL  
Washington, DC - Miss Florence Mary Maupin, Washington, DC

AT LARGE

William Baldwin Abert, Rockville, MD  
Miss Virginia E. Campbell, Fort Washington, MD  
Mrs. Craig McDonald Coley, Annapolis, MD  
Miss Ann W. Hall, Philadelphia, PA  
Mrs. Robert M. Hawkridge, West Chester, PA  
Allan M. Heyward, Richmond, VA  
Mrs. Gerald I. Lessee, Penn Valley, PA  
John D. Nelson, Hanover, VA  
Mrs. Kenneth S. Peterson, Bedford, NH  
Frederick Wallace Pyne, Frederick, MD  
Stephen V. R. Pyne, Westminster, MD  
Mrs. Barbara Brooks Walker, Boston, MA

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nelson Light', written over a horizontal line.

Nelson Light, Secretary-General