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Be a Shining Light: Stand Together, Shine Together

President's Welcome Message

Dear Texas Dames, Time is passing quickly, and the second year of the Womack administration is already under way. It was my honor to attend the National Conference in April 2024 in Washington, DC where I proudly presented my report detailing all of your hard work. Those in attendance were amazed at our accomplishments.

I am looking forward to our Fall Workshop/Board of Management in Temple on August 22nd and 23rd. The hotel link has been published on Facebook and sent via email to all members of the Board of Management for distribution. A copy of the instructions and registration form are also distributed with this issue of The Colonial Crier. Follow the instructions to make your hotel reservations and send your registration

for to Susan Goldsworthy by Hotel reservations by August 1st, 2024.

Our Sunshine Kids project this year is Chemo Kits for Kids. Instructions for these kits will be available at the Fall Workshop, and distributed to all chapter presidents after the meeting. Thanks to Second Vice President Lori King for the idea of creating or buying head coverings for the boys and girls up to age 18 who have lost their hair while taking chemotherapy. Some kids prefer hats and some prefer head scarves, so our imagination be our guide for head cover choices. We will put together head coverings with select small convenience items that will be small, portable and easy to store. We are asking chapters to follow these guidelines and bring these items to the Sunshine Kids breakfast during the state conference for presentation to the Sunshine Kids Foundation. This is a great service project for our chapters to complete.

President General Yvonne Hiteshue will be our guest at the 2025 State Conference in Conroe on February 27 - March 1st. This will be Mrs. Hiteshue's first visit to Texas, and our Thursday conference field trip is the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Republic of Texas Presidential Library in Huntsville.

Our goal for the 2025 State Conference is 100% reporting from our chapter presidents and state committee chairs. Reports can be presented in person or filed for inclusion in the proceedings. A Chapter Vice President or delegate can present the report in the absence of the President. It's very important that we share all of our accomplishments with one another and with President General Hiteshue. We get the chance to showcase the Texas in a way that cannot be adequately described in a 2 minute report to the National Society.

In Dames Friendship,

Chris



*Charissa Stubbs Womack
Texas Society President
2023-2025*

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The rewrite of the National Society Bylaws and Standing Rules were approved at the National Conference. The National Bylaws can be found on the national members only website by selecting: Members -> Resource Library (Directives & Forms +) -> Standing Committees -> Bylaws

Among the changes:

- Chairman/Chairmen are now called Chair/Chairs.
- Terms of office for Chapter Presidents are now limited to two consecutive terms. Notify your chapter nominating committees that a President who has already served two terms of office cannot continue as president without the approval of the State President. Contact President Womack if your president is term limited.
- The Genealogical Queries Committee is now called Lineage Support. The State Lineage Research Committee is now the Lineage Support Committee. Chapters with Lineage Research Committees are instructed to change their committee names to Lineage Support Committees.
- The National Society has created a National Heraldry Club.
- Be aware, the article number is missing from Membership on page 4. This is Article IV, Membership, and is being corrected by the National Society.
- At State Conference 2024, the state society added standing rules 17, 18, and 19 regarding banking. Chapters are instructed to add these three standing rules to their chapter standing rules. Standing Rules may be proposed and voted on by a majority of members present at any chapter meeting and do not require 60 days written notice for action.

Charleen “Charlie” Mullenweg

State First Vice President



“Hello to my favorite Ladies! I hope that you are as excited as I am for the upcoming state meetings! All the details about the Fall Workshop/Board of Management meeting are found as an attachment to this issue, so polish up your insignia and prepare for two days of camaraderie and collaboration on August 22-23, 2024 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Temple.

