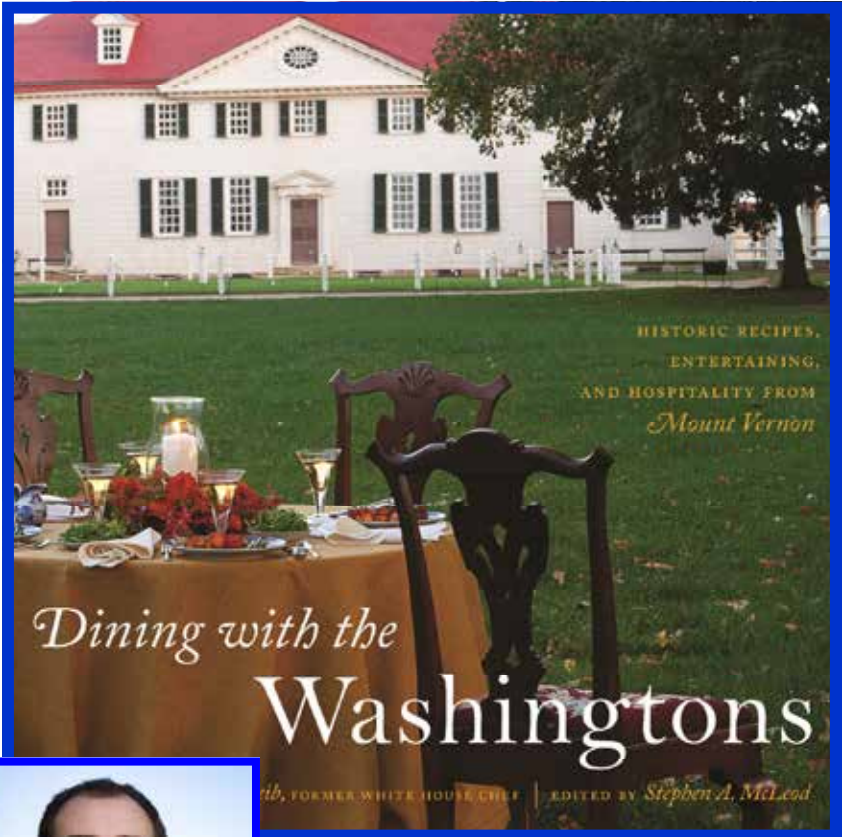




Presidential Families of America
PFA Winter Gazette 2017



Sixteenth Annual Assembly
presents
Stephen A. McLeod
“Dining with the Washingtons”

Presidential Families of America

2016-2019 OFFICERS

President General – Robin R. Towns
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Secretary General - Camille R. Lowery
Treasurer General – Michael S. Swisher
Registrar General – David C. Smith
Chaplain General – Dr. Jack J. Early

APPOINTMENTS

Auditor: John Hallberg Jones
Historian: Carla W. Odom
Insignia: Michael P. Schenk
Parliamentarian: J. Michael Phelps
Regalia: Robin R. Towns
Webmaster: Virgil W. Palmer; Barry C. Howard, advisor
Editor, *The Register*: Carla W. Odom
Editor, *PFA Gazette*: Robin R. Towns

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President General's Message

It is my great honor to have been elected President General of *Presidential Families of America* at our Fifteenth Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. I welcome your support and capable assistance during our upcoming three year term together.

My predecessor, President General Carla W. Odom (2013-2016), must be recognized and congratulated for her outstanding service to the society. Carla worked diligently to accomplish a great deal of success for our society, and *set the bar* high. Continuing this trend and building upon the success established for our society by Carla and her Board promises to be a challenge. . As you may be aware, the web site of *Presidential Families of America* has been *out of order* for quite some time. This Officer is pleased



to report that with the help and counsel of HPG Barry Howard, in cooperation with friend Virgil Palmer, pro bono webmaster, our NEW user-friendly web site is up and running! **Review the web site at www.presidentialfamilies.org**

Representing PFA, your President General attended the Inauguration of Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States (see page 8). Perhaps of interest, she also attended the Inauguration of William J. Clinton, 42nd President in 1993.

In September 2016, your President General and PFA member Rachel Colbert visited the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas, Texas. The President General has previously visited the libraries or homes of several US Presidents including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Jimmy Carter.

