



Governor's Letter

Dear Maryland Warriors:

As 2016 draws to a close, it seems fitting to review some, but not all, of the activities of our Society.

The General Assembly held in Philadelphia in May 2016 was attended by a number of Maryland Warriors and spouses. The Pennsylvania Society did a very good job of orchestrating the events, and the venues were first-rate, including a marvelous lunch at the armory of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry. We can proudly point to a number of Maryland members in senior positions of the General Society. Maryland will host the General Assembly in 2021. A Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland (SCWMD) committee is in place to start the planning for this important gathering of state societies.

In the spring of 2016, we established a Long-Range Planning Committee, chaired by Brian Brooke. Look for important initiatives from this group. No doubt on this committee's agenda is how to recruit and retain new members, and as importantly, how to engage more of our membership across all of our activities and events.

Our Historical Projects Committee, chaired by Deputy Governor Mortimer N.S. Sellers, identified, and with your Council's approval funded, the following in 2016: The Fort Garrison Fund, the



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Manor Conservancy, and the Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell's Point. The General Society matched approximately 50 percent of our state's gifts. Tim and his committee continue to find new and worthy project candidates. Should any member have thoughts on future projects that have a link to our colonial heritage, please contact a Council member.

A sincere thank you to all committees and their chairmen for making our programs meaningful and Maryland Warrior events top-notch. A special thank you to outgoing Nominations Committee Chairman, and former Governor,

William J. DeThrom Somerville, Jr., for his very able service in perpetuating our succession planning. Finally, the Communications Committee of Clinton K. Macsherry III, J. Scott Watkins, and Edward M. Watson, Jr., has done an excellent job of creating and maintaining our website and using email and other electronic means of member communication to complement our printed notices and invitations. Please visit our website at www.scwmd.org.

In March 2017, we will have new leadership at the top of our organization. As I leave the office of Governor, I am confident the traditions of our Society will not be abandoned. Similarly, I believe our eye on future paths will have proper focus and decorum. If you have passion for what the SCWMD is all about, then please remember to consider our state Society in your year-end charitable giving and overall estate planning.

As you receive this mailing, our annual Christmas Party will be at hand or will have just recently occurred. On that note, I wish you and your families a joyous and safe holiday season and a prosperous 2017.

It has been my honor and pleasure to have served as your Governor.

Respectfully submitted,

—*John L. Bruch III, Governor*

Reveille

Enrolling new members is a vital part of the effort to sustain the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland. Many thanks go to Membership Chairman (and former Governor) Dennis L. Peters and Installation Chairman W. Peter Pearre for their important work on behalf of our Society's new members.

A warm welcome is extended to the following gentlemen, listed with the dates of their election by the Council to membership in our Society, as recorded by Registrar Alfred T. Gundry III.

DANIEL BRIAN FISHER
(on November 12, 2015)

**LANSDALE GHISELIN SASSCER
HENDERSON**
(on January 14, 2016)

GEORGE ALLEN HUGHES
(on February 11, 2016)

AUSTIN HEBB MACSHERRY FORD
(on April 14, 2016)

MICHAEL HALL MOBBS
(on May 24, 2016)

JOHN SPENCER LEITZEL
(on November 11, 2016)

GRAFFLIN COOK III
(on November 11, 2016)

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Taps

We record with sadness the deaths of the following Maryland Colonial Warriors. Their obituaries, compiled by Society Historian William J.D. Somerville III, are provided here.

ALEXANDER DAVIS WILSON
(on April 14, 2015)

Alexander Davis Wilson died on April 14, 2015. He lived in Roland Park and was a 1968 graduate of Gilman School. He received a law degree from the University of Maryland in 1978. He moved to Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania, and practiced in York. He was a member of the Maryland National Guard and retired as a major. He was a life member of the Maryland National Guard Association. He was elected to our Society in 1987.

ROBERT DIXON HOPKINS HARVEY
(on May 16, 2015)

Robert Dixon Hopkins Harvey died on May 16, 2015, at his home in Towson. He was 94.

Born in Baltimore, he attended Calvert School, Gilman School, and the Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He attended Princeton University and graduated in 1942. He entered the US Army as a Captain, attending Yale's Chinese Language School for four months to study Mandarin before serving in China from 1943 to 1946. He received the China/Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the Bronze Star for his military service in World War II.

