



# THE STAR DISPATCH

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The official newsletter for  
**Founders Fellowship**

Organized

August 4, 2016

at

Durham, North Carolina

by

Founder Carla Whitehurst Odom  
(Mrs. Charles Robert Odom)

Motto

*Ad Astri*

*Founders must found for leaders to lead. Every organization requires both to succeed!*

Emblem

The Founders Fellowship emblem is the sterling star that serves to symbolize the creative energy utilized by founders when they engage their talent, intelligence, enthusiasm, attention to detail, goal setting, and willingness to assume risk taking for their groups. Founders should inculcate their vision and mission to their organizations.

# Founding Council of Fellows

## 2016 - 2018

Founder and President  
Carla Lucille Whitehurst Odom  
(Mrs. Charles Robert Odom)

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(Mrs. Ernest V. Nesbitt)

Founding Chaplain  
Patricia "Ann" Scott Williams Garner  
(Mrs. Willie Donald Garner)

## Founders Fellowship Recognizes the Following Heritage Organizations

- Alba (Order of)
- Antebellum Planters 1607 - 1861 (National Society Sons and Daughters of)
- Bench and Bar 1565 - 1861 (Sons and Daughters of Colonial and Antebellum)
- Blue and Gray (National Order of the)
- Cape Cod and the Islands (Descendants of)
- Children of 1812 (National Society)
- Colonial Cavaliers (Order of Descendants of)
- Colonial Mothers 1607 - 4 July 1776 (Descendants of)
- Colonial New England (National Society Sons of)
- Early Postmasters (Descendants of)
- First Families of Augusta County
- First Families of Connecticut, 1633-1662 (Order of)
- First Families of Maine (Order of the)
- First Families of Mississippi (Order of the)
- First Families of New Hampshire (Order of the)
- First Families of New York (Society of the)
- First Families of Rhode Island and Province Plantations 1636-1647 (Order of the)
- First Families of Vermont, 1609-1791 (Order of)
- First Settlers of the Shenandoah Valley
- First World War (Order of the)
- Flagon and Trencher, Descendants of Early Tavern Keepers
- Fossors (Descendants of)
- Founders of North America (Order of the)
- Founding Fathers of America (Hereditary Society Daughters of)
- Jamestowne Society (by right of standalone title authorized by the Executive Council)
- Justiciars (Order of the Descendants of the)
- Knights of the Bath (Descendants of the)
- Lady Godiva (Society of Descendants of)
- Loyalists and Patriots of the American Revolution (Hereditary Order of the Descendants of the)
- Merovingian Dynasty (The Order of)
- Military Order of Agincourt
- Monarchs of Rheims (Order of)
- Norman Conquest (Order of the)
- Pilgrim William White Society (The)

Province & Republic of West Florida 1763 - 1810 (Sons and Daughters of the)  
Presidential Families of America  
Presidents and First Ladies of America (Hereditary Order of the Families of the)  
Registry of Infamous and Famous Relatives in American Families  
Saints and Sinners (National Society of)  
Second World War (Order of the)  
Sheriffs & Constables of Colonial & Antebellum America (Descendants of)  
Sons of the American Colonists (National Society)  
Sovereigns of Great Britain (Order of American Cousins of the Present and Future)  
Teachers (Hereditary Society of)  
Textile Workers of America, Inc. (National Society Descendants of)  
Virginia Founding Fathers (Sons and Daughters of)  
Virginia Huguenot Society

## Founders Fellowship Recognizes the Following Heritage Support Organizations

Hereditary Society Community  
Texas Genealogical College  
Cherry Blossom Buddies  
Illinois Heritage Alliance

## Founders' Message

Greetings Fellow Founders,

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of Founders Fellowship. Several members have been contacted for guidance to fledging founders of new and potential national organizations. For those members who are asked and the discretionary time to do so please continue this valuable goal of the Fellowship.

At the Inaugural Luncheon last April Vice President Barry Howard invited Founders Fellowship to hold the 2018 meeting immediately preceding the HSC Gala with the individual option to engage in that event for those who are available that evening. He has arranged a courtesy room for FF without fee. We will also receive recognition and special seating at the HSC event that follows for those of you who are able to remain on site following our event.

