



Jamestowne Society **First Maryland Company Newsletter** **Fall 2019**

First Meeting of Virginia General Assembly Celebrated

The last four days of July were busy in Williamsburg and Jamestown. Hundreds of Jamestowne Society members gathered to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first meeting of the Virginia General Assembly. This meeting was in place of the more usual May one.

The events from that meeting are covered in the current edition of the *Jamestowne Society Magazine*, which you should all have. We won't try to repeat that information here, but we have included a few pictures from the visits to Jamestowne.. You might be interested in information the Society's Executive Director sent to all Company governors and lieutenant governors: Here's part of her message:

During the July 2019 events we hired a professional videographer and he videoed the living history events and the morning prayer service. The DVD's will hopefully be ready by the end of September. We are selling them for \$30.00, but we are giving one DVD to each company. I will mail them out as soon as I receive them.

We have a storefront now with Lands End. [A link has been created to access the site.] You need a pin to access the site. You can order jackets, polos, shirts, fleeces, etc. Lands End handles all of the orders and returns

If members are interested in ordering, please have them email me for the link and Pin.

You can get the link and Pin by e-mailing Bonnie Hofmeyer at Jamestowne.society@verizon.net.

We'd like to find a date/time and venue to show the DVD to all members. E-mail any of your officers if you have suggestions.

Meet your Officers

After our last meeting Anne Henninger was appointed to the office of Councilor by Governor Redd. At his request, the company's elected officers in their Council capacity affirmed that appointment. They then agreed to present Anne Henninger for election by the Company at a special election to be conducted during our Annual Business Meeting.

At our request, Anne provided the following brief bio sketch:

I was born and raised in Washington, DC, but have lived in Maryland for eons. I graduated from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, attended the School of Foreign Service at George Washington University, and completed my formal schooling at the University of Maryland. A long-time Federal employee, I retired as the Deputy Chief of Field Counterintelligence Operations, Capital Region, for a DoD Agency. I graduated from numerous training courses and programs offered by the Federal government, including the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, OPM's Management Development Center, and the Joint Counterintelligence Training Academy. I was awarded the Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Medal.

I am active in a number of lineage societies and the national presiding officer of two. I joined

Governor Harry C. Redd III
Lieutenant Governor Kendra Greenwaters
Treasurer Jerry Zillion

Councilor Anne Henninger
Chaplain Barbara Greeley

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the Jamestowne Society in 2012 via descent from Stephen Hopkins. While I have Virginia ancestry, this line has remained an impenetrable brick wall! As a Councilor, I would like to see the Company increase its membership and foster robust and active

participation in Company activities. My husband and I live in the thriving metropolis of Prince Frederick, MD, with five incredibly bad cats.



It was a beautiful day for church, and the old church was beautiful.

You'll also be asked at the Annual Business Meeting to vote for an amendment to the Company's Bylaws to create the position of Chaplain, and then to vote to confirm Barbara Greeley in the position. We'll get Barbara to give us a bio sketch at another time.

At the National Level

You should already have received the Fall 2019 edition of the *Jamestowne Society Magazine*, and thus should know that the next national meeting is scheduled for November 8 and 9, 2019 in Richmond, Virginia.

Act immediately if you plan to since the events fill up quickly.

Closer to home, Heritage Week Meeting will be held in April 2020 in Washington, DC. The membership luncheon will be at noon on Friday, April 17, at the Army and Navy Club, 901 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

The Society's Spring Meeting will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia May 7–9, 2020 See the Society's web site for more information about this meeting and other Jamestowne Society national events..

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The 1922 statue of Pocahontas, or Mrs. John Rolfe

Governor's Corner

Accompanied by my wife and one of my sisters, I enjoyed attending the Society's 400th anniversary activities. However, I did so on a part-time basis. The three of us plus a cousin were torn between the Jamestowne Society and the National Society of Claiborne Family Descendants. The latter held its reunion at the same time and in the same area. I ended up with one foot squarely in each camp.



A councilor taking a break during proceedings.

Before one of the JS luncheons, I ran into member Frances Harwood. We talked briefly and agreed to sit together at lunch. Then we went our separate ways in a very large room. When lunch was announced, people began quickly to fill up tables. While I looked for Frances, my wife and my sister found places for us at a table. By the time Frances and I found one another, that table had only one seat left. Consequently, we didn't sit together. Frances, I apologize for that mix-up! .

On another topic, I hope you are as pleased as I am that we've gotten two additional people involved in our company's leadership. Anne Henninger (Councilor) and Barbara Greeley (Chaplain) will be welcome additions. I urge you all to vote "yes" for the proposed actions that will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting. Anne has already agreed to lead a committee (to be formed) to review and recommend revisions to

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our Company's Bylaws. That will begin as soon as we get the new, revised National Society Bylaws. So affirming her appointment is important!

And finally, when the business part of the meeting is over, let's all enjoy learning more about Jamestowne's early years from a distinguished member of the University of Maryland's Department of History.

Harry

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