In 1947, he began employment with the Maryland Trust Company. In 1950, he was called upon to serve as assistant to the deputy director of the CIA. In 1953, he re-joined the Maryland Trust Company and obtained a degree from

the Rutgers University Graduate School of Banking. He rose to become president of the Maryland Trust Company at the age of 39. In 1966, he became Chairman and CEO of the Maryland National Corporation. He also served on a number of corporate boards, including the Arundel Corporation, USF&G, Noxell, Read Drug, and Baltimore Life Insurance Company. He served on the boards of many charitable and non-profit organizations, as well. He was a long-time member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. He was elected to our Society in 1956.

CHARLES TILGHMAN LEVERING
(on December 25, 2015)

Charles Tilghman Levering died of complications from a blood infection on December 25, 2015, at Gilchrist Hospice Care. He lived at Towson's Blakehurst Retirement Community. He was 90.

Born in Baltimore and raised in Ruxton, he attended the St. Paul's School in Brooklandville. As an 18-year-old junior, he was drafted into the Army and was assigned to serve in France and Germany. He was part of a March 1945 Rhine River crossing. He transported troops across the Rhine under enemy fire.

Studying under the GI Bill of Rights, Mr. Levering earned an economics degree from the College of William & Mary in Virginia. He later sold life insurance for National Life of Vermont and then became a certified financial planner. He worked in Columbia and in Charles Village. He was an avid outdoorsman, a gardener, and a golfer. He was a member of the Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of Maryland, the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore, and

the Bachelors Cotillon. He was also a board member of the Baltimore Wine and Food Society. He was elected to our Society in 1969.

LAWRENCE LEWIS HOOPER

(on February 23, 2016)

Lawrence Lewis "Laurie" Hooper died in Sarasota, Florida, on February 23, 2016, after a brief illness. He was 91.

Born in Baltimore, he was a graduate of Calvert School, attended Gilman School, and graduated from Kent School in Connecticut in 1943. During World War II, he enlisted in the Navy and was sent to the V-12 program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was stationed on the USS *Missouri* in the European theatre. After his tour of duty he returned to UNC and completed his bachelor's degree in Commerce in 1948.

He worked at the Davis Paint Company for a period before joining Wm. E. Hooper & Sons Company. He was the sixth generation to work at his family's textile mills, located in the Hampden-Woodberry neighborhood of Baltimore. He was active in the Towson YMCA, the Bachelors Cotillon, L'Hirondelle Club, and the Vestry at the Church of the Good Shepherd. He was elected to our Society in 1945.

RICHARD SPENCER WETHERED BARROLL

(on March 4, 2016)

Richard Spencer Wethered Barroll died on March 4, 2016, at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore of congestive heart failure.

Born in Baltimore, he grew up in Chestertown and graduated from the St. Paul's School in Brooklandville in 1954. He attended the University of Maryland and served two years in the Armed Services in

an intelligence office based in Hamburg, Germany.

He was employed by the Shaw-Walker Company, managing both their Baltimore and Washington offices. He was a lifelong sailor who loved sailing and racing on the Chesapeake Bay. He was a member of the Gibson Island Club and the Chester River Yacht & Country Club. He was elected to our Society in 1986.

CHARLES EDWARD WEHLAND

(on July 8, 2016)

Charles Edward Wehland died on July 8, 2016, in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was born in Baltimore and lived most of his life in Howard County. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1952 and graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1955. After completing military service, he practiced law for more than 40 years. During his legal career he was a District Court Judge, an Assistant State's Attorney, and the State's Attorney for Howard County. He was also a Director of the Carroll Community Bank in Sykesville.

He was an active member of the Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church in Elkridge and served on the Board of Trustees of both the St. Paul's School and the St. Paul's School for Girls in Brooklandville. He was President of the Howard County Historical Society. He was elected to our Society in 1990.

RUSSELL LLEWELLYN HAWES

(on July 25, 2016)

Russell Llewellyn Hawes died on July 25, 2016, of pneumonia at Greater Baltimore Medical Center. He lived at the Blakehurst Retirement Community in Towson. He was 93.

He was born in East Providence

and raised in Cumberland, Rhode Island, where he graduated from Cumberland High School. His college studies at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston were interrupted when he entered the Army Air Force in 1943. Trained as a pilot, he was sent to navigation school and completed training as a bomber navigator. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1944, he joined the 484th Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force in Cerignola, Italy. As a navigator aboard Consolidated B-24 Liberator bombers, he flew nine combat missions over Axis-held territory in Italy, Austria, and other Central European countries.

After earning a bachelor's degree in 1947 and a master's degree in 1948, both in agricultural economics from the University of Maryland, he began his career with the US Department of Agriculture in Washington and later worked in the Executive Office of the President. For years, he was an active member in his church, First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City. He was a member of the Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of Maryland. He was elected to our Society in 2007.

