

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence
Spring General Meeting
Easton, MD
March 20, 1993

The spring general meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by President-General Barbara Kalbfleisch at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, 1993, in the Gold Room of the Tidewater Inn, Easton, Maryland.

Prayer was said by The Rev. Herbert Tucker, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Kalbfleisch.

Five first-time attendants were introduced: Laurence Williams (Benjamin Franklin); Kathleen Cook (John Hart); Shirley S. Walton (Francis Lewis); and Ned Strong and Ted Strong (Philip Livingston).

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

Reports of the Officers

Bill Ward presented the **treasurer's report**.

The **registrar's report**, presented by Connie Allnutt, noted 11 new senior members for a total of 860 and 4 new junior members for a total of 134. The Rev. Herbert Tucker read the prayer for the 5 departed members.

President-General Barbara Kalbfleisch reported the following highlights of the **board meeting**:

The engraved stone at Christ Church, Philadelphia, will be redone.

The Society needs to get all changes of address/name in order to update the roster.

Barbara spoke in recognition of our beloved Past President-General Bobbie (Mrs. Lionel T.) DeForest.

Barbara also shared with the membership some information from Fred Pyne regarding **genealogy research**. Fred has requested assistance in bringing other Society families up to date. In the process of obtaining permission for other members to use the "Roots III" computer program, the owner of the copyright not only granted permission but also offered a discount on new copies purchased by members (simply identify self by member number).

First Vice President Dick Corson reported that **Article X: Scholarship** and **Article XI: Past President-General Insignia** had both passed their second votes by the Board. A motion to approve these amendments to the by-laws was seconded and carried. [On review of prior minutes, **Article X** had already been approved on its second reading at the Fall 1992 DSDI meeting.]

Barbara Kalbfleisch reported that the **Scholarship Committee** is fully in place.

Nominating Committee Chairman Rieman McNamara presented the proposed slate of officers to be nominated at the annual congress of the DSDI in July 1993.

Reports of State Societies

MARYLAND: Sandy Stromberg welcomed the membership on behalf of the Maryland Society. He also reported that in addition to the 11 o'clock Sunday morning service at Christ Church at the annual meeting, Philip Pyne has arranged for a 1928 Prayer Book service at 11 a.m. at the Historical Society.

NEW JERSEY: Philip Strong noted that he has been in contact with New York and Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA: Barbara Kalbfleisch reminded the assembly that since the Fourth of July falls on Sunday this year, the annual meeting will only be two days. Monday, July 5, will be an extra vacation day or travel day for those people returning home.

RHODE ISLAND: Mai Harper reported on the fall meeting to be held at the Viking Hotel in Newport.

VIRGINIA: Betsy Gottwald announced the Virginia Society's meeting to be held May 2 in Richmond.

New Business

The roll of the Signers was called by Allan Heyward at the general meeting and by Ned Strong at the banquet. The following Signers were represented by their descendants:

<u>SIGNER</u>	<u>GENERAL MEETING</u>	<u>BANQUET</u>
Oliver Wolcott	2	
Philip Livingston		3
Francis Lewis	4	2
John Witherspoon	4	4
Francis Hopkinson		1
John Hart	3	3
Benjamin Franklin	4	3
John Morton	2	2
George Ross	1	
Richard Henry Lee	1	2
Benjamin Harrison	2	2
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	7	7
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	3	3

Dick Corson announced dates and locations for future meetings, including Philadelphia (July 3-4, 1993) and Newport, RI (October 15-17, 1993).

Sandy Stromberg reported information on a bell which will be available to members for purchase.

Adjournment

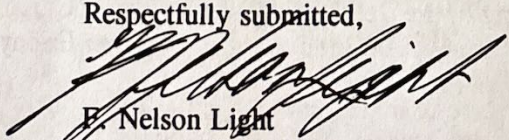
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m., following a benediction delivered by the Rev. Herbert N. Tucker Jr.

Activity

Spouses of Descendants met at 5 p.m. Friday in the Crystal Room of the Tidewater Inn.

On Saturday morning we toured St. Michael's and Oxford via bus and ferry. We returned for 6 p.m. cocktails and black-tie banquet in the Crystal Room of the Tidewater Inn. Weekend activities concluded with Sunday morning service at 11:00 at Christ Episcopal Church, Easton.

Respectfully submitted,


E. Nelson Light
(Secretary-General)