



The Order of the Founders of North America
Regular Meeting: 13 April 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Order of the Founders of North America was called to order by Grand Viscount General Stephen R. Renouf, at 12:28 pm at the Army Navy Club in Washington, DC on 13 April 2016.

Members present: Stephen R. Renouf, Grand Viscount General; Judge Edward F. Butler, Imm. Past Grand Viscount General; Cheryl W. Rios, Dep. Viscount Gen-West USA; David L Grinnell, Genealogista General-Supplementals; Jane Routt Power, Registrar General; Matthew John Barlow, Quartermaster General; Nancy Barlow; Ora Jane Johnson; Davena Liepman; and Janisue Rigel.

The Invocation was given by Immediate Past Grand Viscount General Judge Edward F. Butler; the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by the Grand Viscount General Stephen R. Renouf; Jane Routt Power was appointed Parliamentarian for the meeting.

It was determined that there were a sufficient number of members present to constitute a quorum.

The Minutes of the 27 February 2016 meeting, held at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky were approved as presented

The Treasurer's report was read by Grand Viscount General Stephen R. Renouf announcing that the IRS form 990N had been filed for the fiscal year ending 31 December 2015.

Quartermaster General Matthew John Barlow stated that he has only a couple of large insignia left in inventory. He also mentioned the idea of producing neck ties, bow ties and women's bows for purchase by members of the Order. Quartermaster Barlow will investigate the cost and distribution data and present a report to be voted on at the July 2016 annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

Genealogista General-Supplementals David L Grinnell reported that it was the recommendation of the Compliance Committee that each State and Regional Society obtain its own 501(c)(3) status. The cost for the Order to obtain a Subordinate Letter, including the current and future Societies, would be \$3,000 and the Order's Treasurer would have to obtain a separate EIN for the Subordinate organization and file two separate IRS Long Form 990's; in addition, he would be required to file a separate letter each year updating the information concerning the subordinates. Conversely, the cost of an individual Society to obtain its own 501(c)(3) status is \$400 and as long as total revenues remain under \$50,000, a short form 990N may be filed.

Exchequer General James T. Jones, Jr. and Genealogista General-Supplementals David L Grinnell each had previously submitted proposals for Directors and Officers' Liability insurance coverage. They, along with Deputy Viscount General-West USA Cheryl W. Rios, recommend adopting the policy proposal presented by Exchequer General James T. Jones, Jr. The proposal will be presented, and voted upon, at the July 2016 annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

As the Chairperson for the Essay Contest Program, Abogado General John L. Dodd was asked to appoint a committee to formulate policy and procedure and fund-raising opportunities for the Order, including suggestions as to how to advertise the Contest, the amount and number of awards, and the format of the Essay.

A general discussion was held on how to promote the Order and it was felt that a tri-fold brochure would be helpful. Also, it was discussed, that we need to inform the membership that the Order now accepts Supplemental Applications and to promote their submission to the Genealogista General-Supplementals David L Grinnell. At present, the fee for supplemental applications is the same as for the initial application, \$100. This fee will be looked at to see if it is prohibitive.

Grand Viscount General Stephen R. Renouf announced that the next meeting of the Order will be in Boston, Massachusetts, during the National Society Sons of the American Revolution's Annual Congress on July 10, 2016.

The next meeting in Washington, DC will be during Hereditary Society Week in April 2017; the Order has again been invited to join with the Descendants of Sheriffs and Constables of Colonial and Antebellum America. A nominating committee for the Election of Officers for the ensuing two year term, will be appointed at this meeting; and the committee will present its report at the July, 2017 meeting to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee.

After the Benediction was given, and there being no further business to come before the meeting, Grand Viscount General Stephen R. Renouf adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David L Grinnell
Acting Secretary General