Please note that our **Sixteenth Annual Meeting** will be held on Friday morning, April 14, 2017 at 8:00 am at *The Army and Navy Club*, Farragut Square, Washington, DC. Our scholarly speaker will be Stephen A. McLeod, Director of Library Programs, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon, who will present his excellent publication “Dining with the Washingtons” (see cover and page 7).

Presidential Families of America has an efficient and hardworking Board to serve the membership. It is my hope that working together with you, the members, we will continue to advance the purposes of our society.

Sincerely,

Robin Towns

President General

Minutes of Fifteenth Annual Assembly Presidential Families of America

The 15th Annual Assembly of the Presidential Families of America (PFA) was held on Friday, April 15, 2016 in the John Paul Jones Room at The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President General Carla Whitehurst Odom, who welcomed all in attendance. The invocation was given by the Reverend Doctor Jack Jones Early, Chaplain General followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Officers of Presidential Families of America were introduced by President General Carla Odom. Those in attendance were First Vice President General Robin Redfearn Towns, Second Vice President General Dianne Alley Robinson, Secretary General Michael Perry Schenk, Treasurer General Michael Scott Swisher, Chaplain General the Reverend Doctor Jack Jones Early, and Historian Karen Avery Miller.

Honorary President General and Gazette Editor Barry Christopher Howard was introduced and recognized for his service.

Regents and their respective state/district were introduced: Camille Redfern Baxter – GA, Gayle Mast Coan – IL, and Roy Murlyn Smith – NC. Appointed Officers present were introduced, Gazette Editor Barry Christopher Howard and Historian Karen Avery Miller. Carla Whitehurst Odom has served the remainder of Mrs. Vesta Lee's term as Insignia and Regalia Chairman.

The President General introduced her guests and members serving as national leaders of other Societies/Orders were acknowledged. LTC Charles Robert Odom was thanked for sponsoring PFA's 15th Annual Assembly at The Army and Navy Club.

The Blessing was given by the Chaplain General The Reverend Dr. Early. The 15th Annual Assembly was recessed until after the breakfast. Following breakfast, the Memorial Service was conducted by the Chaplain General Dr. Early for Imogene (Jean) Basham Belew.

When the Assembly reconvened, it was announced the minutes of the 2015 14th Annual Assembly had been distributed with the Fall 2015 issue of the *Gazette*. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2015 Annual Assembly. With no objection David Grinnell and Gayle Mast Coan were appointed to approve the minutes of the 15th Annual Assembly.

The President General in her Presidential Minute presented an update on the project adopted during her term of marking President's birthplaces, houses, museums, libraries and gravesites. In lieu of an oral report a statement was put at each place. Remarks highlighted two Presidents, John Tyler and Woodrow Wilson memorialized during this term. This Officer extended her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the President General of Presidential Families of America.

First Vice President General Robin R. Towns presented her report.

Second Vice President General Dianne A. Robinson presented her report.

Secretary General Michael P. Schenk presented his report.

Treasurer General Michael S Swisher presented his report. Expenses for the Annual Assembly was \$2,424.24. The ending balance as of 31 December 2015 was \$20,675.58. The Audit Report provided by John Hallberg Jones was found to be in proper order. The audit was accepted as presented.

Registrar General David C. Smith's report was read by General Secretary Schenk. It stated that there were ten (10) new members and seven (7) supplemental applications.

The Reverend Doctor Jack Jones Early, Chaplain General, reported that PFA had one member death during this year.

NEW BUSINESS

In accordance with Section Six of the PFA Bylaws, Barry Christopher Howard, Dianne Alley Robinson and Gayle Mast Coan were appointed by President General Odom at the 14th Annual Assembly to present a slate of nominees for the General Officers of PFA for the 2016-2019 Administration to the 15th Annual Assembly. Nominations for office were open to the floor. There were no nominations made. A motion was made and carried to elect the slate of officers as presented by voice vote. The vote was unanimous and the slate presented was duly elected.

The newly elected Officers of *Presidential Families of America* for 2016-2019 term are as follows:

Robin Redfearn Towns, President General
Dianne Alley Robinson, First Vice President General
Michael Perry Schenk, Second Vice President General
Camille Redfern Baxter, Secretary General
Michael Scott Swisher, Treasurer General
David Carline Smith, Registrar General
The Reverend Doctor Jack Jones Early, Chaplain General

President General Odom presented each member in attendance with a silver Presidential spoon.