*The Founder and Founding Council of Fellows  
cordially invite you to attend the*

*Founders Fellowship's First Annual Reception*

*April 11, 2018*

*at quarter past five o'clock in the evening*

*Cosmos Club*

*Courtesy of Mr. Barry Christopher Howard*

*2121 Massachusetts Avenue*

*Washington, DC 20008*

*202-387-7783*

*a brief Memorial Service will be conducted for  
Charles Owen Johnson, Esq.  
Honorary Vice President*

*RSVP*

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*with your name and the name of  
your guest. Please advise if you  
plan to remain to be seated with  
Founders Fellowship at the HSC  
Gala. One member is welcome at  
the reception and to be seated  
with us at the HSC Banquet.*

*Please don the Sterling Members' Star encouraged with optional decoration at both the Reception and Formal White Tie/Black Tie HSC Gala to follow.*

*Cell telephones are not permitted.*

*The headcount must be received by the Founder no later than April 1, 2018.*

Founders Fellowship has enjoyed amazing growth and support. Who knew at the outset there were more than 46 living founders of national hereditary organizations? It is time to share our story so that others may learn about this unique Fellowship. Volunteers are encouraged to chair a website search committee. Please advise the Founding Council of Fellows if you have suggestions about how we may move out to meet this important goal.

The Society of the Descendants of Lady Godiva was featured in the First Annual Edition distributed last August. Please read in this issue about the Order of the Descendants of the Justiciars and the Illinois Heritage Alliance. Charles Owen Johnson, Esq. passed away on August 11, 2017. Chaplain Garner has planned a brief Memorial Service at the upcoming meeting. Happy Birthday to Presidential Families of America's Founder Dr. Lawrence Kent on February 21th.

I hope to greet you at the planned activities on April 11th.

In Friendship,  
*Carla*

## Guidelines

Founders Fellowship was organized August 4, 2016, at Durham, North Carolina, by Mrs. Charles Robert Odom. The objectives are to afford the opportunity for national founders of hereditary organizations to engage in fellowship, and also to draw from the group a few volunteers who, if sought out, will serve to encourage and advise persons embarking on similar endeavors. An inquiring potential founder and volunteer members may interface in mutually agreeable circumstances so long as the forums are held apart from Council Meetings and Assemblies.

The Founders Fellowship Assembly will be held in the City of Washington, DC on the Wednesday before Patriots' Day Week unless changed by the Council of Fellows. Each member may be accompanied by one guest. When attending the Assembly, members are requested to wear the Founders Fellowship star and no other insignia, with exception granted for formal occasions. The organization's insignia should always be worn upon the left lapel or adjacent to a lady's heart upon her gown. It may also be worn to events of similar significance with other insignia while conforming to the stated placement. If an American Flag pin is worn the Founders Fellowship star shall be worn beneath it and parallel to any other leadership designations. Five blue spinels shall designate the Founding Council of Fellows insignia. No other star pins may carry the same designation

Business of the Founders Fellowship shall be conducted solely by the Council of Fellows that is authorized to meet in person, by telephone, Email, or U.S. Postal Service at the call of the President, or any five members of the Council. Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

The President shall not serve more than two consecutive terms consisting of four years, although if reappointed, he or she may lead in a later term. A retiring President shall appoint his or her successor who will select the next Council of Fellows. At the discretion of the incoming leader, all other appointees may serve unlimited terms as well as hold more than one office although each may have but one vote.

## Eligibility

Founders to include Co-Founders are individuals who initiated, or in certain circumstances revived national hereditary groups that have held an organizing-founding meeting followed by at least two annual meetings, if applicable. At the time of the invitation the organization founded should have a membership of at least forty persons not limited by residence of record. Inquiries are welcome and may be directed to the President. A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the prospective founder's organization shall accompany the candidate's response to the invitation.

While not required, members are encouraged to bequeath their star insignia to Founders Fellowship. Members are permitted to select one Successor Member legatee candidate for each group they founded and registered with Founders Fellowship. Upon the demise of a member, the Chaplain shall recommend to the Council for its consideration the legatee so named. At the time the invitation is issued, the candidate shall hold membership in the respective organization the deceased member founded. If the legatee candidate is not invited for whatever reason, or fails to join the Founders Fellowship upon invitation to do so, another member of the respective organization shall be invited to serve as Successor Member.

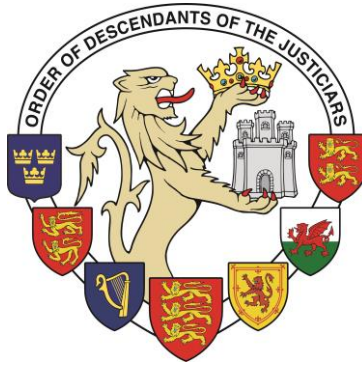
When attending the Annual Assembly, the Successor Member is requested to wear the insignia of the organization they represent.

## Life Membership Fees

The fee for Regular Life Membership is set at \$175.00, which includes a Founders Fellowship pin and one membership certificate. Application may also be submitted for recognition within Founding Fellowship listings and a supplemental certificate for each additional group the member founded in the amount of \$20.00 at the time of application, or \$28.00 if submitted at a later date. To avoid bank fees at the outset of the organization of Founders Fellowship, life membership checks should be made payable to the Treasurer:

*Gayle Mast Coan* with *Founders Fellowship* on the memo line.