We have been busily planning an amazing State Conference next year. Details will be forthcoming in the next few months so keep an eye on your emails for our opportunity to Stand Together and Shine Together on February 27-March 1, 2025 at the lovely Hyatt Regency Conroe! - Charlie

Lori King **State Second Vice President**



As most of you know by now, the outstanding organization that our State President, Chris Womack, has selected as her State President's Project is the Sunshine Kids Foundation, based in Houston, with the mission of helping children with cancer SMILE! The Sunshine Kids Foundation adds quality of life to children with cancer by providing them with exciting, positive group activities and opportunities, so they may once again do what kids are meant to do...have fun and celebrate life! The Sunshine Kids Foundation partners with participating hospitals in Amarillo, Austin, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen, San Antonio and The Woodlands. Many of our chapters are located in or near these cities! Information about this charity may be found at www.sunshinekids.org.

In correlation with this outstanding project, this officer is responsible for offering items for sale to support it as Chairman of the State President's Project Committee. Thank you to the following state members, and "super sales ladies", who have volunteered to be a part of this committee: Kathy Cotton-Windham, Laura Dahlberg, Cheryl Downing, Bev Hayes-Hartnett, Mary Betty James, and Jaime Pierce! To help fund this Project, President Womack has designed a beautiful, sparkling Sunflower pin which reflects her administration's motto of "Be a Shining Light: Stand Together, Shine Together". By purchasing and wearing this lovely pin, members monetarily support her President's Project and also the kids who receive the benefits from the Sunshine Kids Foundation! There are also other items available for purchase to support this Project every day and at State Conference and Fall Forum at the State President's Project Sales Table. Blue or White Pashmina Scarfs (made in Turkey) and Blue Padfolios with the State Society logo embossed on the front. Come visit our "super sales ladies" at our table! Another great item will be added in the coming months. That information will be sent out to the chapter presidents when that occurs, and it will also be available for purchase at Fall Forum in August! Order forms for all items are on the State Society member page. Please be a part of this worthwhile and impactful team with your individual donations to this Project either through your chapter or through your purchases! In addition, consider creating chapter service projects to support this Project as a chapter! Let's Stand Together and Shine Together and make a great, positive impact on the lives of these precious children with cancer. When putting together your budget for the upcoming year, please include a chapter donation to the State President's Project as well!

The State 2nd VP office also serves as the State Chairman of the Headquarters Decorating Comm. As members, we are fortunate to have a lovely National Headquarters building to use located in Washington, DC. As with any structure, it requires continuous maintenance and extensive upkeep. In 2023, **nine** of our state chapters contributed to this committee fund! As you make your annual donations during the 2023-2025 administration, consider making a donation to one of several funds, such as:

The Endowment Fund is a permanent fund that assures the future conservation of our building where only the interest is used toward maintenance of the building and grounds.

The Expansion Fund allows for future renovation plan expansion.

The Headquarters Maintenance Fund provides for current repairs and maintenance.

The State Room Fund is used for the purchase of furniture and items designated for the rooms with the approval of the Decorating Committee. I encourage you to support our own Texas Room which serves as the Office of the President General.



Our State President, Chris Womack, will be presenting a check from the Texas State Society to The Sunshine Kids Foundation reflecting all our state's support to their wonderful organization. We hope you will be there to witness that!

Mary Kate McRaney State Chaplain



Greetings! It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your State Chaplain! This year has been filled with many blessings and I look forward to visiting with all of you at our Fall Workshop!

For those who were not able attend our outstanding state conference in Grapevine, I would like to highlight two Dames who were honored with Chaplain Awards!

“The Outstanding Texas Chaplain Award” and “The Outstanding Prayer Award.”



Betsy Wilcox

The first Chapter Chaplain to be awarded the “Outstanding Texas Chaplain Award” is Betsy Wilcox, Major James McGregor Chapter.

The first Chapter Chaplain to be awarded the “Chapter Chaplain Prayer Award” is Paula Warren, Richard Borden Chapter



Paula Warren

I encourage Chapter Chaplains to review member yearbooks and gain knowledge of birthday months including members who are met with homebound challenges. May your chapter review prompt a timely card with an encouraging word. Timely reporting of member deaths is welcomed and when possible, forward obituaries and photos for inclusion in the Memorial Book that will be presented at the Hour of Remembrance at next year’s State Conference.