Join the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland at 12:00 pm, Thursday, December 8 at the Baltimore Basilica for the presentation of a Liberty Tree Cross to Archbishop William E. Lori and the People of Maryland during a mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The last of four crosses, this gift from our Society will be displayed in the Basilica Museum.

Historical Projects

By Mortimer Sellers

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland (SCWMD) undertook three historical projects in 2016: the interpretation of Fort Garrison (1695); the restoration of the Fugate House (ca. 1760); and the preservation of the Robert Long House (1765). All three places are in Baltimore and Baltimore County, the focus of this year's efforts.

The largest donation and most intense effort focused on Fort Garrison—also known as “Oulton's Garrison” and “Ristean's Garrison”—whose history and purpose very closely mirror the mission and interests of our Society. Fort Garrison was built and inhabited by colonial-era rangers, some of the very Maryland warriors from whom we inherit our liberties and our ideals. A visit to the fort recalls the circumstances and honest lack of refinement that prevailed at one time on the Baltimore County frontier.

Governor Francis Nicholson and his Council ordered in 1693 that a series of stone blockhouses should be constructed in Maryland to protect each county from Indian attack. Fort Garrison is the sole remaining such blockhouse, somewhat enlarged at the time of the Revolution by the addition of a second story, but otherwise much as it was, right down to the gun windows and thick, spartan walls.

Captain John Oulton (or Olton or Oldton) was Chief of the Mary-

land Rangers under Governor Nicholson. Oulton built, staffed, and maintained Fort Garrison, which fell into disuse at his retirement in 1698. After General Braddock's defeat in 1755, John Ristean reactivated the Fort (now called “Ristean's Fort”) for protection against Indian attack. But the attack never came.

The Rangers under Captain Oulton played an important role in the development of Baltimore County. The blockhouse, 48-feet-by-18-feet, sits strategically near the Slaughterhouse Run branch of the Jones Falls, between two ancient Indian paths favored respectively by the Seneca and the Delaware Indians. The Rangers would spend the week patrolling and marking trails against incursions by Senecas and Pennsylvanians. They also created new routes for the expansion of the colony, such as the present-day Joppa Road and Rolling Road.

Today Fort Garrison is maintained by the Baltimore County Department of Parks and Recreation. Kirk Dreier, a Department employee, has taken the lead in interpreting the building, leading volunteers who play the roles of the Rangers and their female associates in reenactments for the edu-



Fort Garrison

cation of the public and particularly for children in Baltimore County schools. The primary purpose of the SCWMD grant—given to the Cromwell Valley Nature Center Council Fort Garrison Fund—is to fund the purchase of cauldrons, kettles, blankets, pelts, rifles, and other items not normally purchased by the Department, but vitally needed for a full and convincing reenactment.

The gentlemen of SCWMD and their ladies, perhaps in cooperation with the Colonial Dames and other like-minded groups, plan to assist Mr. Dreier in his reenactments as *soi-disant* “rangers” and “camp-followers” at a colonial feast, to be held in an upcoming autumn, when the temperature will be moderate and the Baltimore County School System will provide temporary outdoor conveniences that were not available to our hardier and less bashful progenitors.

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events:

December 3, 2016 (Saturday) – Annual Christmas Party, Elkridge Club

December 8, 2016 (Thursday) – Mass and Liberty Tree Cross Presentation, Baltimore Basilica

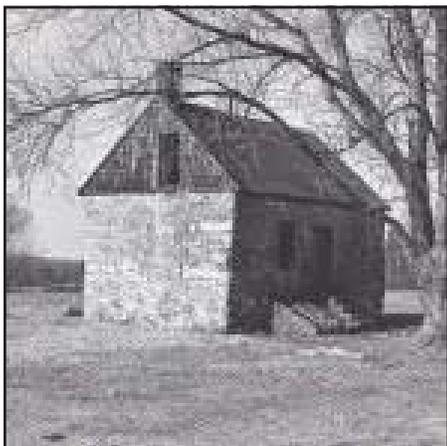
January 22, 2017 (Sunday) – Annual Oyster Roast, L'Hirondelle Club

March 22, 2017 (Wednesday) – Annual Business Meeting and Spring Assembly, Maryland Club

Summer Event, to be determined; **Fall Event**, to be determined.

The Fugate House (also known as the “Sparks Slave House”) is the ruin of a much more modest building, made interesting by being among the oldest surviving habitations on the My Lady’s Manor Land Grant Historic District and having been at some point possibly inhabited by slaves. The SCWMD grant funded the stabilization and partial restoration of this building.