Successor Member life membership fee is set at \$60.00, which includes a certificate and listings within Founders Fellowship publications.



Founded 15 November 2011, Richmond, VA  
Incorporated 28 March 2012, Parrott, GA  
Organizing Meeting 15 April 2012, The Library, The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC

## Mrs. Willie Donald Garner



### History of the Organizing of The Order of Descendants of the Justiciars

On November 15, 2011 Mrs. Sharon Stine initiated a new Order based upon lineal descent from Justiciars. Mrs. Carla Odom was appointed as Co-Founder. The following February Mrs. Ann Williams was invited to serve as a Co-Founder. Mrs. Stine was persuaded to adopt the title of Chief Justiciar. In March Mr. Barry Howard accepted the invitation to serve as Third Vice-Justiciar. Second Vice-Justiciar Williams filed for the Order's incorporation in Georgia.

Original plans were to hold the Founding Meeting during Heritage Season in Washington, DC in 2013, however, Second Vice-Justiciar Williams suggested the event be moved forward one year. The Founding Meeting also remembered as the Founding Convocation was held April 15, 2012 in the Library of the Army and Navy Club. This Order has the distinction of being the first lineage group ever remembered to utilize that space for that purpose. Those persons in attendance agreed all present who qualified for membership would be according the status of founding member. Third Vice-Justiciar Howard listed the Order's Founding Convocation on the HSC meeting schedule site at the outset. The Charter period was determined to begin immediately following the meeting and be held open until March 1, 2013. Mrs. Karen Miller and LTC Charles Odom were bestowed honorary membership and placed in appointed positions for the first administration.

The bylaws were adopted with revisions. Councillor Michael Schenk designed the splendid Justiciars shield that is utilized on official publications, membership certificates and insignia. Councillor John H. Jones granted wise advice for establishing a sound financial footing. First Vice-Justiciar Odom served as the initial Insignia Chairman and provided the



gentlemen's chest and neck ribbons and ladies; ribbons and sashes. Coordination was achieved with CityPride, LTD to produce the Order's regalia.

The *Justiciars Journal* was established as the official communiqué that was distributed in several issues a year to keep members abreast of the business and activities of the Order. A Spotlight section featured a number of the officers and council. The Charter and First Annual Convocation invitations were coordinated with Exchequer Michael Swisher who donated the Order's dies for embossing and special paper stock for membership certificates and invitations for application for membership. Auditors Roy Smith and Charles Robert Odom reviewed the financial records. Parliamentarian Karen Miller provided sound advice for the Order's convocations.

The Charter Convocation was held at The Army and Navy Club on Sunday, April 14, 2013. Third Vice-Justiciar Barry Howard brought a toast to the Order. A reception followed. Beautiful white roses and blue delphiniums were arranged in silver vases exhibited on the Grand Promenade, at the tea table, and throughout the meeting by Marshall Grantham Wood who was also elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee to serve with Shelby Ward and Carla Odom.

The First Annual Convocation was held on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014 at the Army and Navy Club. Marshall Wood placed palm fronds for the head table and provided the flowers of the Order through the meeting room and adjoining areas. Chaplain Sally Hlavay brought prayers and a blessing in old English. The first slate of officers was elected. Shelby Ward conducted the installation service. Newly installed Chief Justiciar Carla Odom announced appointments. A delicious Tea followed the convocation. Order of Descendants of the Justiciars reached out with space and time to the Organizing Meeting of the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva that followed immediately.

The first Scroll was edited for publication. The 2014 Issue of the *Justiciars Journal* was presented in full color copy by Editor Barry Christopher Howard.

The Second Annual Convocation was held April 12, 2015 as a joint Champagne Luncheon with the Hereditary Order of the Descendants of the Loyalists and Patriots of the American Revolution and the National Order of the Blue and Gray in the Grand Ballroom of The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC. Co-Founder Ann Scott Williams Garner presented special gifts on behalf of the Order to other national leaders attending the event. Second Vice Justiciar Barry Christopher Howard presented program topic, *The History of Hereditary Organizations in the United States*. Councillor Michael Perry Schenk provided a brief program about his design of the Order's emblem and insignia. Bylaw amendments were adopted that clarified the recompense of the Keeper of the Rolls/Genealogist.

Chief Justiciar Odom appointed Mrs. DeEtte DuPree Nesbitt and Mrs. Princess Karen S. Cantrell as Honorary Members of the Order. Editor Barry Howard provided the 2015 Issue of the *Justiciars Journal*. A Scholarship Steering Committee was appointed comprised of the Honorary Members and First Vice Justiciar Ann Scott Williams Garner for the purpose of proposing to the board and in turn to the membership at the Third Annual Convocation a bylaw addition regarding adoption of a Scholarship Committee.

