



THE STAR DISPATCH

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Founders Fellowship

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by

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(Mrs. Charles Robert Odom)

Motto

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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.

Greetings Fellow Founders,

Please accept my grateful appreciation for your encouragement and support of the newly organized Founders Fellowship. You should have a welcome letter and your sterling star membership pin. Please advise if your welcome packet has not arrived. Founding Marshall Alex Bannerman is preparing membership certificates for distribution in the near future.

Thank you to the Founding Council of Fellows who have agreed to serve in this first administration. Already they are actively engaged in organizing their respective duties. While I had a core concept and a number of founding tips and observations from experience, many of the premier principals implemented for Founders Fellowship were provided in guidance from several of you. It can be stated by the time one serves as a founder indeed they have become a guiding star!

Please review the roster and advise if you know of living founders who are not featured. There are several recently established national groups with originators who remain unknown to us. All national founders of hereditary groups are eligible for an invitation to Founders Fellowship. In reviewing the roster please advise if there are any amendments to your point of contact and listing of organizations. A directory will be available later in this administration.

Please share the mission of Founders Fellowship with persons who may express interest in founding a new hereditary group. Mrs. Sharon Stine will in turn contact and coordinate members who are well suited to be of assistance due to experience in similar eligibility/deadline areas. No member will ever be expected to assist potential founders. This outreach will be drawn from volunteers.

The Inaugural Assembly is scheduled for April 12, 2017 at the Army and Navy Club. Officers attending the Founding Council of Fellows should be present by 11:00 a.m. in the George Washington Room. The Inaugural Luncheon will follow immediately after the opening ritual at 11:30 a.m. Details will be mailed the first part of March, or sooner if available. You may bring one guest. Tight scheduling in the Hereditary Fortnight requires that the room be vacated by 1:30 p.m. sharp! If possible plans are to conclude well before that time. Members of the Order of the Founders of North America and the Descendants of Sheriffs & Constables of Colonial & Antebellum America Annual Meetings and combined Tea may proceed directly to their joint event. The Army and Navy Club dress code requires coat and tie for gentlemen and comparable dress for ladies. Please note these plans and attend if possible.

Happy New Year to all Founders,
Carla Whitehurst Odom

Founding Council of Fellows

2016 - 2018

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

Founding Vice President
Barry Christopher Howard

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(Mrs. John Michael Power)

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(Mrs. Steve Young)

Founding Chief of Protocol
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(Mrs. Ernest V. Nesbitt)

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

Founders Fellowship Recognizes the Following Organizations^{†*}

Alba (Order of)
Cape Cod and the Islands (Descendants of)
Children of 1812 (National Society)
Colonial Cavaliers (Order of Descendants of)
First Families of Augusta County
First Families of Connecticut, 1633-1662 (Order of)
First Families of Maine (Order of)
* First Families of New Hampshire (Order of)
First Families of Vermont, 1609-1791 (Order of)
First Settlers of the Shenandoah Valley
First World War (Order of the)
Fossors (Descendants of)
Founders of North America (Order of the)
Founding Fathers of America (Hereditary Society Daughters of)
Hereditary Society Community
Justiciars (Order of the Descendants of the)
Knights of the Bath (Descendants of the)
Lady Godiva (National Society Descendants of)
Merovingian Dynasty (The Order of)
Military Order of Agincourt
Norman Conquest (Order 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)
Sovereigns of Great Britain (Order of American Cousins of the Present and Future)
Teachers (Hereditary Society of)
Texas Genealogical College
Textile Workers of America, Inc. (National Society Descendants of)
Virginia Founding Fathers (Sons and Daughters of)
Virginia Huguenot Society

[†] This list is not all inclusive. Only the organizations for which Founders have joined the Founders Fellowship appear on this list.

* Pending organization.

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 during the Hereditary Fortnight at a date, time, and site selected 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. The star shall be worn beneath the American flag and parallel to leadership designations.

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.

Eligibility

Founders are one or more individuals who render specific duties related to the origination of the group they established. During the first year, the President will issue invitations to prospective applicants. Effective August 4, 2017, the Council of Fellows will approve the issue of the President's invitations to candidates. Members may propose individuals who have initiated hereditary organizations of national standing that have held an organizing/founding meeting followed by at least two annual meetings, if applicable. A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the prospective founder's organization shall accompany their response to the invitation. At the time of the invitation, the organization founded by the candidate must have a membership of at least forty persons who are not limited by residence of record.

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.