Chaplains are encouraged to review membership to make sure members who are ninety and older are acknowledged, please check that you have their correct dates of birth in your records. Please forward your list of members over ninety to the State Chaplain annually. Chaplains, I encourage you to check in with your chapter members.

*In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven*

Matthew 5:16

Kristie Campbell
State Corresponding Secretary



SAVE THE DATES:

January 3: Begin Preparing your Colonial Crier Article

January 6 Panic that you procrastinated and didn't write your article

January 10: Colonial Crier Submission Deadline

January 11 6AM: Beg for mercy and email your submission anyway!



Articles submitted to The Colonial Crier should be no more than ONE page in length, with a 1" margin or larger. PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES! We want to see pictures of your chapter activities! When in doubt include a photo! Label individual photos with your chapter name, and number pictures if there is more than one. Submit the article in MS Word, MS Publisher, or RTF format to only the email address KristieTXDAR@gmail.com. (Include your Chapter Name, Office or Chairmanship in the subject line. The Texas Society President and Corresponding Secretary reserve the right to edit for fit, accuracy & redundancy.

Ann Jones
State Librarian



Ladies, I am proud to say that many Texas chapters continue to donate books and precious time to various libraries.

As you know, for local librarian donations, it is required that the donation approval is signed by a staff member of the local Library. This is the only way you and your chapter will receive the proper credit for a Book Donation, Monetary Donations, or even Volunteer Hours associated with your local library. These signed forms MUST accompany the annual Librarian Report to get credit for your chapter.

If you do not have "Book Donation Approval Request Forms", let me know and I will be happy to assist you. My email is aejones222@aol.com.

Geneva “Kay” Bakken State Organizing Secretary



Congratulations to all the chapters that have received prospective members from the TSCDXVIIC and the National Society inquire for membership.

From January to June the Texas Society has received 38 inquires for membership. I have assigned some inquirers to two or three chapters because they live in between the chapters. They are **Ark & Dove Chapter** - Donna Karen Nichter, Beck Sloan, Tammy Poole; **Colonel Cole Digges Chapter** - Carol I. Dismukes, Laura Van Winkle-Preston, Barbara Washburn, Roberta Thomas, Nancy Holland, Alana Shuma, Melissa Lops, Karel Anne Tieszen,

Bernadette Chiancone,, Susan McDonough; **Colonel John West Chapter** - Diane Patrick; Cross Trails Chapter - Julia Kuykendall; Embassy Chapter - Shirley Mendelson, Sandra Chipley, Lillian Kay Cowan, Karen Bathrop, Tammy Poole ; **Governor Samuel Mathews** - Judy Tyler, Tammy Poole; **Governor Thomas Hinckley** - Jamie S. Culp, Laura Van Winkle-Preston; James River - Mikell Barnard; **John Champion Chapter** - Jeanne Starovic, Sue Bleakie, Judith Cushman, Judith Cushman, Charity Zenzoum, Sharon Boeger, Sheryl Slot; **John Person Chapter** - Donna Karen Nichter, Raschelle Black; **Joseph Underwood Chapter** - Judith Cushman; **Kerenhappuch Norman Chapter** - Sherrel Reeser; **Major James McGregor Chapter**- Carol I. Dismukes, Roberta Thomas, Nancy Holland, Alana Shuma, Melissa Lops, Karel Anne Tieszen, Bernadette Chiancone, Susan McDonough; **Robert Speer Chapter**- Ellen Cotton, Kimberly Kincaid, Ann Marie Woodley Esparza; **Robert Woodson Chapter** - Mary Reffett, Donna Kent; **Tejas Bluebonnet Trails Chapter** - Melissa Lops, Mikell Barnard; Thomas Joslin Chapter - Jean Morgan.

One chapter has offered a free membership drawing for their new prospectives. They put the prospectives names in a hat and draw out the lucky winner for a paid application and dues fees for one year.

Always include your prospective members in your chapter activities. Have a summer get together just for fun or plan an outing to do. Texas is full of exciting places to go and see.

