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Washington Luncheon Cancelled – No Meeting in February

With a heavy heart, and the continuation of COVID Protocols, it was the consensus view that it would be best to cancel the Washington Luncheon that was scheduled for Saturday, February 27. No meeting will be held in February. While it was a well-attended meeting it was decided to keep everyone safe and healthy by not having a face to face meeting.

Washington was born on February 22, 1732 in Virginia. Because of his military experience and bearing he was made Commander of the new Continental Army by Congress in 1775. He served as the country's first president from 1789 till 1797.

Chapter Officers Elected for 2021

In January there was an election of chapter officers, each for two years. Re-affirmed by the Membership present at the January Chapter Meeting the following people have agreed to serve for the coming year:

- President – Don Miller, second year of term
- Secretary & 1st VP - Bill Findley, reappointment
- 2nd VP - Steve Powell
- Treasurer - Bill Diehl, reappointment
- Registrar/Genealogist Jim McCune
- Chaplain - Scott Derick
- Historian - Mark Rawdon



Benjamin Franklin Birthday – January 17, 1706

Benjamin Franklin (January 17, 1706 – April 17, 1790) was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Franklin was an individual whose knowledge spanned a significant number of subjects, known to draw on complex bodies of knowledge to solve specific problems. He was a leading writer, printer, political philosopher, politician, Freemason, postmaster, scientist, inventor, humorist, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat. As a scientist, he was a major figure in the American Enlightenment and the history of physics for his discoveries and theories regarding electricity. As an inventor, he is known for the lightning rod, bifocals, and the Franklin stove, among other inventions. He founded many civic organizations, including the Library Company, Philadelphia's first fire department and the University of Pennsylvania.

Franklin earned the title of "The First American" for his early and indefatigable campaigning for colonial unity, initially as an author and spokesman in London for several colonies. As the first United States Ambassador to France, he exemplified the emerging American nation. Franklin was foundational in defining the American ethos as a marriage of the practical values of thrift, hard work, education, community spirit, self-governing institutions, and opposition to authoritarianism both political and religious, with the scientific and tolerant values of the Enlightenment. In the words of historian Henry Steele Commager, "In a Franklin could be merged the virtues of Puritanism without its defects, the illumination of the Enlightenment without its heat." To Walter Isaacson, this makes Franklin "the most accomplished American of his age and the most influential in inventing the type of society America would become."

His colorful life and legacy of scientific and political achievement, and his status as one of America's most influential Founding Fathers, have seen Franklin honored more than two centuries after his death on coinage and the \$100 bill, warships, and the names of many towns, counties, educational institutions, and corporations, as well as countless cultural references.

(From the Link on the BFC-SAR.ORG)

Look -Up Chapter Website

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter website is changing with the times. Steve Powell has been adding and expanding the website. Look-Up <http://www.bfc-sar.org/>. Pages have been created for the Calendar, Officers, Members, Ancestors.

Donations are Welcome – Money Pays for Community Awards

Any Direct Donations to the Chapter are Appreciated and Welcomed. The money will be used for the Community Awards including: Police & Fire, ROTC/JROTC, Poster, Essay, Oration, Eagle Scout. Dues do not cover all the Chapter costs for the awards, Please consider the Chapter in your Donation schedule. Checks should be made out to BFC with a notation in the memo section what awards to be supported and should be sent to the Chapter Treasurer William Diehl at 3341 Big Run South Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

Smile.Amazon.Com leads to dollars for Chapter

Amazon Smile rewards is fundraising for the chapter and 0.5% of your Amazon purchase is donated by Amazon. You must shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to have your purchase qualify or it will not be donated.

- A) Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) (not [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))
- B) Follow the prompts to sign in with your regular amazon sign in credentials
- C) On the next screen click "Get started"
- D) Type in 31-6050253 in the search box and click search
- E) You will see "National Society of The Sons of The American Revolution Grove City Oh"
- F) Click select
- G) Click "Yes" on this screen
- H) Follow any other prompt and you should be all set.

Remember you have to shop on "[smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)" for the chapter to receive the reward.

January Zoom Meeting – 27 in Attendance

We are making the best in a tough situation! The January Zoom meeting had 27 members in attendance. Bill Findley gave a presentation on The Raid on Nassau 1776 – America's First Amphibious Landing of Marines. Thank You Bill Finley. Bill as Program chair is asking the membership to volunteer for the virtual presentations in the coming year.

Welcome New Chapter Members

Scott Schoedinger John Schoedinger
Frank Rogers, Jr. Lincoln Fraser

Commemoration Ceremonies held Virtually



In the last month Chapter President attended two Commemoration Ceremonies – one in North Carolina and the other in South Carolina and never left home! In North Carolina it was the Battle of Cowen’s Ford on February 1, 2021 and in South Carolina it was the Battle of Cowpens on January 17, 2021. Both Battles were part of the Southern Campaign.

If you are interested in attending a Virtual Ceremony, there is one scheduled for February 27, 2021. It is set for 10:00 AM to Commemorate the 245 Battle of Moores’ Creek Bridge in North Carolina. An electronic flyer was sent by the Chapter President in early February.

Patriot Grave Marking – Spring 2021

Patriot Mattias Dague Sr. buried in Northeast Franklin County near Gahanna will honored by the Chapter with a marker in early 2021. Will announced specific date, time and place when they are known.

Wreaths Across America – Chapter Participation

The ladies of the John Hoover Chapter of the DAR sent a thank you note to the Chapter for participating in the Wreaths Across America where 310 Wreaths were placed at the Camp Chase Cemetery in December. The Chapter has assisted local DAR Chapters over the years by participating in the national program.