The stone remains of the Fugate House are on the old Marshall Farm along Troyer Road in Baltimore County, near Monkton. SCWMD erected a State Historical Marker to mark the homestead and encouraged a more careful histori-



Fugate House past and present



Fugate House photos courtesy of Gloria Cameron

cal study to identify more precisely the date of construction, which could have occurred as early as 1742 but certainly by 1798.

James Fugate was of French Huguenot extraction and arrived in the Manor region from what is now Aberdeen, Maryland. His grandson, Martin Fugate, sold the small stone house and associated property to the more prosperous Sparks family in the early 19th century, after which the Fugate House became a secondary building on a larger estate, inhabited by servants and possibly by slaves.

Our Society has visited the site on several occasions to mark significant moments in the history of My Lady’s Manor, most recently celebrations of its 300th anniversary in 2013.

The Robert Long House is the oldest surviving residence within the borders of old Baltimore City, having celebrated its 250th anniversary in 2015. SCWMD made a grant to the Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell’s Point to improve the property’s flood defenses in the face of rising oceans and more frequent incursions into Baltimore from the Chesapeake Bay. Like James and Martin Fugate, Robert Long was not extraordinarily wealthy, and his house gives a window into everyday life in Baltimore among the rising class of young merchants on the eve of the American Revolution.

Together, the three historical projects undertaken by SCWMD in 2016 remind us that Colonial Maryland rose and succeeded as much



Robert Long House

through the efforts of modest men and women like the Longs, the Fugates, and the Oultons as it did from the pursuits of the large planters and merchants whose portraits we see on our museum walls. At a time when life on the frontier could be uncertain, unpleasant, and in many ways incommodious, they led us to a more gentle life and were, in truth, the founders of this Nation.



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IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

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An Audience with Her Majesty's Ambassador and a Princely Response

By Jeffrey Scott Watkins

On an early April afternoon, 8 members of the Council of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland (SCWMD) were treated to a reception by the Ambassador of the United Kingdom, Sir Kim Darroch, KCMG, and his wife, Lady Vanessa Darroch, to present the Liberty Tree Cross to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. Upon arrival we were warmly greeted by Assistant Social Secretary Katie Fairclough. Our delegation of Warriors climbed the stairs to the reception hall under the gaze of a portrait of George III. At the top of the stairs we were met by the Embassy's Social Secretary of 25 years, Amanda Downes, MVO, MBE. In a hall flanked with handsome yellow marble columns and a portrait of Elizabeth II by Andy Warhol, we were graciously received by the Ambassador and his wife.

We were then invited into a beautiful living room. With the Liberty Tree Cross and its decorative cabinet still in their packing box, Sir Kim said to me, "Please don't tell my wife what the gift is. I want to keep her wondering, so if she asks you don't tell her." When I placed the packing box beneath a wall table holding a photograph of Winston Churchill's visit to the embassy in 1946, just before his famous "Iron Curtain Speech," Lady Darroch began asking questions to which I offered only a few hints. Sir Kim suggested we all have some refreshments. Service staff followed with trays of assorted cocktails, champagne, soft drinks, and

hors d'oeuvres. The party spent 30 minutes getting to know each other.

Sir Kim gave a short speech on the residence, his recent post, and the "special relationship" between our two countries. The decorative cabinet containing the cross had at this point been draped with a felt



(From Left to Right) William H. Wilmer III, Alfred T. Gundry III, James J. Winn, Jr., H. Mebane Turner, Henry C. Pitts, Lady Vanessa Darroch, Sir Kim Darroch, KCMG, Jeffrey Scott Watkins, Gov. John L. Bruch III, and Edward M. Watson, Jr.

cover with SCWMD's flag sewn on the front. I removed the cover and began telling the story of the Liberty Tree along with the meaning of the designs on the box. I noted that the cross was blessed during a Maryland Day ceremony and that it was being presented to Prince Charles for his defense of the principles of religious tolerance, which inspired the vision of Maryland's founder, Cecilus Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore. My presentation concluded with an explanation of the Society of Colonial of Wars, its mission, and its ancestral and cultural link with Great Britain. With Lady Darroch holding the cross, Sir Kim thanked SCWMD on behalf of the Prince of Wales and the United Kingdom. He men-

tioned that the Prince would love it and that he would pass on the words expressed in the presentation to His Royal Highness. The reception resumed for another hour before the delegation of Warriors returned to Baltimore.

