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NEWSLETTER **September 2014**

June dinner meeting well attended by compatriots with day jobs

The June meeting broke with the traditional luncheon meeting time as compatriots enjoyed a 6:00 p.m. dinner meeting at The Florentine Restaurant. It was the first of two 2014 meetings scheduled to make it easier for a greater number of our membership to attend and become more involved in the chapter; and attend is what they did.

"It was wonderful so see so many new faces," observed Chapter Registrar Ed Hamblin. "About half of those present were members whose day jobs prevented their attending previously, and they clearly had a good time."

Chapter Treasurer Bill Diehl was also impressed by the strong attendance and the animated discussions as members talked about their Patriot Ancestors over dinner.

The June meeting's program featured the Commander-in-Chief's Guards, the hand-picked troops that were chosen in 1776 to guard Gen. Washington until the war's conclusion in 1783.

Another high point for the meeting occurred when five new members were inducted into the chapter by Registrar Ed Hamblin.



Chapter Registrar Ed Hamblin stands with five Compatriots inducted at the June meeting. From left are Antonio Picciano, Tim Mills, Donald Miller, Scott Stevenson, and Scott Andrews.

September program to focus on Electoral College

As is customary, the September program observes National Constitution Month--this time by examining the Constitution's creation of the Electoral College. Although most Americans have heard of the Electoral College, very few understand what motivated the Founding Fathers to create it.

Although the delegates to the Constitutional Convention had widely ranging attitudes about what the new nation's government should look like, historians have found that all of them shared a *common experience* that led to their agreement on what should be *avoided* in a national government.

After much debate, nearly all of the members agreed that the creation of the Electoral College was the optimal insurance policy to protect the new nation.

The delegates' shared experience, the perceived governmental threat, and the resultant rationale for the Electoral College will be examined in the program. Also examined will be the effect that the Electoral College has had on presidential elections. Chuck Finley will present the program.

**The September meeting will be
noon, Friday the 19th,
at The Florentine Restaurant, 907 W. Broad**

2014 Membership up 26% since beginning of the year

As of the end of July, the membership of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter stands at 124--a whopping increase of 26% since Jan. 1. This growth is a combination of many new members and a few transfers from other Ohio chapters. In addition, there are still more men who are in the process of preparing or submitting their applications.

Chapter President Chuck Finley recognizes the responsibility of the Chapter to these new members, saying, "The challenge now is to give these new members opportunities to attend meetings, make friends, and get involved in the life of the chapter. To that end, our October meeting will be at noon on Saturday, the 25--a day when OSU plays a night game away at Penn State. Also, the George Washington Birthday Dinner in February is a great chance for all members and their guests to gather for a fine meal and interesting program."



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