

II. GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY

A reception with cocktails and luncheon served at the Colony Club at 12.30P.M. Grace was said by Mr. Percy H. Goodsell, Jr. Honorary President-General.

The President-General Franklin Bache Satterthwaite called the meeting to order and introduced those at the head table who were as follows: Mr. Goodsell, John M. Fultz, Jr., Vice President-General; Col. James W. Gerard, President, Sons of the American Revolution; Mrs. William C. Pierce, President of the National Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of New York; Mrs. Bouvier Putman, Secretary of the Daughters of the Cincinnati in New York State; Lawrence Phelps Tower, President of the United States Flag Foundation Inc.; H. Haines Stockton, President of the New York State Society of the D.S.D.I.; Mrs. Charles J. Irwin, President of the Colonial Dames of America; Brig. Gen. John F. Varian, Vice President Sons of the Revolution; Mrs. Franklin B. Satterthwaite, Directress of the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames; W. Rice Brewster, Deputy Governor, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York; and Col. Ridley Finch, Jr., Chancellor-General, D.S.D.I.

Mr. Stockton welcomed us to New York and reported 76 places had been set for the luncheon meeting. In the absence of Secretary-General Truxtun R. Brodhead, Mr. Fultz read the minutes of the last meeting held on October 4th in Charlottesville Va. The minutes were accepted as read.

Mr. Satterthwaite then reported that we now have 776 Senior and Junior members. "This means we have 1,000 more to go before the Bicentennial!" he said.

Registrar-General Mrs. Gay reported that we have 14 new members; 6 Seniors, 2 of whom were Juniors, and 8 new Juniors. She also reported 5 deaths. Her report was accepted as read. See Attachment I

Treasurer-General Miss. Densmore's report was read by Mr. Fultz. Our total assets stand at \$20,650. Over half of this is in two reserves -- \$10,000. for Scholarship and about \$3,300. for Bicentennial. See Attachment II

State Societies Mr. Stockton reported that the New York State Society had 45 members and guests for dinner at the Harvard Club before the evening at the hit musical "1776!" This event was on October 31st, 1969 and 55 attended at the theatre. Mr. Stockton said that he carried the D.S.D.I. flag at a service for patriotic societies at St. Thomas church in New York.

Mr. Fultz said that our Philadelphia Society is working with the Philadelphia Bicentennial Corporation. Mr. Brodhead represented the D.S.D.I. on Franklin's Birthday and placed a wreath on his grave in Christ Church grave yard.

Bicentennial Committee Chairman Goodsell announced that the U.S. Congress joint committee has approved a plan to place a bronze bas relief in the east vestibule of the Capitol building, in memory to the 56 Signers. Four or more artists will be asked to submit designs for approval.

Announcements Mr Satterthwaite announced that a new D.S.D.I. Year Book will soon be mailed to each member. It will also contain the Constitution and By-Laws..

The Annual Congress of the D.S.D.I. will take place in Philadelphia on May 16th and 17th, 1970.

A drawing for two Door Prizes was given by Clinton B.Axford.

Mr.Satterthwaite related that Mr,Thomas Pool of Cheshire Conn.has painted pictures of nine of the Signers homes. Two of these were on display. Any that are sold,he divides the proceeds with the D.S.D.I. All of our members are very appreciative of his artistic efforts and his generous contribution to our Society.

The President-General then introduced our guest speaker Lawrence Phelps Tower,President of the United States Flag Foundation Inc. Mr.Satterthwaite then read a letter from President Richard Nixon thanking Mr.Tower for his work on a"flag desecration bill and flag code",now before the Congress.

Mr.Tower traced the history of the American Flag. The first Union Flag used by General Washington had thirteen red and white stripes and a small British Union Jack in the upper left hand corner. When it was hoisted at Cambridge Mass.the British thought we were surrendering.

Mr Tower related that red and white stripes were used long before the united colonies chose them. As a matter of fact both the British and Dutch navies flew them in the 1500's. The Dutch naval flag had seven red stripes on a white field,making a total of thirteen stripes,the same number we use. As late as 1820 the British Navy was using a red and white striped flag with a union jack in the corner.

The first U.S.flag with stars appeared on July 14th,1776. The constellation replaced the union jack in the corner. Mr.Tower said that he was one of those who believed that Betsy Ross did,indeed,make the first American Flag with stars.

In response to a question by Mr.Axford about the proper display of the flag, Mr.Tower said that the Foundation has a pamphlet on this subject which is being used by the Bicentennial Committee in Washington.