Weeks later, a personal letter written and signed by the Prince of Wales came via the British Embassy. Clarence House, the office of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, has given permission to publish the following quote:

"I particularly wanted to thank you and the Members of the Society for this extraordinarily generous and significant gift. I am enormously touched that you should have given me something with such historical resonance in Maryland and in the United

States more widely. Needless to say, I was fascinated by its story and it will now become a treasured part of the Royal Collection."

The Liberty Tree Cross and cabinet will remain on display at the Ambassador's residence for one year at the request of Prince Charles so that British and American visitors can view it and learn the shared history and heritage it represents between the US and UK. After it is received by His Royal Highness, it will become a part of the Royal Collection.

To learn more about the Royal Collection Trust, log on to www.royalcollection.org.uk. To view more pictures of the presentation, log on to the Society's website at www.scwmd.org.

Voyage & Visitation: The *Pride* Delivers a Liberty Tree Cross

By Jeffrey Scott Watkins

To commemorate Maryland Day 2016, Historic St. Mary's City was the destination for a Liberty Tree Cross, the *Pride of Baltimore II*, and members of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland (SCWMD). Central themes of the Historic St. Mary's City celebration included the opening of St. Mary's reconstructed 17th-century chapel; the return of the coffins of colonial Governor Philip Calvert, his wife Anne Wolseley Calvert, and their infant son; the display of Fr. Andrew White's diary with Leonard Calvert's account of St. Mary's Fort; and the placement of the Liberty Tree Cross, a gift from SCWMD, on the chapel altar.

Thanks to the efforts of former Governor Edward M. "Mac" Passano, Jr., SCWMD was able to send its gift aboard Maryland's goodwill ambassador, *Pride of Baltimore II*. Captain Jan Miles and his crew were able to make the ship ready well before its schedule of spring voyages. On the morning of March 18, the replica clipper ship majestically crossed the Patapsco River and docked in the shadow of Fort McHenry. It was met by SCWMD representatives including Governor John L. Bruch III, Edward M. Watson, Jr., George E. Dickey, William F. Yonkers, and Jeffrey Scott Watkins. On hand to bless the cross, crew, ship, and voyage was Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore. The send-off was covered by local television affiliates.

As we set sail on our 13-hour voyage, we passed Fort McHenry and exchanged salutes of cannon



fire and the lowering and raising of ensigns. The weather was fair, with winds at 8-12 knots, and the bay was gentle with scattered whitecaps. We dropped anchor that night at the mouth of the St. Mary's River.

The next morning the ship was met with a cannon salute from the *Dove* as we entered the harbor at St. Mary's. Waiting for us at the dock was the St. Mary's Militia in period uniforms, under the colors of the Calvert family. Moments later, Governor Bruch, with a company of Warriors, Colonial Dames, members of the Society of The Ark and The Dove with their families, and the crew of the *Pride* joined the militia and marched in a procession through the old city to a tent with an audience of over

700 people, including officials from local and state governments. After several speeches were made, the Liberty Tree Cross was held up high by Fr. William George to bless all those attending. The Liberty Tree Cross was then carried by Jeffrey Scott Watkins, escorted by clergy, the St. Mary's County Sheriff, and Warriors led by Governor Bruch. Their route was flanked with children holding flags from each of Maryland's counties. After the 17th-century chapel was unlocked with the original key, the procession entered and placed the cross upon the altar. The event concluded with a reception at the Broome Howard Inn for the Warriors and their families.

To view media coverage of *Pride of Baltimore II*'s departure, log on to www.scwmd.org and visit the Media page.



Pope Francis Receives Gift of Liberty Tree Cross

On December 17, 2015, Baltimore's Archbishop William E. Lori delivered our Society's gift of a Liberty Tree Cross to Pope Francis, presented to honor the Holy Father's defense of religious tolerance. In a *Baltimore Sun* article that day, Jonathan Pitts reported the following:

"When he set out for Rome a few days ago, Lori said, he didn't realize Thursday was the pope's 79th birthday, but the timing was fortuitous. He had brought a gift: A cross that was made from the centuries old tulip poplar known as the Liberty Tree. Lori said he received the cross, one of three made from the tree's wood, from the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland to give to the pope...

"This gift symbolized Mary-



Photo courtesy of L'Osservatore Romano

land's heritage as the first place in the Western Hemisphere to practice religious toleration, and the Holy Father was most interested in that,' Lori said. 'He made reference to the statements he made on religious liberty when he visited our country' in September. It also led to

'a very interesting and heartfelt conversation about those abroad who are suffering religious persecution, especially in the Middle East,' he said."

Log on to www.scwmd.org and visit the Media page to read the complete story.

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