ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS OF NORTH AMERICA

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 Louisville, Kentucky

The regular meeting of the Order of Founders of North America, 1492-1692 (OFNA) was convened by Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf at 5:05 PM in the Broadway A Room of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Members in attendance included: Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf, Grand Viscount General-Elect Mike Radcliff, Exchequer General James T. Jones, Marechal General Larry Stevens, Vicar General James Taylor, and Adjutant General Mark Anthony. Guests present included Daniel Woodruff, Martha Barnhart, T.L. Holden, Kurt Webber, Nancy Barlow, Matthew Barlow, Gary Pettett, and Ron Hamilton.

Following the invocation, a quorum was determined present for the meeting. The parliamentarian was missing. The minutes of the July 20, 2014 Meeting were unavailable. GVG Renouf announced that the OFNA merchandise was available for purchase. It was also announced that the Texas Heritage Societies Annual Meeting would be held in Dallas on October 25-26, and OFNA would be represented by Past GVG Butler.

The Secretary was not present, so there was no report. The Exchequer General said we have about \$30k in assets. He is waiting for the birthdates for the members so he can complete the financial statements.

Under new business, GVG Renouf announced that the society needs to develop a scholarship program/history book award. The members present thought it should be for a high school student. We need to develop the theme of the scholarship, and determine an amount for the award. We need to have the financial statements prepared before we determine an amount. Members are asked to submit suggestions for a topic and rules. Once we have a program established, we can begin fundraising for the prizes now that we have our 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status approved.

GVG Renouf announced there will be several bylaws amendments proposed at the Annual Meeting in April 2015 in Washington, DC. First, there will be a proposal to change the annual meeting from April to July. More members are able to attend in July, so it will be better for the annual meeting. Second, we will propose allowing supplemental applications. We have a volunteer to serve as Genealista General for Supplementals. The sense of the body was to set the fee for supplementals at \$100. Before we determine a final fee, GVG Renouf requested the members send the supplemental rates for other organizations to him for comparison. Third, there will be a proposal to require all expenditures over \$100 to be approved by the Executive Committee.

GVG Renouf announced that we will possibly be having a joint meeting with the Descendants of Sheriffs & Constables for our Annual Meeting on April 8, 2015 in Washington, DC. This will reduce the cost to OFNA for the annual meeting. He also announced there will be a joint SAR/OFNA cruise to the Bahamas in May 2015. Details will appear in the newsletter.

GVG Renouf announced that Past GVG Butler suggested that the OFNA advertise in *Family Tree Magazine*. They publish 7 issues a year, and reach 73,000 people. Exchequer General Jones made a motion to try one issue with a 1/6 page ad for \$275.00, seconded by Barnhart, and approved unanimously. If it works out, we can consider further advertising.

Vicar General Taylor gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Stephen Renouf, Acting Secretary September 25, 2014