

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence  
Annual General Meeting  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
July 3, 1993

The annual general meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by President-General Barbara Kalbfleisch at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, 1993, in the Long Room of Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA.

Prayer was said by Dick Corson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Kalbfleisch.

Eight first-time attendants were introduced: Margaret Krimmel Horan, Elizabeth Krimmel Loos, Ruth Krimmel Fritch, and Harry Strong Krimmel (James Smith); Paul Livingston Longthorpe (Philip Livingston); Walter Stall and Jim Wilson (Thomas Heyward, Jr.); and Christian Staller (John Hart).

Previous minutes were approved as read by Secretary-General F. Nelson Light.

#### Reports of the Officers

President-General Barbara Kalbfleisch noted highlights of the **board meeting**, and Reiman McNamara reported in particular on the DSDI Investment Funds.

The **registrar-general's report**, presented by Ruth Hagan, noted 16 new senior members for a total of 871 and 4 new junior members for a total of 136. Ruth Hagen added that the Society cannot accept the Leach Papers as proof of descendency due to the lack of certainty of the material in the papers. The Rev. Canon Charles I. Kratz, Jr., read the prayer for the 4 departed members.

Bill Ward presented the **treasurer's report**. Reiman McNamara's financial report indicated the Society is in good financial condition.

First Vice President Dick Corson mentioned **future meeting dates**.

On behalf of Fred Pyne, Barbara Kalbfleisch solicited help with updating and entering data into the computer regarding the **Leach Papers project**.

#### Reports of State Societies

**MARYLAND:** Sandy Stromberg announced that the Maryland Society had met at Chestertown. He also explained about the bell replica, noting that production costs and proceeds will be shared between the Maryland Society and the National Society.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Grace Staller brought the assembly up to date on Sunday's other activities: 9 a.m. church service rededicating the memorial to the signers buried in the church yard; 1:15 p.m. join with the Sons of the American Revolution for a parade of Revolutionary War flags, national bell ringing, and presentation of wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.

**RHODE ISLAND:** Mai Harper extended an invitation to all to attend the fall DSDI meeting at the Viking Hotel, Newport, RI, on October 15-17, 1993. The Viking is in the middle of town near restaurants and shops and is holding a section of rooms with a special rate of \$89 per night until September 15, so those members interested in attending the fall meeting should make their reservations as soon as possible.

**VIRGINIA:** Dan McNamara was recognized as the new governor of the Virginia Society.

**D.C.:** Bunny Maupin represented the DSDI at the annual wreath laying at the Jefferson Memorial.

Connecticut, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and South Carolina were recognized.

Old Business

Barbara Kalbfleisch, Ellen Brinker and Agnes Carstarphen were elected the 1994 nominating committee.

New Business

The slate of officers for 1993-94 proposed by the Nominating Committee was elected, with Dick Corson leading the Board as the new president-general.

A "town crier" welcomed the gathering and then introduced "Thomas Jefferson," who read the Declaration of Independence.

The roll of the Signers was called by Mark Ward at the general meeting and by Elizabeth Corson at the banquet. It was announced that the 86th Congress of DSDI would have 73 people for Saturday night dinner. The following Signers were represented by their descendants:

<u>SIGNER</u>	<u>GENERAL MEETING</u>	<u>BANQUET</u>
Samuel Adams	1	1
Elbridge Gerry	1	1
Philip Livingston	3	2
John Witherspoon	1	1
Francis Hopkinson	3	3
John Hart	8	8
Benjamin Franklin	4	4
John Morton	3	2
George Ross	1	1
Thomas Stone	2	2
Richard Henry Lee	3	3
Benjamin Harrison	5	4
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	2	2
Carter Braxton	3	3
John Penn	1	1
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	7	8
Arthur Middleton	1	1

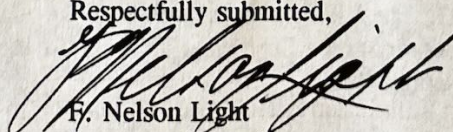
Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Additional Activity

Spouses of Descendants met at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Omni Lounge. Newly elected officers were installed at the Saturday evening banquet, and The Rev. Canon Charles I. Kratz, Jr., asked the blessing at the banquet. Sunday morning church service would be at 9 o'clock at Christ Church, followed by the rededication of the plaque (seven signers) in the churchyard.

Respectfully submitted,



F. Nelson Light  
Secretary-General