



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 for sharing your e-mail addresses with us.) And we've doubled the number of elected Company officers, adding a Secretary of State, a Chaplain, and one Councilor.

Our February 28, 2019 newsletter also contained four goals for the Company, and a promise that we would report one year later on how we did, Here's that report. We hope you agree with our assessment.

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 Steak House

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.

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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.

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

Secretary Rebecca Myers
Councilor Anne Henninger
Chaplain Barbara Greeley