

The Virginia Giant

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

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Tombstone of Peter Francisco Repaired and to Receive DAR Marker

Mr. Anthony Grappone, employee of Shockoe Cemetery, made needed repairs to the damaged tombstone of Peter Francisco in the fall of 2001. We will be able to see his handiwork at our wreath-laying ceremony on March 17.

Anne Colvin, Chairman of the Centennial for the Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR, has indicated that the official NSDAR marking for Peter's tombstone will take place in May or later. Details will be forwarded to active Society members in order that we might have a large representation at the marking ceremony.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

At the October 14, 2001, meeting of the Society, motion was approved to establish a *Lifetime Membership* to honor members who have displayed dedication and commitment to the Society for a period of at least 20 years. This status will be awarded by unanimous vote of the Board and will be held by no more than four (4) members at any given time. Benefits of this Lifetime Membership will include, but not be limited to, exemption from payment of annual dues.

Please consider those members you deem worthy of this honor and send your nomination to Anne Wilson, 109 Justice Grice, Williamsburg, VA 23185 or email to SDPF2000@aol.com.

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INVITES YOU TO A CELEBRATION OF

PETER FRANCISCO DAY

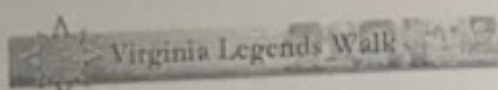
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2002
1:00 P.M.

OLD HALL, HOUSE OF DELEGATES
STATE CAPITOL
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. KEITH MCKENNEY
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, MANASSAS CAMPUS
TOPIC: DNA AND PETER FRANCISCO

WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY WILL FOLLOW
AT SHOCKOE CEMETERY

DIRECTIONS: SEE INSERT



VIRGINIA LEGENDS WALK OF FAME

Remember Virginia Legends Walk for the year 2000? The *Virginia Beach Sun* made the following statement regarding Peter Francisco's showing:

"The candidate gathering the most nominations was Peter Francisco, a Revolutionary War hero whose fan club around the world recommended him 121 times."

We would like for Peter to show his colors again this year – and win! He certainly fulfills the criteria for inclusion: *candidates must have been either born in Virginia or lived in the Commonwealth when they achieved their notable accomplishments; candidates' accomplishments must have been of national or global significance.*

Please submit Peter Francisco's name for nomination in one of the following ways:

- mail to Virginia Legends Walk
Reflections III
Ste. 121
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
- phone at 1-800-333-6397
- online at www.va-legends.com

For your convenience, we have included a copy of the entry form as an insert with this newsletter.

****DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MARCH 15!****

PETER FRANCISCO ESSAY CONTEST

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Peter Francisco essay contest! In the Elementary School (grades 1-5) category the winner is Robert Samuel Dilley for his essay "Peter Francisco: Giant of the Revolution." In the High School (grades 9-12) category, the winner is Sarah E. M. Davis for her essay "The Giant." There were no entries for the Middle School (grades 6-8) category. Winners will be recognized and prizes awarded at the March 17th meeting in Richmond, Virginia.

In the future we will have other contests in which you can win unique prizes and learn even more about Peter Francisco! Parents and children, if you would like to have a specific type of contest, please send your suggestions to: Anne Wilson, 109 Justice Grice, Williamsburg, VA 23185 or to SDPF2000@aol.com



Robert A. Lloyd, Jr. from Farnham, Virginia, and family at the October 2001 meeting in Buckingham

FUNDRAISER: Christmas Ornaments 2001

Our first limited edition Christmas ornament featuring scenes of Locust Grove was a big success. We sold 25 ornaments! Next fall a second ornament will be offered. A big thank you goes to those who purchased ornaments and especially to Erin Wilson for designing and making the ornaments!



Front and back view of the ceramic SDPF Christmas 2001 ornament, depicting the front and back of Locust Grove, home of Peter Francisco.



Erin Wilson, Arthur Raposo, Anne Wilson, Edith Buckley, Anne Linares and Allen Childress at the March 2001 wreath laying ceremony.

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY

What do those extra numbers and letters on your newsletter mailing labels mean?

The **numbers** represent the year through which your dues have been paid. For example, if you have "01" on your label, you have paid dues through 2001, and your dues for 2002 are now due.

The **letters** indicate membership status in the order of the names on the label.

D=Descendant

A=Associate

F=Friend

DC=Descendant Child

FC=Friend Child

This is an easy way for you to know if you owe dues and to make sure that we have your correct membership status.

To join the Society or to remain on active status, members must pay annual dues as follows:

Descendants and Associates	\$10.00
Friends	\$10.00
Descendant Child or Friend/Child (under 18 years of age)	\$ 2.00

Please note the numbers and letters on your mailing label and, if your dues have not been

paid for 2002, submit payment to: *Anne Wilson, Treasurer, 109 Justice Grice, Williamsburg, VA 23185*

"WEAKEST LINK" OR "MISSING LINK?"

We know you don't want to be the "weakest link," but you may be the "missing link." Please take time to send us a copy of your genealogy linking to Peter Francisco and any other records or materials you may have that may be useful to Society members.

If you have specific questions about your own genealogy, we will be glad to pass along any information that may be of help to you.

Send your records and questions to:

Don Pruitt
Chairman, SDPF Genealogy Committee
8247 Doctor Craik Court
Alexandria, Virginia 22306
(703) 799-1450
stedon@earthlink.net

P.A.L.C.U.S.

On September 22, 2001, Vice Presidents Edith Buckley and Erin Wilson attended the PALCUS (Portuguese-American Leadership Council of the United States) gala as representatives of the SDPF. The gala was held in the Hall of the Americas at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.



Edith Buckley and Erin Wilson at the PALCUS gala.

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SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF PETER FRANCISCO

The purpose of the Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco is to compile and maintain the documented records of Peter Francisco and his descendants and to give Peter Francisco his rightful place in history.

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If you have any news for the next issue of "The Virginia Giant," please send it to writers/editors: Anne and/or Erin Wilson

Shown below is a copy of the online nomination form for the Virginia Legends Walk. This form shows all information necessary for making a nomination in whatever way you choose. Nominations for the Virginia Legends Walk may be made in one of the following ways:

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Following are some suggestions for "national/global achievement" that you may want to use when nominating Peter Francisco: (1) enlisted in Continental Army and volunteered twice more; (2) stood ground at Battle of Sandy Hollow Gap and enabled Gen. George Washington to retreat; (3) saved life of Col. William Mayo in Southern Campaign; (4) killed 11 British soldiers with his 5-ft. long sword at Battle of Guilford Courthouse; (5) called "a one-man army" by Gen. George Washington; (6) served as Sergeant-at-Arms in House of Delegates in Richmond, VA.

**** REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 15, 2002****



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Nominations

Virginia Legends Walk honors special Virginians who have made our nation and the world a better place.

Anyone may nominate candidates for Virginia Legends Walk, but this year's entries must be received prior to March 15, 2002.

All nominees must meet these criteria for consideration:

1. The candidate was born in Virginia.
2. If the candidate was not born in Virginia, the achievement for which he or she is notable occurred while residing in Virginia.
3. The candidate's accomplishment must have been of national or global importance.

Nominee's name:

Virginia connection:

National/global achievement:

Your name:

Address:

City:

State, zip:

Email:

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