

The Governor's Chronicle



A Newsletter Offering of the *Tho^s Nelson Jr.* Chapter, Virginia Society,



Sons of the American Revolution



March 2011 Edition

Minutes of Our Last Meeting

January 15th, 2011

The Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter held a Joint Meeting with the Williamsburg Chapter at Riverwalk Restaurant along the historic Yorktown riverfront. Over sixty Compatriots and their ladies were in attendance. After the Call to Order, Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge, opening remarks were made and distinguished guests were introduced.

Outgoing Williamsburg Chapter President Ben Fegan led the agenda, awarding Williamsburg Compatriot Tom Campbell the Virginia Society Chapter Service Award for his service in the Williamsburg Chapter. President Fegan also awarded Incoming Williamsburg Chapter President Ed Truslow the "Golden Palm Tree" Award. Outgoing Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter President



Compatriot Walter Neville looks on as his wife, Lorraine, prepares to pin the Virginia Society Chapter Service Award
Jim Swords followed suit, awarding

Compatriot Walter Neville the Virginia Society Chapter Service Award for dedicated service in many Chapter programs. Compatriot Bruce Meyer was also recognized with a very well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation for his diligent work with the Eagle Scout Program, our Chapter's largest.

Both Chapters were honored to have VASSAR President Bob Bowen as the Guest of Honor/Speaker. President Bowen presided over the induction of the 2011 officers for both Chapters.



Left to Right: Thomas Nelson, Jr. President Joe Shipes, VASSAR President Bob Bowen, and Williamsburg Chapter President Ed Truslow hold the gavel of office.

Immediate Past President Fegan received the Past President's Award and the Virginia Society Chapter Service Award for his work with the Jamestown-Yorktown Society and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Likewise, Immediate Past President Swords was

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Our Next Meeting

March 8th, 2011, 7:00pm

Social 6:30pm

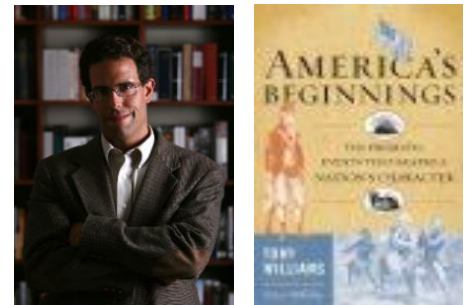
Induction of
Compatriot Jim Norton

Fiorello's Restaurant
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
943 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.
Newport News, VA 23601

(our meeting room is adjacent to the restaurant proper, which has its own external entrance)

Meal Cost: \$23.00 Per Person

Guest Speaker:
Tony Williams
Historian, Author & Teacher



"The Courage, Perseverance, and Virtue of the Founding"

RSVP By:
Friday, March 4th 2011
Rick Elofson at
fnecpa@msn.com or 757-596-6825
Compatriots' Ladies Encouraged
To Attend

The SAR Afield

Upcoming Events in Our Region & Beyond

MARCH 8th, 2011

Chapter Meeting - Newport News, VA

MARCH 12th, 2011

Battle of Guilford Courthouse - Greensboro, NC

MARCH 16th, 2011

President James Madison's Birthday - Montpelier, VA

APRIL 4th, 2011

Bingo - VA Hospital, Hampton, VA

APRIL 9th, 2011

Halifax Days - Halifax, NC

APRIL 13th, 2011

President Thomas Jefferson's Birthday - Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC

APRIL 16th-17th, 2011

Battle of Petersburg - Petersburg, VA

APRIL 23rd, 2011

President James Monroe Birthplace - Westmoreland County, VA

APRIL 28th, 2011

President James Monroe's Birthday - Richmond, VA

MAY 13th-15th, 2011

Raid on Martin's Station - Ewing, VA

Chapter Officers

President	Joe Shipes
Vice-President	Ken Wood
2 nd Vice President	Jim Swords
Secretary	Jeff Brown
Treasurer	Rick Elofson
Registrar	Jim Sample
Chaplain	Dr. Dan Warren
Surgeon	Dr. Tom Sale

