71st Annual Reunion Dinner Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2025

The Bavarian Inn

Charles Town, West Virginia

Call to Order

Richard Weaver, President called the Meeting to Order and welcomed the guests to the historic Bavarian Inn for the 71st Annual Reunion Dinner.

Invocation

Jim Bird, Chaplain, gratefully acknowledged the many blessings we share in his benediction before our meal.

Old Business

Richard called for the reading of the 70 Annual Reunion Dinner Meeting Minutes of 2024.

A motion from the floor asked that the chair dispense with the reading of 2024 minutes and that the assembly present at the meeting approve the minutes.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Lisa Saxton, the new Treasurer's report noted that all was well with the treasury.

Registrar's Report

John Blair, Registrar, related there were 159 inquiries for prospected membership in NSWFD. This is a result of our efforts to streamline the application process. The new application is easier to negotiate and complete online.

John reminded the members about our new Rosettes (small pins) which were given to all who attended last year's reunion in Williamsburg.

John sends each new member a Rosette along with his certificate of membership. If any member would like to have more rosettes, they can be purchased from John Blair for $25 each including shipping and handling.

Richard noted that Justin Glenn, former Registrar, could not be present at the reunion but sent his best regards.

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Old Business, cont'd.

Jim Bird, Chaplain, reported that there were only 2 deceased memorials this year. He asked those members present to please let the Society know of any member who is recently deceased.

Richard remarked that 74 members were attending this year's Annual Reunion.

He asked the Board Members, Ambassadors, the Trip Planning Committee, and all new members present, to please stand and be recognized.

New Business

Richard spoke of the immediate need for all members to complete their profile on our website. EACH member (including each child) must have his or her OWN unique email address.

Volunteers to help the Society grow and improve in the areas of Technology are sorely needed. To make the NSWFD web site function efficiently and effectively, volunteers are needed to load the new computer program with the most up to date data – members' phone numbers, email and home address, etc., and any other information which has recently changed relating to membership.

Accurate information improves the many functions of the new website, from formatting /organizing information necessary for the Treasurer, Washington Words, any e- commerce venture the Society may wish to undertake, and Trip reservations and payments.

Washington Words is particularly in need of a volunteer or two able to catalog historical records, articles, and other data which impacts the membership's needs.

It was noted that NSWFD has 2 web sites.

washingtonfamilydescendants.com and washingtonfamilydescendants.org

.com website is for members only, and requires a login and password to access

.org website is for the public to learn more about us

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Old Business, cont'd.

Ricard adjourned the Business portion of the Dinner Meeting.

He introduced member, Dale Sayers, gave a wonderful presentation, "The Life and Times of Dolley Maison." Dale assumed the role of Dolley narrating for her "visitors" a most entertaining and informative account of the life and times in which she lived.

Final Benediction

Jim Bird delivered the final Benediction recalling the legacy of the NSWFD. He spoke of the Society's responsibility, and goal – inviting each member to do his own part to renew George Washington's commitment to become a united people in a united country.

The Benediction was followed with the annual singing of "Blest Be the Ties That Bind."

Respectfully submitted,

Dette Reh

Recording Secretary

