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Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

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Membership in the Society

To join the Society and remain on active status, members must pay annual dues every October as follows:

Descendants and Associates:	\$10.00
Friends	\$10.00
Descendant Children or Friends under 18 years of age	\$ 2.00

All members must be approved by the board.

Memberships are as follows:

Descendants – Adult descendants who are at least 18 years of age

Associates – spouses of descendants

Descendant Children – descendants who are under 18 years of age

Friends and Friends/Children – those showing an interest in the society

Benefits of active membership are numerous and include:

- Invitations to our two meetings per year: March (Capitol Building in Richmond, Va., and wreath-laying ceremony at Peter Francisco's gravesite in Shockoe Cemetery); October (fall business meeting and luncheon)
- Receipt of newsletters
- Access to Society records for personal research and genealogy
- Access to official website www.peterfrancisco.org and to information page of member John Duke
- <http://personal.picusnet.com/jdman>
- Doing your part to keep history alive and pertinent in today's fast-paced world

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE
FALL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
OF THE

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2001
12:00 NOON AT
CACTUS JAX RESTAURANT
ARVONIA, VIRGINIA

RESERVATIONS:
COMPLETE AND MAIL THE ENCLOSED
FORM OR CALL 757.220.2425

COST: \$6.00 PER PERSON

DIRECTIONS:

- FROM ROUTE 60, TAKE ROUTE 15 NORTH (SPOUSE'S CORNER). GO 12 MILES TO ARVONIA.
CACTUS JAX IS ON YOUR LEFT
- FROM ROUTE 64, TAKE ROUTE 15 SOUTH (PASSING FORK UNION ACADEMY) TO ARVONIA.
CACTUS JAX IS ON YOUR RIGHT
- FROM POINTS NORTH, TAKE 15 SOUTH TO ARVONIA. CACTUS JAX IS ON YOUR RIGHT



Vice President Erin Wilson and President Allen Childress after the wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Peter Francisco in Shockoe Cemetery. The ceremony took place after the March 2000 meeting.

MOTION FOR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Motion has been made that we establish a Lifetime Membership to honor those members who have displayed dedication and commitment to the Society for a period of at least 20 years. This status would be awarded by unanimous vote of the Board and would be held by no more than 4 members at any given time. A formal presentation would be made to honor recipients of this award. Benefits of this Lifetime Membership would include, but not be limited to, exemption from payment of annual dues.

Motion will be voted on at the October 14 meeting.

2002 VIRGINIA LEGENDS WALK

Please watch your local newspapers, beginning in January 2002, for information and voting procedure; then be sure to cast your vote for Peter Francisco!

(Virginia Legends Walk website:
<enter@va-legends.com>)

Essay Contest

It's Back-To-School time again, and what better way to brush up on your writing skills than to enter the Peter Francisco Essay Contest! Your essay should be no more than 250 words and may be on any topic pertaining to Peter Francisco (i.e. Locust Grove, feats of strength, military experience). The contest is open to all SDPF members under 18 years of age. Judging will be in three age categories:
--Elementary School (1st-5th grades)
--Middle School (6th-8th grades)
--High School (9th-12th grades)

The Elementary and Middle School winners will receive a free "Revolutionary Kit." The High School winner will receive a copy of The Portuguese Patriot by William A. Moon. The winners will be announced at the March 2002 meeting.

All entries are due by January 1, 2002, and will be judged by the Board of Directors. Be sure to include your name, age, school and grade on your entry, and mail it to:
SDPF
109 Justice Grice
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Or email to SDPF2000@aol.com



Longwood College Professor Brian Bates gave a slide show and lecture at the October 2000 meeting. He spoke on the archaeological excavation and finds at Locust Grove.

GENEALOGY

Let's all help each other to trace our roots. Although many members know their exact linkage to Peter Francisco, some are unsure about certain links. We are emphasizing genealogy at this time and would appreciate it if you could help us in our search. Will you please take time to scan your own genealogical records to see if you have a complete line and, if you have not already done so, would you send us a copy of your line or other genealogical Peter Francisco material that could be useful to others.

Also, if you have specific questions about your linkage, please ask and we will be glad to pass along any available information to help you.

Send records/questions to:

Don Pruitt, Chairman
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Don Pruitt speaks at the March 2000 meeting

WHAT DO THE NUMBERS AND LETTERS ON MY MAILING LABEL MEAN?

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

The **letters** indicate membership status. If the husband's name is listed first and he is an Associate member, the wife's name is listed

second and she is a Descendant, and there are children who are members, then the letters would show membership in order of listing of the names – AD/DC – or Associate, Descendant/Descendant Children.

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

Please note the numbers and letters on your mailing label and submit dues to the treasurer. (If there are no numbers and letters, then you are not "officially" a member of the Society. Please submit dues for the year 2002 in order to be placed on active member status and to continue receiving newsletters and other information.)

BAH! HUMBUG!

You won't hear that coming from **our** members—not if they purchase SDPF Limited Edition Christmas ornaments!

Our first ornament will be of Locust Grove with "Christmas 2001" inscribed in calligraphy on the back. This beautiful ceramic ornament will be the perfect addition to any tree and will make a unique gift for your family and friends!

Place your order now on the enclosed form. Cost is only \$12.00 each (includes gift box, shipping and handling).

We plan to offer a new ornament every year, so start your collection now!



A photo of Locust Grove
taken after the October 2000 meeting

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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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