Little action has been taken against desecration of the flag under present laws. He hopes the new flag code being considered by Congress will be more effective.

The Vice President-General called the roll of the Signers and the descendants arose to be counted:

<u>Signer</u>	<u>No. of descendants present</u>
William Ellery	1
Roger Sherman	1
Oliver Wolcott	2
Philip Livingston	2
Francis Lewis	3
Lewis Morris	2
Richard Stockton	2
Francis Hopkinson	2
John Hart	3
Benjamin Rush	1
Benjamin Franklin	5
John Morton	2
George Clymer	1
George Read	1
Samuel Chase	1
William Paca	2
Richard Henry Lee	1
Benjamin Harrison	1
Arthur Middleton	2

President-General Satterthwaite adjourned the session at about 3.20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Truxtun Read Brodhead". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Truxtun Read Brodhead
Secretary-General

- Attachment I - Report of the Registrar-General
- Attachment II - Report of the Treasurer-General

Attachment I

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORTSENIOR MEMBERS

1453	Eleanor Poe Barlow (Jr. 301) 2518 Fenema St. Philadelphia, Pa. 19103	Robert Morris
1454	Sarah Atlee McCawley (Mrs. William Morris McCawley) 341 Crum Creek Lane Newtown Square, Pa., 19073	Thomas McKean
1455	Sarah Duane Satterthwaite Gibson (Mrs. Douglas Maitland Gibson) (jr. 294) Apt. 209, 260 Wellesley East Toronto 5, Canada	Benjamin Franklin Lewis Morris
1456	Margaret Bannard McCawley 341 Crum Creek Lane Newtown Square, Pa. 19073	Thomas McKean
1457	Nina Nelson Waller (Mrs. James Augustus Waller, Jr.) 808 Preston Avenue Blacksburg, Virginia 24060	Thomas Nelson, Jr.
1458	Andrew Kean Leake 207 Seneca Road, Richmond, Va. 23226	John Penn

JUNIOR MEMBERS

		(Sponsor No.)
648 Jr.	Wayne Braxton Galleher b. 3-19-69 301 Oak Lane Richmond, Virginia 23226	Carter Braxton (#1242)
650 Jr.	Philip Doane Trinter b. 1-8-69 2310 Harbor View Blvd. Lorain, Ohio 44052	John Morton (#1273)
651 Jr.	William Hastings Kredler II b. 9-21-68 1210 Hayward Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45226	Philip Livingston (#1201)
652 Jr.	Solange Grace Fauver b. 8-20-68 437 West Martin Avenue Amherst, Ohio 44001	John Morton (#1306)
653 Jr.	William Morris McCawley Jr. b. 10-10-50 341 Crum Creek Lane Newtown Square, Pa. 19073	Thomas McKean (#1454)

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Junior Members(cont8D)

654 Jr. Eliza McCawley b. 10-18-51
341 Crum Creek Lane, Newtown Square, Pa. 19073

Thomas McKean
(#1454)

655 Jr. Christopher Lawrence McCawley b. 2-4-58
341 Crum Creek Lane, Newtown Square, Pa. 19073

Thomas McKean
(#1454)

Deaths

396 Fannie Braxton Miller Williams died 2-9-70
(Mrs. Carrington Williams)
1103 Mable Stedman Hale date not reported
(Mrs. Albert Hale)

Carter Braxton

William Ellery

1019 Lettice Lee Woodward Smith died 2-11-70
(Mrs. Benjamin Hodges Smith)

Richard Henry Lee

INTERIM REPORT of the TREASURER-GENERAL

Cash(checking)	3,368.12
Year Book Reserve	508.61
Bicentennial Reserve Cert.	3,114.29
Bicentennial Reserve Saving Acct.	215.03
Scholarship Bond	10,000.00
Scholarship Saving Acct.	1,040.43
Mercer Legacy	2,404.33

Total Assets	
January 31st, 1970	\$20,650.81

The following letter of thanks to Mr. C. B. Axford is included in the minutes as a matter of record and acknowledgement.

December 31, 1969

Mr. C. B. Axford
84 Grove Street
New York, N.Y. 10014

Dear Mr. Axford:

This Society gratefully acknowledges your generous contributions during the past year covering the following items:

800 Junior Membership Certificates gold imprinted, paper and printing	\$89.00
Typing and reproduction of Resolution in Memoriam for Marsden Smith, Past President General	\$15.39
Total	<u>\$104.39</u>

I know I speak for the officers and the membership when I express our appreciation for your continued financial assistance and support.

Very sincerely yours,

Natalie L. Densmore