Using Previously Approved Applications

Attention Chapter Presidents!

The State Society would like to capture the dollar amount of in-kind donations made to the Sunshine Kids Foundation for items donated at the 2024 State Conference or through chapter service projects. When the President General visits our 2025 State Conference, we would like to announce the generosity of chapters who not only made monetary donations but also contributed items to benefit kids with cancer.

Janet Hicks State Registrar



A good way to jump start new applications and supplementals is to leverage information found in previously approved applications. The Approved Application Project displays the public domain areas (Gen 7-Gen 16, the Ancestor's Children, and the Proof of Service) of most of the society's approved applications. You can access the Approved Application Project on the CDXVIIC National Members website under the "Members" tab. Members can search the database by a member's national number or by the ancestor names including qualifying information like the ancestor's colony, birth, and death dates. When you find a common ancestor, you can view their record and download the application to your computer.

- While any application you find might give you valuable information, please remember to reference only applications with National Numbers 22,000 and higher on your applications or supplementals. If find find multiple applications for the same ancestor, review the most recent ones to find the one that most closely matches your common ancestor and provides the most approved information.
- Always include a copy of the referenced application with your submittal because this application is now technically a proof. Make notations in the upper right-hand corner to point out what generations the applications is being used for and include the national number and ancestor for this application. This is the only way national can recognize this referenced application since page one is not included in the download.
- Beginning with the first common generation, type exactly as it appears on the record copy all the information – names, births, death, and marriage dates, places for everything – for that generation. Then, in the proof section of the application for that common generation, type exactly as it appears on the record copy all the sources that are used as proof.
- Finally, state "# xxxxxx, application for Yyy Zzzz". So, if you are using a previously approved application for a member (Example-Betty Phillips) whose National Number is #032333 and your common ancestor is Jacob Howard and the mutual generation is Gen 7, then you would type "#032333 Jacob Howard/Gen 7"-then copy the proof line exactly as written. If the application is a supplemental, then you would type #032333 Jacob Howard Supp/Gen 7-then copy the proof line exactly as written. Always refer to the application the proofs were originally approved with, not application that have "used" the proofs. Also, always use the Ancestor's name, not your name or the name of the applicant whose application you are referencing. DO NOT USE #032333 Betty Phillips/Gen 7. Do this same thing as above for all the common generations.

Make sure to include documented proof from a primary source for the parent-child link between your ancestor and the common ancestor found on the record copy (previously approved

application). This source should be listed after the proofs from the record copy in the “Proof” section of for that generation.

On the last page of the application, list all the information about the children of the ancestor by the wife named in the last generation. This information should be found on the previously approved application.

On the last page of the application, under Ancestor’s Service, list the service, the state of the service and the year the service was performed. For example, if your ancestor was a landowner in Virginia in 1685, then state: Landowner, VA, 1685. Second, state the proof of service---for example – Deed in Henrico Co., VA. Finally, state the source of the proof – for example – “Wills and Deeds of Henrico Co VA”: 289. The statement of the proof of service must accompany every application.

I hope this information helps you understand how to use a previously approved application to make it easier to complete new member applications and supplementals. If you have questions on using the Approved Application Project information, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Alana Inman
State Historian



Many of you will begin considering programs and activities for your chapter’s coming year soon. I encourage you to ensure at least one of your meeting programs relates to colonial history or the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century.

If you are not able to invite a speaker to present to your chapter, there are over 150 program and manuscript files on the National website ready for you to use. You will find programs on our Society, heraldry, and aspects of colonial life, such as cooking, music, and holidays.

By using these, you will not only provide an interesting and educational program for your members. You will also receive credit on your chapter report for utilizing the files. To access the programs, go to Programs | The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century (colonialdames17c.org) or National Website-Members-Programs.

However, your efforts to preserve and promote history do not have to stop with one program. Go big! Make your efforts Texas-sized!

