

Newsletter

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

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Membership in the Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

How do I join? What's involved? How much does it cost? What are the benefits, if any?

These may be some of the questions you have asked and here are the answers!

Membership Status:

- All members must be elected by the board.
- Active members – descendants of Peter Francisco who are at least 18 years of age.
- Associate members – descendants of Peter Francisco who are under 18 years of age; and in-laws of the families of descendants of Peter Francisco.
- Friends of the Society – those showing an interest in the Society and who are approved by the board.

To join the Society and remain on "participating" status, members must pay annual dues each year. Annual dues are as follows:

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| - Active member | \$5.00 |
| - Associate member,
18 years and older | \$5.00 |
| - Associate member,
under the age of 18 | \$1.00 |
| - Friend of the Society | \$10.00 |

The benefits of "participating" membership in the Society are numerous:

- Invitations to our two meetings per year (March – meeting in the Capitol Building in Richmond, Virginia, and wreath laying at Shockoe Cemetery where Peter Francisco is buried; October – fall business meeting and luncheon)
- Receipt of newsletters (beginning in fall 2000)
- Access to records for personal research
- Access to official website – www.peterfrancisco.org (new in fall of 2000)
- Sharing of information, personal research, etc. with other "family" members
- Doing your part to keep history alive and pertinent in today's fast-moving society

THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING/LUNCHEON OF THE

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2000 12:00 NOON

ARTS COUNCIL CENTER IN BUCKINGHAM, VIRGINIA
LOCATED 60 MILES FROM RICHMOND ON ROUTE 60 WEST

GUEST SPEAKER: MR. BRIAN BATES, PROFESSOR, LONGWOOD COLLEGE

Cost: \$6.00 per person for lunch

RSVP: (See insert)

JOIN US AFTER THE MEETING FOR A VISIT TO LOCUST GROVE

"TREASURY NOTES"

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Anne Wilson and I live in Williamsburg, VA (phone (757) 220-2425; e-mail annecw1@aol.com). I am a descendant of Peter Francisco and his first wife, Susannah Anderson, and have been a member of the Society since 1985.

I became treasurer in March 2000 after the "retirement" of Quintus Massie who had served as our treasurer for many years. Bill and I had the privilege of meeting with Quintus and his wife Louise at their home in Louisa, Virginia, where he graciously turned over his many records of the Society. Thank you, Quintus, for being so faithful and for doing such a wonderful job for so many years!

I will give a full treasurer's report at our fall meeting on Sunday, October 15, but I need to begin updating records now and I need your help. I look forward to getting to know you better and to serving as your Treasurer.

Please complete the enclosed information form and mail it, along with your check for dues made payable to SDPF, to Anne Wilson, 109 Justice Grice, Williamsburg, Va. 23185. You may join for more than one year, if you prefer, and also join for any other friends/family members. Be sure to include information and dues for each member. Your dues are important to the Society and help defray costs for printing, postage, research, website, etc. and will enable your officers to keep you informed of upcoming events and news of the Society. We encourage you to join annually so that your name will remain on our "participating membership" list and you will not miss out on important information.

Thank you for your continued support and membership! (If, for any reason, you wish to discontinue your membership, please indicate so on the enclosed form.)

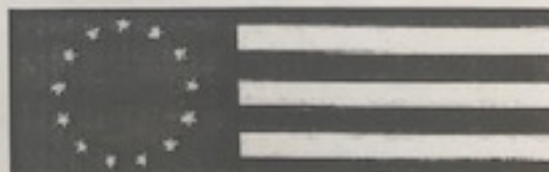


WHAT DO MEL GIBSON AND PETER FRANCISCO HAVE IN COMMON?

If you have read William Arthur Moon's Peter Francisco, The Portuguese Patriot (see pages 14-16, "Guilford Courthouse") and have seen the movie "The Patriot", then you should know the answer to this question.

During the battle of Guilford Court House in March 1781, British General Cornwallis fired grapeshot directly into the center of the fight, thus breaking up the onslaught by the Americans, but killing many of his own men as well. (Peter was seriously wounded, fell from his horse, and was left for dead on the battlefield.)

During the movie "The Patriot," a similar battle scene is presented and, with flag in hand, Mel Gibson leads the Americans back into battle. In both cases, this battle was viewed as an important turning point of the war!



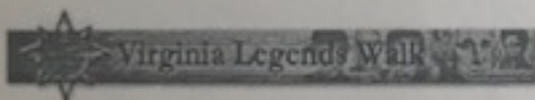
WHAT'S IN A NAME?

