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FALL MEETING AND LUNCHEON: ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ETC.

"Fall" means election of officers for the Society. Please plan to attend the meeting on October 13 so that you can be a part of the election process. We have at least two offices – Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary – which need to be filled. Neither of these offices requires a lot of time, so please consider accepting a nomination for one of them. Officers' reports and other business will also be presented at our meeting.

(For those of you who haven't attended a meeting at Cactus Jax, their fried chicken is some of the best you will ever eat!) In addition, Mr. and Mrs. James Morano have invited us to visit Locust Grove after our meeting!

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

Board Members have received and discussed nominations for Lifetime Membership in the Society. This special status to honor those who have displayed dedication and commitment to the Society for a period of at least 20 years was approved at the 2001 fall meeting. Said 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.

Presentation of Lifetime Membership Awards will be made at our October 13 meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend the
FALL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

OF THE

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2002
12:00 NOON AT
CACTUS JAX RESTAURANT
ARVONIA, VIRGINIA

RESERVATIONS:

COMPLETE AND MAIL FORM (AT BOTTOM OF
DUES FORM ON BACK PAGE) OR CALL 757.220.2425
OR EMAIL ANNECW1@AOL.COM

COST: \$6.00 PER PERSON

DIRECTIONS: FROM RTE 60, TAKE RTE 15 NORTH (SPROUSE'S CORNER). GO 12 MILES TO ARVONIA. CACTUS JAX IS ON THE LEFT.
FROM RTE 64, OR POINTS NORTH, TAKE RTE 15 SOUTH (PASSING FORK UNION ACADEMY) TO ARVONIA. CACTUS JAX IS ON THE RIGHT.

Dr. McKenney Speaks at SDPF Meeting at State Capitol

Special guest speaker for our meeting at the State Capitol in Richmond on March 17, 2002, was Dr. Keith McKenney, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Computational Sciences, George Mason University, Prince William Campus. Dr. McKenney, whose areas of scientific interest and specialization include bioinformatics, genomics, and DNA science, technology, education and training, delivered an enlightening and entertaining address in an introduction to DNA analysis – "What is special about male and female DNA through history."

Using a recent DNA study performed in Virginia, he provided us with a comparable study of one example of the paternal (male or Y) chromosome fingerprinting of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings. His summary of slides included both video and handouts of his chosen example. These may be of future use for the Society in possible DNA testing of Peter Francisco's descendants to ascertain if Peter Francisco of Virginia and Peter Francisco of the Azores are one and the same.

Following Dr. McKenney's presentation, members attended the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite of Peter Francisco in Shockoe Cemetery.

DAR MARKING CEREMONY

Completing its Centennial project, Commonwealth Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, honored Peter Francisco by marking his tombstone in Shockoe Cemetery. The marking was celebrated in ceremony on July 19, 2002, when the marker was unveiled. Mrs. Richard Haas, Regent, presided in the ceremony and was aided by Mrs. Scruggs Colvin, 1st Vice-Regent; Mrs. Carson E. Hamlett, Jr., Chaplain; and Mrs. Walter Varvel, Historian. Color guard was provided by Memorial Rifles of the American Legion, West Hampton Post #84, Richmond, Virginia.

Edith Buckley, SDPF 2nd Vice President, and several other members of the Society attended the ceremony. At that time, Edith presented the Commonwealth Chapter with a copy of Nannie Francisco Porter's "The Romantic Record of Peter Francisco."



Mrs. Richard Haas, Regent,
Commonwealth Chapter, DAR; Edith
Francisco Buckley, 2nd Vice President,
SDPF at Marking Ceremony

Earlier in the year, on May 18, Commonwealth Chapter celebrated its Centennial Anniversary with a luncheon and fashion show at the Country Club of Virginia. Edith Buckley represented the Society at that event where a pamphlet which had been prepared in honor of Peter was displayed. As Edith so eloquently stated, "For one who has seriously 'walked the walk' with Peter Francisco, I kept thinking how grand the occasion – over 171 years after death – which highlighted this ancestor! And I was very proud!"

Among our Members...

Congratulations to 1st Vice President, Erin Wilson, who married Mr. Christopher Mwalwanda on June 8, 2002 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

We are saddened by the passing this year of the following Society members: Robert A. Lloyd, Jr., Marsha Francisco, William F. Goodwin, W. W. Danielson

DUES ARE NOW DUE

Annual dues must be paid in order to maintain "active status" and to continue receiving our newsletters and other mailings. Please complete this form and mail it with your dues, Christmas Ornament order and Fall Luncheon reservations to:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check appropriate membership:

☐ Descendant (\$10.00) ☐ Descendant Child (under 18 years of age) (\$2.00)
☐ Friend (\$10.00) ☐ Friend under 18 years of age (\$2.00)

*** CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT ORDER ***

Please send me _____ Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments @ \$12.00 each. My check is enclosed.

** FALL MEETING/LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS **

Number of Reservations _____ Names _____

WE NEED A HOST WITH THE MOST ... OR A HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST ...

As you may have noticed, our website has been "under construction" for quite a while. Since our 1st Vice President, Erin Wilson Mwalwanda, is no longer working for AOL, she does not have contact with our former host. We need a new host (our last one was free and that's what we're really hoping to find again)! Please contact Erin at SDPF2000@aol.com if you can help get www.peterfrancisco.org back.

New Contest for Active Society Members

It's time to pull out the canvases, paints, pastels, pens, clay, cameras ... well, you get the picture! Show your creativity and use your artistic talents by entering the SDPF Art Contest. Your artwork should, of course, be related to Peter Francisco, his family, home, achievements, etc.

Send your work of art to Anne Wilson, 109 Justice Grice, Williamsburg, VA 23185, or bring it to our fall meeting on October 13. (All entries will be returned after judging.)

Judging categories: 4-7 years; 8-12 years; 13-17 years; 18 years and over.

Deadline for entries: February 1, 2003

Christmas 2002 Fundraiser

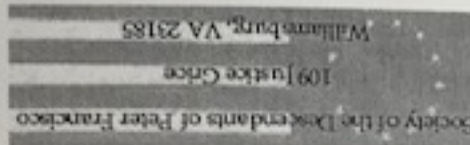
It may seem too early to be thinking of Christmas - but the holiday season will be here before you know it. Why not give family members and friends something truly unique this year? Give them the Society's 2nd Limited Edition Christmas Ornament. Cost is only \$12.00 (includes gift box, shipping and handling). If you missed out on last year's ornament, why not start your collection this year?

(Order form is included with your membership/dues form.)



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*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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