Texas chapters donate to local museums or archives and to the Historic Document Fund, which supports the conservation or purchase of colonial period records for the National collection. Some chapters work with schools and local organizations to promote historical education through presentations and book donations. You can go see a historical drama at the movie theater together, tour a museum, or read a biography to discuss at one of your meetings. Whatever you choose to do, I hope you enjoy it!

Nedra Patterson
State Financial Reviewer



It is time for your Chapter Financial Review. It should be done every year at the close of the chapter's fiscal year. The President will appoint three Dames to review the Treasurer's books.

This is done to protect the Treasurer and the chapter. The Treasurer can not be a part of the review.

I will send a copy of the form to your chapter President.

After the review is done the three members print and sign their names. Keep a copy for your records and send one to me.

Kay Bakken
Bylaws Committee

Chapter Presidents

The new national bylaws are now posted on the National Website. Please review your chapter bylaws and make the appropriate updates. The national updates do not have to be voted on by the chapter as they automatically become part of the chapter bylaws. Of particular interest is Article XV, Section 9a:“No President shall be eligible to succeed herself for more than two consecutive terms, unless approved by the State President.”

State President Womack has requested that all chapters send a copy of their updated bylaws to the Parliamentarian Susan Reno at teacherreno@hotmail.com or 735 San Juan Drive, Duncanville, Texas 75116, bring them to the Fall BOM or be email them to teacherreno@hotmail.com.

Each chapter should send a State Conference Credentials form to the State Credentials Chair to be received by **February 3, 2024**. The directives and form can be found in the State/National Committee Directives packet that was emailed to all chapter presidents in September and also on the state members' only website in the Summer Packet 2023-25 (Committee Directives). Delegates must be elected at a chapter meeting prior to submission of the form, and the form must be signed by both the chapter president and treasurer. Chapter membership numbers were emailed to each chapter president and may be adjusted if there have been new members, resignation/deaths, etc. An email will be sent to verify receipt by the chairman.

Jennifer McStravick & Kathy Wells
Co-Chairmen, Heraldry & Coats of Arms Committee

The Texas Society Heraldry/COA Pin is now available. Once your first COA application is approved, you are eligible to purchase this beautiful stick pin for only \$20. This pin is not official insignia and may not be placed on the insignia ribbon. It may be worn on the right side of your jacket or blouse when you are wearing your official insignia. Otherwise, it may be worn anywhere at any time.



The challenge to submit a COA on one of your American armigers or on Queen Hainault, Consort of King Edward III of England are still in effect. We are seeing many first time American armigers proven during this fun challenge. If you need help, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Jennifer McStravick [jjmc1987@att.net] and Kathy Cave Wells [kjcwells@gmail.com]
State Heraldry/ COA Co-Chairmen

**Jennifer McStravick & Kathy Wells
Co-Chairmen, Heraldry & Coats of Arms Committee**

NATIONAL HERALDRY CLUB

Such exciting news: We now have a National Heraldry Club!

You have the opportunity to become a **Charter Member**. By simply becoming a lifetime member before the end of this administration. Of course, members may join any time after that, but will not be considered charter members.

What are the qualifications? You simply need to have one or more approved COA.

What do you get for these dues? You become a member of the club, can attend an annual closed event at national conference, and receive as a gift the national heraldry club pin which may be worn on or off the ribbon.

What does it cost? The price for lifetime dues and the pin is \$180. The cost of manufacturing this pin was double the cost of the PG bow pin! But we can proudly say that this pin was manufactured in the USA.



Make your check out to NSCDXVIIC and on the notation put National Heraldry Club dues. Information will be posted on the website and on Facebook on how to place orders for mail delivery.

Please send your check to Lorraine Sims, NHC Organizing Treasurer, 11280 Lady Jane Loop #103, Manassas, VA 20109-7893. rainsims1211@gmail.com 703-965-2378

Name (printed clearly) _____

email address _____

phone number _____

address _____

Yes, I have at least one approved COA _____ (initial here)

Signature _____

Check made out to Treasurer General, NSCDXVIIC for **\$180.00 plus \$6 shipping and handling**. On the notation line of your check, please write National Heraldry Club dues.

