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FALL MEETING AND LUNCHEON "Walking in Peter's Footsteps"

The theme for our annual meetings, "Walking in Peter's Footsteps," continues with our fall meeting and luncheon to be held Sunday, October 17, at The Brickhouse Run ("The British Pub"), in Petersburg, Virginia.

The restaurant will be open at 12:00 noon for the Society's private buffet luncheon and business meeting. We must have at least 20 reservations, so please make a special effort to attend. Lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

After our meeting adjourns, we have reservations for a 3:00 p.m. guided tour of Blandford Church (located 1-1/2 miles from the restaurant). Tour admission for members will be paid for by the Society. (We have a group rate of \$4.00 per person.) After visiting the church, we will then take a self-guided tour of the cemetery to the gravesite of Peter's daughter, Susan Brooke.

The Commonwealth Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution will place an official marker at Susan Brooke's gravesite next year. Members of our Society will be invited to attend the marking ceremony.

Future meetings will be held in Guilford, NC; Buckingham Courthouse and Yorktown, VA.

You are cordially invited to attend the

Fall Meeting and Luncheon

Of the

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2004

12:00 noon

The Brickhouse Run ("The British Pub")

409 Cockade Alley

Petersburg, VA

(804) 862-1815

Reservations: (757) 220-2425,

Cost: \$12.50, incl. tax & tip

e-mail HYPERLINK "mailto:annecwI@aol.com" annecwI@aol.com, or

Parking: Public lot at return form on page 3

Farmers' Market

Directions: I-95, exit 52 to Washington St, 1st right onto Madison, at 2nd stop sign, left onto Bolling Brook St. to end. you will see "the oak building." take right onto Sycamore to "t" and then right - take 3rd entrance into parking lot; farmers' market is on left; restaurant is beside visitor's center on Cocade Alley.

Pathway to Preservation

“Comte de Grasse Chapter, The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Yorktown, VA, cordially invite you to help restore the brick walkway of the old historic Custom House by purchasing an inscribed brick “in honor of” or as “a memorial to” a family member, friend, ancestor, NSDAR Chapter, or yourself. For a tax-deductible donation of \$100 per brick, you can show your support for this treasured, historical landmark and become a part of history.”

It is the recommendation of the SDPF officers that we purchase a brick in honor of Peter Francisco. Discussion will be held at the fall meeting. The walkway will probably be restored by the time the Society meets in Yorktown in 2005 or 2006.

If you, individually, are interested in purchasing a brick, please contact Jeanne Noel, Committee Project Chairman, 20 Marina Drive, Newport News, VA 23608; also, forms will be available at our fall meeting.

In Memoriam ...

We are saddened by the passing of fellow member of the Society, Bess L. Turner of Richmond, Va.

Memorial Fund

A contribution has been received in memory of Evelyn Glenn, Frances Childress and Ida Craig.

Peter Francisco Day March 14, 2004

Members of the Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco are most grateful to Governor Mark Warner and his staff for the warm welcome received by the Society at each meeting during his administration. Meeting in the Old Hall of Delegates in the Virginia State Capitol, the members have been privileged to read a letter of certificate of recognition on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, paying homage to Peter Francisco who “fought with great valor and dignity to help our nation secure freedom from the British Empire’s rule.”



At the Society’s March 14 meeting in Richmond, Guest Speakers Anne Colvin, Nancy Whitley and Kathie Haas, Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR, hold a painting of Susan Brooke, daughter of Peter Francisco.

**American History:
The American Journey
by Joyce Appleby ...**

A new middleschool textbook, which includes Peter Francisco, has been published by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill.

DUES ARE NOW DUE

Please remember to send in your dues for 2004. Our membership year begins with October of each year. 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.

As a reminder, there are several categories for membership: Descendant; Associate (spouse of a descendant); Friend (non-descendant); Descendant/child; and Friend/child. However, to be an "active" member and to receive newsletters, etc., the current year's dues must be paid. *If you are a new member, please complete the form on this page and send it with your dues.*

Dues for Adults (18 and older) are \$10.00; for Children (17 and younger) dues are 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!

Christmas Ornaments

Our 4th **Limited Edition Christmas Ornament** will be available at our Fall Meeting. This year's ornament is a miniature brass candleholder, reminiscent of Peter Francisco's life as a "country gentleman" at Locust Grove.

Cost is only \$12 (including shipping and handling).

If you cannot attend the fall meeting, you may place your ornament order by using the form on this page.

Please complete and mail this form with your dues, ornament order & payment, and/or luncheon reservations to:

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

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Dues: _____
for _____

Please check appropriate membership:
 Descendant
 Descendant/Child
 Associate Friend Friend/Child

No. Ornaments (\$12 each) _____
No. Luncheon Reservations _____

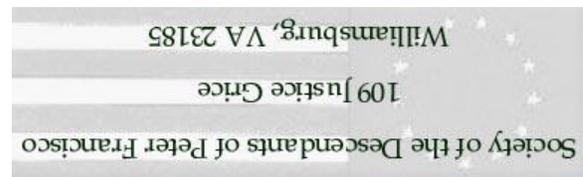
~Among our members~

~Greg Eanes has safely returned from Iraq and has assumed a new position within the Defense Intelligence Agency.

~1st Vice President Erin Mwalwanda and her husband Christopher have moved to Austin, Texas.

We currently have 100 active members! Welcome, new members: John McLeod; Mrs. Steve Frye; Mrs. David Trainum; Robert Bartell; Virginia and Harry Kardian, John S. Barret, Jr.; Carson Watlington; Barclay DuPriest; Rand DuPriest; Wiley Francisco; Oliver Francisco, Sr.; and Richard Andrew Francisco.

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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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