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FALL MEETING AND LUNCHEON “Walking in Peter’s Footsteps”

Sunday, October 12, 2003, marks the beginning of our “**Walking in Peter’s Footsteps**” theme for our annual meetings. Naturally, we will start with the place where Peter first set foot in Colonial America – City Point, now Hopewell, Virginia.

After our luncheon and business meeting at Pearl River Restaurant, we will take a short walking tour to Peter’s statue and then to the waterfront where Peter was brought ashore as a young boy.

Next year’s fall meeting will take place in Petersburg, Virginia, and will include a tour of Blandford Church and the burial place of Susan Brooke Francisco, Peter’s daughter. Future meetings will be held in Guilford, North Carolina; and Buckingham Courthouse and Yorktown, Virginia. If you would like to help with arrangements for any of these meetings, please contact Edith Buckley.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and grandparents to introduce their children and grandchildren to the Society and to pique their interest in history and their own genealogy!

You are cordially invited to attend the

Fall Meeting and Luncheon

Of the

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2003

12:00 noon

Pearl River Restaurant

Broadway and Hopewell Streets

Hopewell, Virginia

Reservations:

Complete and mail form on page 3

or call 757.220.2425

or e-mail [HYPERLINK "mailto:annecwI@aol.com"](mailto:annecwI@aol.com) annecwI@aol.com

the restaurant

Cost: \$6.95 per person

Parking: Catty-cornered

across the street from

Directions: From I-295 South take first Hopewell Exit (Exit 40), cross Hardaway Marks Bridge; go to 3rd light and turn left onto Broadway; Restaurant is on right.

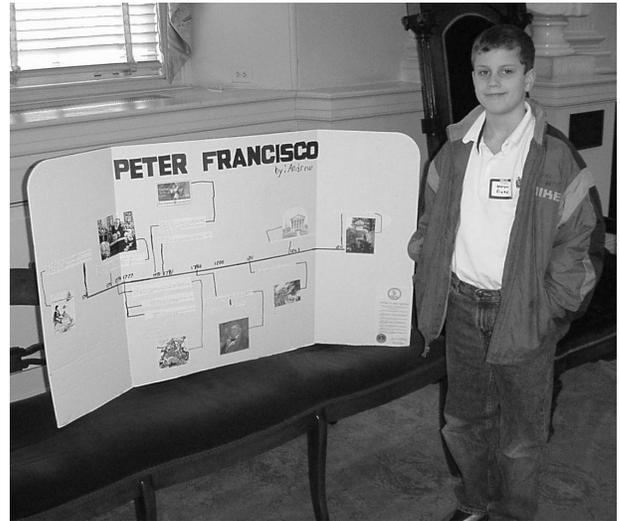
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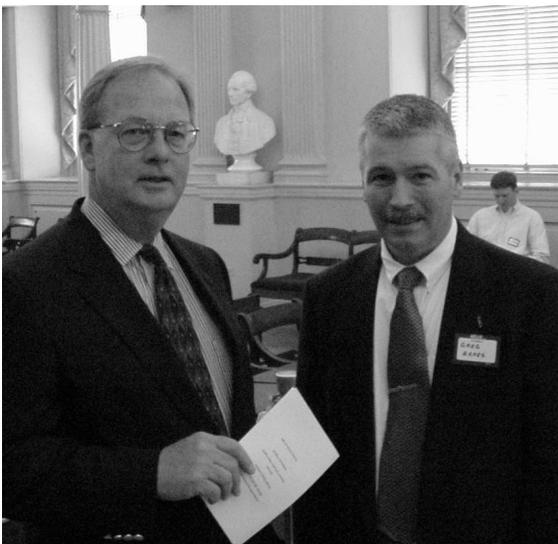
HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 16th MEETING



Quintus Massie, the Society's first president, was presented with his Lifetime Membership Award by President Allen Childress.



One of our younger members, Andrew Duke, with his time-line presentation of the life of Peter Francisco. Andrew's parents are John and Barbara Duke of Virginia Beach.



Greg Eanes, author of the monograph "Tarleton's Southside Raid - and Peter Francisco's famous fight," was guest speaker at our meeting which marked the 30th Anniversary of Peter Francisco Day in Virginia. Mr. Eanes is pictured here with President Allen Childress.

~Among our members~

Eric and Jennifer Wilson of Colorado Springs, CO, welcomed twin sons, Connor and Kaiden, on May 11. Proud grandparents are Bill and Anne Wilson; proud aunt and uncle are Erin and Christopher Mwalwanda.

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Martha Broadhurst is writing a book about Peter Francisco in which she will depict Peter in fiction to attract young readers. She may be contacted at (304) 264-8980 or 116 E. King Street, Apt. 404, Martinsburg, WVA 25401

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Memorial Fund contributions have been received in memory of Louise DeVere and Virginia Wilkins.

DUES ARE NOW DUE

Please remember to send in your dues for 2004. Your prompt payment is appreciated as your dues help cover the costs of printing newsletters, stationery, postage, domain name, state registration, phone, prizes, honoraria, etc. Also, this year an ad was placed in the PALCUS (Portuguese-American Leadership Council of the United States) Gala Book in order to promote the Society and its purpose.

Dues for Adults (18+) are \$10.00; for Children under 18 only \$2.00.

Remember to enlist other family members and to join for your children and grandchildren too. Membership in the Society is a great gift!

ART CONTEST

Bring your original artwork relating to Peter Francisco, his family, achievements, etc. to the October 12 meeting to share with other members and for judging. Age categories are: 4-7 years; 8-12 years; 13-17 years; 18 years and older. Prizes will be awarded.

With Gratitude ...

...to Sergio Humberto Rocha de Avila, O Presidente da Camara, for keeping us in touch with Terceira by sending the Boletim Municipal from Angra

... to Allen Flannagan of Hopewell for assisting with plans for our Fall Meeting and Luncheon

... to Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR which has chosen to mark the gravesite of Susan Brooke Francisco as their chapter project

Complete and mail this form with your **dues, ornament order, luncheon reservations** and **book orders** to:

Anne Wilson, Treasurer SDPF
109 Justice Grice
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Dues: _____ for _____

No. Ornaments (\$12 each) _____

No. Reservations for Lunch: _____

“Tarleton’s Southside Raid” (\$7.95) _____

“The Portuguese Patriot” \$15.00) _____

FUNDRAISERS

Our **3rd Limited Edition Christmas Ornament** will be available at our Fall Meeting. This year’s ornament is a cannon, representing the barrel of the British cannon that Peter Francisco carried away so that it could not be used against the Colonial soldiers. **Cost is \$12** (incl. shipping and handling).

You can also order the following from Anne Wilson, Treasurer SDPF:

Greg Eanes’ monograph, “Tarleton’s Southside Raid – and Peter Francisco’s famous fight,” for \$7.95 (incl. shipping)

William A. Moon’s, “The Portuguese Patriot,” for \$15.00 (incl. shipping)

For your convenience, you may place orders on the form at the top of this page.

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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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