CROSS TRAILS CHAPTER Spring, Texas

Cross Trails dames have had a busy spring! We are proud to have several of our chapter members attend state conference and bring items for Sunshine Kids, give reports and volunteer for the State Society. In our community we are continuing to make a difference in the education of our youth, preserving our historical markers, thanking our veterans, volunteering and donating to our local genealogy libraries and adding veteran indicators to local Find-A-Grave memorials.

SUPPORTING OUR TEACHERS with SUPPLIES, THANKS & TISSUE BOXES WITH FLAG & FORT FACTS



Dames braved the cold to make it to the January chapter meeting. What a perfect time to hear Harris County Master Gardener Valerie Depew talk to us about "Spring Planting Prep." During our social time, dames wrote Thank You cards to teachers and brought school supplies to donate to local classrooms. Boxes were packed with highlighters, markers, pencils, stickers, information on colonial forts and historic sites of Texas and US flags and Colonial Dames brochures. Sides of Kleenex boxes were adorned with fun flag facts and Texas fort facts. Homemade goodies were baked and given with boxes to (6) different local schools. Pictured

left is donation to Grand Lakes Junior High School.

RESTORATION OF HISTORICAL MARKERS

Our Marking & Preservation of Historical Sites Chairman Jaime Pierce found (2) markers in desperate need of help. She, Kathy Wells and Jennifer McStravick restored the Field Store Cemetery Marker in the rural area of Field Store on National Historical Marker Day in April. Later in June, they cleaned and restored the La Salle Marker in the heart of Navasota. Many members of the community driving by shouted words of thanks and encouragement as the scrubbing and cleaning progressed. A local TV channel recognized the restoration on the 10:00 news and an article was published in the newspaper.



THANKING OUR VETERANS - HONOR FLIGHTS & FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

(230) Thank you cards to veterans were written and given to Honor Flight Houston to distribute to (2) honor flights this spring. Flag Day was celebrated by giving (400) flags with tent stands and decorated thank you cards with Flag Day facts to veterans at the Tomball VA Clinic, a local veteran's group and on the breakfast trays at the R.A. Anderson State Veterans Home and Southern Knights Senior Living.



GOVERNOR THOMAS HINKLEY CHAPTER

Fort Worth, Texas

The Governor Thomas Hinckley Chapter is proud to welcome two new members, which brings our chapter membership to 76 members. In February, we had 8 members attend the Texas State Conference in Grapevine, TX. The members in the picture are (front row) Janice Turner and Kimberley Calaway (back row) Linda Simmons, Ann Marie Thompson, Lori Duhon, Cecelia Van Donselaar and Kelly Miller. Kimberley Calaway, our National Assistant Registrar, attended our National Conference in DC.



KERENHAPPUCH NORMAN CHAPTER Lubbock & Plainview, Texas

The Kerenhappuch Norman Chapter hosted a Summer Tea at the Lubbock Women's Club, June 13. After tea and dessert, Martha Millholan presented a program on colonial tea etiquette and shared a portion of her tea service collection. After Martha's presentation, Martha Ginn presented a brief synopsis of the Boston Tea Party's true hero, Josiah Quincy, Jr., based upon her research in *American Rebels: How Hancock, Adams, and Quincy Families Fanned the Flames of Revolution*.



The Kerenhappuch Norman Chapter TX03 met March 28 in Lubbock, welcoming three prospective members after honoring the passing of two longtime members: Frances Diane Neal and Bobbie Hicks. Seated L to R: Honorary President General Dorothy Thompson, Chapter President Barbara Glodt,

Chapter Treasurer Martha Ginn, Wynelle Wagnon. Standing: Chapter Vice-President Barbara Webb, Ann Schoen, Elaine Maples, Gina Denney, Chapter Secretary Carolyn Sowell, Chapter Librarian Carolyn Courtney, Kathy Kitten, Chapter Chaplain Stacy Keith. Back Row: Cathy Cushman and Brenda S. Price.

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