What's in a name? Well, nothing...or just about everything! And we definitely want the name of our newsletter to do justice to Peter Francisco – we want it to speak to his greatness or some specific characteristic, etc. How do we go about choosing the most suitable title? We leave it up to our members, of course!

Please submit your suggested name for our newsletter on the enclosed form (or email your suggestion to SDPF2000@aol.com). Your officers will then make the final selection and let you know the winner in our next newsletter. In case of a tie, the suggestion with the earliest postmark will win.

And speaking of winners – if your suggested name is selected, you will receive a free copy of The Portuguese Patriot by William Arthur Moon! So hurry and get your entry in as soon as possible. *Deadline is October 10, 2000.*

VIRGINIA LEGENDS WALK



Thanks to John Duke for "taking the first step" toward having Peter Francisco included in the Virginia Legends Walk which honors special Virginians who have made our nation and the world a better place. The initial Legends were introduced in July 2000 in the 13th Street Park at Virginia Beach, Virginia, as a free public attraction.

After hearing from John that he had placed Peter's name in nomination, Edith Buckley

(Recording Secretary) sent nomination forms to all members. We hope you submitted the name of Peter Francisco either by mail or e-mail! As soon as we learn whether or not his name will be included in the Walk, we will let you know.

Again, a special thanks to John Duke for bringing this to our attention and to all members who voted!

COMING SOON TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU...

We are pleased to announce that the Society now has its own official website! We have purchased the internet address www.peterfrancisco.org (our address is ".org" because we are a non-profit organization). The website has not been developed yet, but will be up and running soon!

The site will include:

- biography and pictures of Peter Francisco
- history of the SDPF including mission statement, event information
- information and photos of the archaeological excavation and restoration of Locust Grove
- information and photos from SDPF gatherings
- ability to purchase Peter Francisco books
- links to related sites

There is much more planned for this site in the future! If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see on the site, or any information or photos you would like to share, please contact Erin Wilson at (703) 713-0046 or SDPF@aol.com

Thanks to John Duke who has been maintaining a Peter Francisco information page at www.series2000.com/users/jdman.

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MEET YOUR OFFICERS !

President: Allen Childress

Allen has been a member of SDPF for more than 20 years, and the Society's President for 10 years! He and his wife of 35+ years, Amarilis, live in Roanoke, VA and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Allen recently retired from Norfolk Southern Corp. Executive Management after 34 years of service. He enjoys scuba diving, flying and 'amateur' farming.

Vice President: Erin Wilson

Erin has been a member of SDPF for 15 years. She received her undergraduate degree in Anthropology from Longwood College in 1996 and her Masters (M.A.T.) in Museum Education from The George Washington University last year. Erin lives in Herndon, VA and is currently employed as a project manager for America Online, Inc. In the future she looks forward to designing educational websites for museums. Erin enjoys writing/playing music, outdoor activities and, of course, visiting museums.

Corr. Secretary: Edith Francisco Buckley

Edith is a charter member of SDPF and served as president for 3 years. She has served as Corresponding Secretary for 16 years and maintains numerous records and represents the Society in various ways. She has been married to Ralph E. "Buck" Buckley for 58 years. They live in Annandale, VA, and have one son, Scott Francisco Buckley. Edith enjoys genealogy, art and music and is a published poet.

Treasurer/ Rec. Secretary: Anne C. Wilson

Anne has been a member of SDPF for 15 years, but has only become an active participant within the last few years. She and her husband Bill live in Williamsburg, VA, and have 2 grown children: Erin (SDPF Vice President) and Eric, who lives with his wife Jennifer in Richmond, VA. Anne enjoys tennis, movies and traveling, and is currently gathering genealogy information for membership in DAR and DOC.

If you have any news for the next issue, please send it to the Newsletter writers/ editors: Anne and Erin Wilson

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Please complete the following information and mail this form, along with your check for dues made payable to SDPF, to Anne Wilson, 109 Justice Grice, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Thank you for your continued support and membership.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Peter Francisco: _____

Member since: _____ New member: _____

Status: Active _____ Associate _____ Friend _____

Do you have any documents, information, etc. that would be of interest to the Society? _____

If so, would you share them or provide copies for our records? _____

Any suggestions/comments for newsletter, meetings, etc. _____

Please discontinue my membership and remove me from mailing list _____

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RSVP for Luncheon for October 15 meeting:

Number of Reservations: _____ (Cost is \$6.00 per person)

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Suggested Newsletter Title: _____

Reason for Suggestion: _____