Committee Chairmen

Citizenship	Walter Neville
DAR/CAR	Vacant
Eagle Scout	Bruce Meyer
Flag	Vacant
Graves	Sam Endicott
Newsletter	Jim Swords
Public Safety	Jeff Brown
ROTC/JROTC	Ken Wood
Veteran's Affairs	Robert Coleman

Austin Pierce Wins State Award



Eagle Scout Austin Pierce of Poquoson, VA accepts the Arthur M. and Berdina King Eagle Scout Scholarship Award from VASSAR Eagle Scout Chairman Compatriot Lance Lyngar

Austin J. Pierce of Boy Scout Troop 28, Poquoson, placed second in the 2010 Arthur M. and Berdina King Eagle Scout Scholarship competition for the State of Virginia. This scholarship for Eagle Scouts is sponsored by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Austin is a Senior at Tabb High School. He is the son of Jerry and Elizabeth Pierce of Poquoson and is a member of Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

As a winner at both local and state levels he received certificates and cash awards from the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter and from the Virginia Society. He also received commemorative medals for his performance at each level of competition. The awards were presented in Richmond, Virginia on February 26, 2011 at the 121st Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society.

At the Annual Meeting, Austin also distinguished himself by placing third for the State of Virginia in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, sponsored by the National Society, SAR. All eight competitors were fine orators.

Announcements

All Things in the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter



VA Hospital, Hampton, Building 148

April 4th, 2011, 7:00pm

Still Need Help

Meet at the Domiciliary at 6:30pm to set up for the games and refreshments. Bingo starts at 7:00pm and plays for one hour or until our money (\$50) is gone, whichever comes first. We clean up and leave by 8:15pm. To do a respectable job takes a minimum crew of four, but the more volunteers, the higher our Stark score. If you can arrive earlier and/or stay later to visit with the long-term patients in Bldg. 146, that's even better!



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There are a number of vacant Committee Chairmanships. If interested, please let a Chapter Officer know and they can provide details.



""Lafayette:

The Idealist General"

Marc Leepson

Richmond American Revolution Roundtable

Wednesday, March 16th, 5:30 pm

Heilman Dining Center

University of Richmond, Richmond, VA

<http://arrrt-richmond.org/>

804-755-1809 or 804-323-1759

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honored with the same and received his own engraved membership badge and President's ribbon, replacing the set he happily passed to President Joe Shipes, following a very longstanding Chapter tradition.



VASSAR President Bob Bowen inducts Williamsburg and Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter officers while Incoming President Joe Shipes and Incoming Vice President Ken Wood stand by

VASSAR President Bowen gave an intriguing and inspiring speech on "The Untouchable Patriot" all Compatriots have in their respective ancestries and encouraged all present, by his own example, to be diligent in their efforts to research and acquire documents of Patriotic service, providing those Patriot Ancestors the recognition they deserve.

At the end of the evening, a good time having been had by all, President Joe Shipes led the attendees in the SAR Recessional and Chaplain Dr. Dan Warren closed with the Benediction.

121st VASSAR Annual Meeting

Held in Richmond on February 26th, the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter was honored to have received VASSAR awards in the form of Chapter Streamers for our participation in History Day 2010 and for Chapter Excellence in sustaining our many programs. The Streamers will be presented at our March 8th Meeting.

Crossing of the Dan! February 19th, 2011



Virginia Society and North Carolina Society SAR Color Guard members, led by Virginia Compatriot Andy Johnson with the National Colors, prepare to participate in the 230th Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, VA on February 19th.

Thomas Nelson, Jr. President Joe Shipes and Vice President Ken Wood represented the Chapter at the 230th Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, VA on February 19th.

The Crossing of the Dan was arguably one of the most pivotal strategic military events of the Revolutionary war, enabling a numerically inferior force of Patriots to hold a vastly superior force at bay.

Valley Forge or Virginia? December 26th, 2010



The National Colors fly amidst very atypical Hampton Roads weather the day after Christmas at Compatriot Elofson's home in Newport News.