

# The Virginia Giant

*Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco*

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## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

The Society is proud to announce the recipients of its first Lifetime Membership Awards: Edith Francisco Buckley and J. Quintus Massie.

At our fall meeting on October 13, 2002, a certificate of Lifetime Membership was pre-sented to founding member and current 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Edith Francisco Buckley, "for out-standing and faithful service as member, officer, and representative of the Society since its organization in 1971 and for faithfully fulfilling the purpose of the Society ..."

Edith graciously accepted her award and later wrote to the Board, "*The Honor of Lifetime Membership, a treasure to behold, is a touching reminder of the part I have played in the SDPF since its founding, the privilege itself, an honor*

*... thank you for recognizing me as one of the first to receive this award. To be recognized simultaneously with J. Quintus Massie also adds meaning as a recipient. No one else could have filled his shoes ..."*

Our second recipient, J. Quintus Massie, founding member and first President of the Society, was unable to attend the meeting. Presentation of his certificate of Lifetime Membership will be made to him in Richmond, Virginia, where he and his wife Louise have moved recently.

The Society is forever grateful to Edith and Quintus for their commitment and faithfulness and is proud to recognize their dedication with these well-deserved awards.

## *Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco*

INVITES YOU TO THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF

**PETER FRANCISCO DAY**

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2003

1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

OLD HALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES

STATE CAPITOL

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

GUEST SPEAKER: GREG EANES, Author

*"Tarleton's Southside Raid and Peter Francisco's Famous Fight"*

FOLLOWED BY  
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY  
SHOCKOE CEMETERY

# HIGHLIGHTS OF FALL MEETING

The following officers were re-elected to serve for 2003:

President – Allen Childress  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Erin Wilson Mwalwanda  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Edith Buckley  
 Treasurer – Anne Wilson

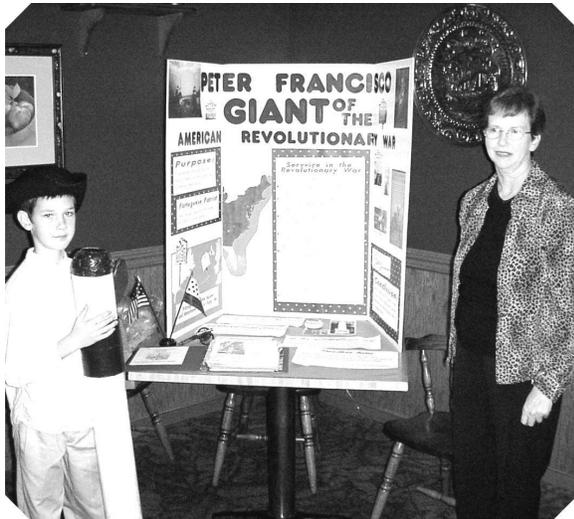
We are in need of a recording secretary and a corresponding secretary. At present, Anne Wilson is acting recording secretary and Edith Buckley is acting corresponding secretary. Neither of these offices requires a lot of time, but it would be beneficial to the Society for other members to accept positions on the Board. Please contact Edith or Anne if you are interested in serving.

Greg Eanes has written a pamphlet entitled, "Prelude to Yorktown – Tarleton's Southside Raid – and Peter Francisco's famous fight" which may be purchased from E&H Publishing Co., Inc., P. O. Box 4, Burkeville, VA 23922. Cost is \$5.95 + \$2.00 postage.

## "Peter Francisco, Giant of the American Revolutionary War"



**Edith Francisco Buckley (center), recipient of Lifetime Membership, with Treasurer Anne Wilson and President Allen Childress**



**Society members Robby Dilley, age 11, and his mother Margaret Dilley at the fall meeting after Robby's presentation,**

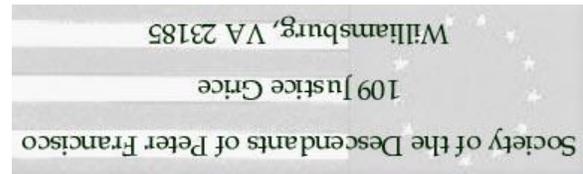
## ~Among our Members~

Vice Presidents, Erin Mwalwanda and Edith Buckley, represented the Society at the annual meeting of the Portuguese-American Leadership Council of the United States (PALCUS) in October 2002 in Washington, DC, where they met Ambassador Pedro Catarino and Antonio Ricoca Freire, Minister, Embassy of Portugal.

*We are saddened by the passing of the following members and friends of the Society:*  
 Thomas E. Baker (Guilford Courthouse);  
 Kenneth B. Copes, Sr.; Dorothy T. Francisco;  
 Mrs. W. A. Moon (wife of William A. Moon, author of The Portuguese Patriot); John Spencer (owner of land adjacent to Locust Grove); Virginia McLeod Wilkins



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## **SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF PETER FRANCISCO**

***Purpose: To compile and maintain the documented records of Peter Francisco and his descendants and to give him his rightful place in history.***

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