



THE STAR DISPATCH

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The official newsletter for
Founders Fellowship

Organized

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at

Durham, North Carolina

by

Founder Carla Whitehurst Odom
(Mrs. Charles Robert Odom)

Motto

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Founders must found for leaders to lead.

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.

Council of Fellows

2018 - 2019

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Barry Christopher Howard

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(Mrs. John Michael Power)

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(Mrs. Willie Donald Garner)

Founders Fellowship Recognizes the Following Heritage Organizations

Alba (Order of)
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (Order of the Descendants of the)
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)
Children of the Doolittle Raiders
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 Massachusetts (Hereditary Society 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)
House of Wessex (Order of the)
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 the)
Norman Conquest (Order of the)
Pilgrim William White Society (The)
Plymouth Hereditary Society
Presidential Families of America
Presidents and First Ladies of America (Hereditary Order of the Families of the)
Province & Republic of West Florida 1763 - 1810 (Sons and Daughters 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
New England Genealogical Society

Welcome to New Member

A heartfelt welcome to Marlene Rathbun Wilkinson, Reorganizing Co-Founder of the National Order of the Guild of Margaret of Scotland.

Founders' Message

GREETINGS FELLOW FOUNDERS,

What a splendid privilege of opportunity has evolved over the past two years. On August 4, 2016 Founders Fellowship organized upon a vision that had evolved over that Summer. Final steps were taken with the encouragement, talent, and generous spirit of several of you. My sincere appreciation is extended to the Founding Council of Fellows, Barry Howard, Jane Power, Gayle Coan, Alex Bannerman, Sharon Stine, Lynn Young, DeEtte Nesbitt and Ann Garner. Owen Johnson also played a vital role in the Founding Administration as Honorary Vice President until his death last year. Thank you to all fellow founders who have joined the Fellowship and enriched the roles of the lineage and heritage support communities in America. What began as a core of what was believed might be 15 to possibly 20 national living founders has enlarged to member #48. Heritage support includes 5 organizations that aid some of the 52 lineage groups recognized by the Fellowship.

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT

It is my great pleasure to announce my appointment of Barry Christopher Howard as President of Founders Fellowship effective today! President Howard is no stranger to the process of founding as the Founder of the Hereditary Society Community affectionately known as the granddaddy of us all! Our colleague sponsored Founders Fellowship last year at the Cosmos Club to meet just ahead of the HSC Gala. The HSC meeting schedule confirms he has scheduled Founders Fellowship in the same time next year at the Anderson House. Barry's motivation, experience and wisdom will bring Founders Fellowship to greater accomplishments. Hurrah!

APPRECIATION

Thank you to Thomas Bird, Gayle Coan and Ann Garner for your generous contributions to Founders Fellowship for inclusion on the Perpetual Sponsor page of the Hereditary Society Community. This listing will provide a show of our support for the Hereditary Society Community that has so generously featured every order, society and guild that has placed request for inclusion. Founders Fellowship is a lineage support group, not a lineage group so while it is not possible to be included in the organizations that provide verification of lineal descent we as well as Hereditary Society Community support all national groups. A perpetual sponsors our organization will receive recognition and that will enable FF to provide our second goal, that of providing support and advice when it is requested from new founders. Chaplain Ann Garner is commended for her beautiful memorial service for Charles Owen Johnson. My appreciation is extended to Leslie Kirk for her aid in setting the room for our meeting this year.

REFLECTIONS

It appears there is a recent renaissance of new national groups. Some of the names are already shown on the HSC meeting schedule. Others will appear over the next few weeks and months. Founders Fellowship membership is encouraged and encouraging when new groups are founded regardless if our individual members are eligible and invited. All of us were the new group at one time.

Thank you for your support and encouragement in this recent journey of finding the Founders!.

In Founding 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 member/s may interface in mutually agreeable circumstances so long as the forums are held apart from Council Meetings and Assemblies.

It is imperative that in the role of sought out, voluntary advisor/s that the confidentiality of prospective founders' concepts, proposed names of organizations and all details about them shall not be discussed beyond Founders Fellowship. Individual members shall be bound by this code of conduct. If it is ever confirmed that two similar groups are moving in the same endeavor and it is not determined which was the earlier organizational plan, the Founding Council of Fellows shall move to advise both parties of the possible duplication.

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 may be mounted 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

At present several categories of membership are recognized. Founders to include Co-Founders are individuals who initiated national hereditary groups. In certain circumstances persons who revived national hereditary groups are recognized. Individuals awarded singular/premiere titles, such as but not limited to, Senior Research Scholar, of the leading Genealogical Society in America; Governor Emeritia (stand alone one time, one person recognition) are candidates for membership. Founders of State Heritage Alliances who coordinate the activities of state level national lineage or heritage groups, such as, but not limited to Illinois Heritage Alliance shall be considered candidacy in appreciation for their valuable contributions to the fellowship of multiple heritage groups within a certain area. The sitting President may from time to time name Honorary Members who have made significant contributions to the greater national hereditary community.

