



# JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY FIRST MARYLAND COMPANY

SPRING 2020  
NEWSLETTER

## ASSESSING 2019

The February 28, 2019 Company Newsletter described our company, discussed its past activities, and set goals for 2019 and beyond. A year has passed. How did we do?

Some things have changed very little. For instance, our membership remains geographically dispersed. Although a year older, we still are a relatively new company, and we're still developing a core of seasoned "doers." As this is written, Company membership has declined, but most of the reduction is attributable to four Jamestowne Society members who live far from Maryland, have never attended a Company activity, and have not renewed their Company membership this year.

We held two Company meetings in 2019. More than 20 members and guests attended each meeting, and the two programs were well received. We held our meetings in different parts of Maryland in part to "spread the burden" of driving a great distance to the venue.

Some things have improved. For example, we are vastly more able to communicate with all members electronically, (Thank you

## OUR GOALS

- Use electronic communications as our preferred means of sharing information with the Company.  
**Improvement**
- Conduct programs that meet member's interests  
**Improvement**
- Expand member involvement in Company activities (build or expand the "core" mentioned earlier) so that we may expand the Company's elected leadership no later than our 2021 elections.  
**Somewhat Improved**
- Increase the Company's membership  
**Needs Improvement**

*We'll continue doing what we think we are doing right, and will work on ways to do better in the two areas with not-so-good results. The matter of expanding member involvement is not something the elected leaders can do alone. Everyone in First Maryland Company has an important role to play in achieving that goal. Are you ready to step up?*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**  
Our next Company meeting will be

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

11:00AM to 2:00PM

**Red Horse Inn**

**996 West Patrick Street**

**Frederick, MD 21703**

*(watch for a flyer that will include meal choices and cost information.)*

## GOVERNOR'S CORNER

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Are you looking forward to another year of exciting activities with your fellow members of First Maryland Company? I am.

Our speaker at our first meeting of 2020 offers an opportunity to learn about an early Jamestowne concern not often discussed. Perhaps he'll help us learn the difference between facts and fiction with respect to pirates in the 1600's. I hope you're as excited about this opportunity as I am.!

We all owe a special "thanks" to Councilor Anne Henninger for her review of our Company's By-Laws, making sure they conform to the recently revised Society By-Laws. She also has recommended changes that will make our By-laws read more clearly. Your Governor's Council made further recommendations after reviewing Anne's. Those additional recommendations, remove some quite specific (and limiting) qualifications required of individuals before they can serve as Company Governor or Lieutenant Governor. These are commonsense changes. Without them almost no member of the company could serve in those positions. I recommend that each of you vote to ratify the proposed revised First Maryland By-Laws when they are presented to you.

I hope that each of you, as do I, look forward to getting together in 2020 to further the ideals and goals of Jamestowne Society. See you in March!

Harry

### **NEXT MEETING OF THE FIRST MARYLAND COMPANY**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
11:00AM- 2:00PM

### **Red Horse Steak House**

996 West Patrick Street  
Frederick MD 21703

*tel. 301-663-3030*

Dr. Timothy Fritz of Mount St. Mary's University will be our speaker at the next meeting. The topic will be

### **EARLY VIRGINIA AND PIRATES**

Dr. Fritz teaches a course on the subject as part of the University's Early American History curriculum. This fascinating subject will surely cast insight into other maritime activities that were going on in addition to transporting our ancestors to the New World.

JAMESTOWNE SOCIETY  
NEWS & ACTIVITIES

See your copy of the Spring 2020 Jamestowne Society Magazine for more information and reservation forms for these activities.

*Act quickly; reservations will sell out!*

**Friday, April 17, 2020, 11:30 AM -  
A Heritage Week Event**

The Army and Navy Club  
901 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

Dr. Douglas Owsley, Curator of Biological Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History is the guest speaker.

**Friday and Saturday, May 8-9, 2020  
Jamestowne Society Activities**

**Friday, May 8, 2020, 9:15 AM  
Spring Heritage Tour**

Kingsmill Conference Center, Williamsburg, VA

**Friday, May 8, 2020  
Governors Dinner**

Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA  
cocktail hour 6:15 PM  
dinner 7:00 PM

featuring a special performance of  
"Maids to Virginia"  
in a dinner theater in the round

**Saturday, May 9, 2020  
Jamestowne Society**

**Spring Membership Meeting & Luncheon**

Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA  
10:30 – 11:30 AM JS Shop open  
11:00 AM Reception  
12:00 Noon Luncheon

*We want to hear from you! If you haven't paid your 2020 dues and are on the fence about joining, please let us know! We are actively encouraging all Jamestowne Society members who live in the Maryland and Pennsylvania area to join us!*

**The First Maryland Company  
Membership Dues of are \$20.00  
(October-October)**

The Company received a DVD of the July 2019 living history events and the prayer service held on Jamestowne Island to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the first meeting of the Virginia General Assembly. Hundreds of Jamestowne Society members gathered to celebrate. If you would like to borrow the DVD, please contact

our Chaplain, Barbara Greeley at  
[ky83gal@gmail.com](mailto:ky83gal@gmail.com)

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