Order of Descendants of the Justiciars was invited by the Hereditary Order of Descendants of the Loyalists and Patriots of the American Revolution and the National Order of the Blue and Gray to hold a joint banquet on April 18, 2016 at the City Tavern Club in Georgetown. The proposed addition was adopted to authorize scholarships to undergraduate American citizens engaged in scholastic disciplines that support the Objects of the Order annually, or as voluntary contributions are available.

Co-Founder Mrs. Ann Scott Williams Garner was elected Chief Justiciar. She and the board of officers and councillors were installed by Founding Honorary Chief Justiciar Sharon Kaufelt Stine. A social hour and reception preceded the banquet that was followed by a program about the History of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

## WHO WERE THE JUSTICIARS?

In the Middle Ages Justiciars were appointed by the rulers of at least seven kingdoms, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Normandy and Lombardy. They were known as Lagmen in Sweden. A few Justiciars have been verified shortly following the Middle Ages. The emblem of the Order features the Lion of Justice holding the crown and castle. It is anchored by crests of the seven kingdoms. Justiciars were often noblemen, of sterling character who had proven loyal to the monarch. Prime Ministers are the closest modern equivalents of Chief Justiciars.

## FOUNDING OFFICERS, COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS

Sharon Kaufelt Stine  
Carla Lucille Whitehurst Odom  
Patricia "Ann" Scott Williams  
Barry Christopher Howard  
Sarah "Sally" Inez Wood Hlavay  
Melissa Anne Harrison Fischer  
Michael Scott Swisher  
Karen Elizabeth McClendon  
Bonnie Davine Moore Roberts  
George J. Hill, MD  
John Hallberg Jones  
Shelby Dean Ward  
Priscilla Bruce Roberts  
Michael Perry Schenk  
William Grantham Wood  
Marlene Rathbun Wilkinson  
Susan Bolton Young Smith  
John Robert Harman, Jr.

## FOUNDING HONORARY MEMBERS

Karen Avery Miller  
Charles Robert Odom

# Illinois Heritage Alliance

Illinois is fortunate to have people throughout the state who want to be actively engaged in multiple societies. It is a long state although many others are larger or longer, many individuals cannot attend and support meetings a great distance from home. Earlier there were scheduling conflicts when more than one group met on the same day, hundreds of miles away from members' homes or the other groups. Heritage Society members had to choose which organizations to attend. Many chose events that were the closest to home thereby saving travel time and expense.

A growing number of participants wanted to support to the meetings and were sad to miss many that seemed to fall close together or even over top of each other. In Illinois multiple Spring and Fall key dates are filled. Just about all the organizations schedule a business meeting, lunch, and program that with travel take most of a day. Participation in several of them means many days away from home and deep pockets for expenses and travel.

Something had to be done. I decided that Illinois should have a weekend devoted to Society Meetings. An email was forwarded to all the Presiding Officers who I knew informing them of the plan to initiate a weekend filled with all heritage meetings. We could find a hotel and have a mini Heritage Week in Illinois. We would be able to pool resources together and have professional speakers and programs.

On a cold January afternoon 9 Presiding State Officers met and decided to organize a Heritage Weekend in Illinois. They chose a date that day. Two hotels in the Peoria area seemed logical considerations. While Peoria isn't in the middle of the state, it's close. I teamed up with Kimberly Nagy and Sheri Worrell to review the hotels. Of the two one stood head and shoulders above the other. The Embassy Suites in East Peoria was selected.

The first Illinois Heritage Alliance was held the last weekend in September 2013. A total of 13 different societies held meetings on Saturday and Sunday. There were 2 lunches and a banquet. The Saturday luncheon had a speaker and the banquet featured a first-person interpreter entertainment. On Sunday the attendees had a wrap up lunch and decided on plans for the following year.

Every year we've added or changed something for the Alliance. There is an Educational Banquet on Friday night. Since 2013 participation has increased to 19 societies.

Members have the option to attend many more meetings than before the Heritage Weekend was established by the Illinois Heritage Alliance.

Adapted from a submission from Jane D. Schleinzer

## IN MEMORIUM

C-35 HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT)  
JOHNSON, Charles Owen, Esq.

### Founder

Order of the First Families of Mississippi  
National Society Sons of Colonial New England  
Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and  
Providence Plantations 1636 - 1647  
Sons and Daughters of the Province & Republic of  
West Florida 1763 - 1810  
Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum  
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National Society Sons and Daughters of Antebellum  
Planters 1607 - 1861

### Co-Founder

Hereditary Order of the Loyalists and Patriots of the  
American Revolution  
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Order of First Families of Vermont  
Order of American Cousins of the Present and Future  
Sovereigns of Great Britain