At the time of the invitation to the candidate the organization they founded should have had an organizing meeting and at least two annual/general meetings and hold 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 may be required for review. Founders Fellowship's Council of Fellows will review referrals and shall be the final authority of the candidate's invitation. The Council of Fellowship shall not engage in judgment of the organizational hierarchy, rules of government or of the stated eligibility of respective organizations' rules.

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.



Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar

1563 - 1861

Theme

"In Liberty Equality, In Reason Justice"

Motto

"Equal Justice Under Law"

as engraved over the front entrance of the Supreme Court of the United States of America

BENCH AND BAR

Without a system of law, without the courts in which it is administered, and without the lawyers and judges to administer it, there is no ordered government, merely anarchy, the antithesis of civilization. No group can lay greater claim to being “the founders” of this republic and its sovereign states and former Colonies and territories over their four and one-half centuries of existence than their lawyers and judges. Prior to this Society, there was no group recognizing these individuals and their achievements. All members are direct descendants of these lawyers and judges who served between 1565 and 1861. Our members have a distinguished legal heritage. Many are themselves lawyers or judges.

At a time when the majority of the American people were “family farmers” (and often illiterate), as distinguished from planters and patrons, these “gentlemen justices” were the people to whom the general populace had recourse in times of their legal and Governmental difficulties.

SOME HISTORY

Thirteen friends of Charles Owen Johnson joined him for a breakfast meeting at The Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square in Washington, DC, on April 14, 1994, and organized the group informally known as “Bench and Bar.” All but one timely qualified and became “Founder Members” of the organization.

Bylaws were adopted and, with an approved extension, a number of people who had indicated their interest before the end of 1995 and had their genealogy approved before the second Annual Meeting in 1996 were admitted as “Charter Members.” All other members are admitted as “Regular Members.”

The Annual Meeting of Bench and Bar is held in Washington, DC in April. The first Annual Meeting was held at the Dacor-Bacon home where Chief Justice John Marshall and the entire United States Supreme Court lived in the 1830's. Our distinguished speaker was the Chief Justice of the United States Court of Federal Claims. The Second Annual Meeting was at the Washington Club on DuPont Circle. The Executive Director of the United States Supreme Court Historical Society was the guest speaker. Subsequent meetings continued to be held at the Washington Club on DuPont Circle. The location of the 2005 annual meeting was moved to The Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square where it has remained from that time. Traditionally meetings are held the Friday evening of the Washington April Heritage Season. The website has a brief review of recent events.



Organized in the United States on August 27, 2014.

Granted IRS 501(c)(3) public charity status effective April 10, 2015.

Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 6, 2015

Order of Alba is an independent, patriotic and lineal society whose name comes from the Gaelic name of Scotland. The Order is a member of the Council of Scottish Clan Society Associations (COSCA).

Colors of the Order -Blue and White

The Flower of the Order - Scottish Thistle



Order of Alba Annual Gathering

The Order meets once a year in Washington, DC, at an event during the Hereditary Society Season in April. The Inaugural Gathering took place on April 12, 2016 at The Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C. The next Annual Gathering will occur on Tuesday April 9, 2019, at three o'clock in the afternoon in the Washington Room at The Army and Navy Club, on Farragut Square, 901 17th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. Dr. Stefan Zimmers, Assistant Dean at Georgetown University is scheduled as Program Speaker. Recently two applicants were verified who hold residency outside the United States.

Objective of the Order

It shall be the objective and purpose of the Order to encourage the study and acquisition of historical and genealogical research and to perpetuate the memory of the Monarchs of Scotland; to bring into one group their descendants; to maintain and promote the traditions of chivalry and knighthood; to recognize acts of merit; to recognize achievements in the Arts, Sciences and Letters; to inspire patriotism and loyalty to our country; and for such other lawful and proper purposes as the Executive Council of the Order may from time to time decide upon. To collect and preserve books on genealogy, family history, heraldry and general history. To collect and preserve documents, manuscripts, relics, records and traditions relating to Scottish Monarchs and their descendants; to create a popular interest in ancient history and genealogy. The Order is non-political and non-sectarian.

IN MEMORIUM

C-35 HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT)
JOHNSON, Charles Owen, Esq.
August 11, 2017

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
Bench and Bar 1565 1861
National Society Sons and Daughters of Antebellum
Planters 1607 - 1861

Co-Founder

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

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LOWERY, Camille Redfern
(Mrs. Clifford)
December 4, 2018

Co-Founder

Descendants of Early Postmasters