The next order of business was the Installation of the newly elected Officers. Honorary President General Barry Christopher Howard conducted the Installation. Newly elected President General Towns accepted the insignia and sash bow as the society's symbols of authority.

Outgoing President General Odom was praised for her service and unanimously elected Honorary President General and presented with a gift of PFA starburst insignia.

There being no additional business, it was announced that the 16th Annual Assembly is scheduled for April 14, 2017 at the same venue. Chaplain General Doctor Jack Early gave the Benediction, and the 15th Annual Assembly was adjourned by President General Towns at 10:00 am.

A brief period was allowed for individuals who needed to depart. A special presentation was given by the Honorable Edward F. Butler on "Contributions to the Revolutionary War by Spain" and enjoyed by all who were present.

Michael Perry Schenk Secretary General

Carla Whitehurst Odom President General

Presidential Families of America

NEW MEMBERS

- 331 – A **Juengling, Konrad Anders**
President – Abraham Lincoln, Ancestor – John Lincoln
- 332 – L **Lippert, Wayne Arthur, MD**
President – Herbert Hoover, Ancestor – Thomas Dudley
- 333 – A **Reasoner, Glenn David**
President – Lincoln, Abraham, Ancestor – Rev. Obadiah Holmes
- 334 – L **Murray, Kathryn Ann Kelly**
President – Thomas Jefferson, Ancestor – Thomas Jefferson II
- 335 – L **Oakeley, Elizabeth Maria**
President – Thomas Jefferson, Ancestor – Thomas Jefferson II
- 336 – L **Oakeley, Kathryn Kelly Murray** (Mrs. Robert Bryan Oakeley)
President – Thomas Jefferson, Ancestor – Thomas Jefferson II

SUPPLEMENTALS

- 333 – A **Reasoner, Glenn David**
President - Calvin Coolidge, Ancestor – John Alden
President – John Quincy Adams, Ancestor – John Alden
President – John Adams, Ancestor – John Alden

NECROLOGY

- 210 – L Imogene Louise Basham Belew (Mrs. W. Wrenshaw)

Honorary Presidents General

President General's Advisory Council

1995-1997	Lawrence Kent, Ph.D.
1997-2004	The Reverend Dr. Albert Clinton Walling, II
2004-2007	Barry Christopher Howard
2007-2010	J. Michael Phelps, Esq.
2010-2013	Frank Lee Perryman
2013-2016	Carla Whitehurst Odom (Mrs. Charles Robert)

The President General is pleased to announce the formation of the *PFA President General's Advisory Council*, made up of our Founder & Honorary Presidents General. The shared wisdom, expertise, & experience of this body will provide great benefit for the President General, and indeed, the entire society.



Presidential Families of America

The President General and Officers
cordially invite you to the Sixteenth Annual Assembly

Friday, April 14, 2017

Eight o'clock in the morning

in the John Paul Jones Room

The Army and Navy Club

Farragut Square, 901 Seventeenth Street, NW
Washington, DC

Speaker: Stephen A. McLeod, *Director of Library Programs*
The Fred W. Smith National Library for the
Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon
presenting "Dining with the Washingtons"

Rsvp Reservations accepted until April 3, 2017



Presidential Families of America

Member _____

Guest _____

Menu: Eggs Benedict Breakfast

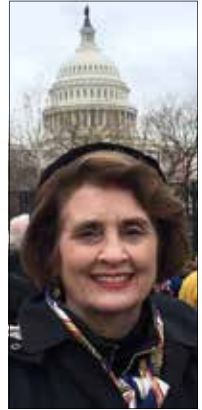
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Treasurer General, PFA
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Stillwater, MN 55082-1147

President General Towns Represents
 Presidential Families of America at Historic Events of the
 Presidential Inauguration of Donald J. Trump
 45th President of the United States of America



**Inaugural Welcome Concert
 Lincoln Memorial**



**Inauguration
 US Capitol**



Freedom Ball



**Georgia State Society
 Inaugural Ball**



Visit to George W. Bush Library ~ Dallas, Texas



President General Robin Towns and PFA member Rachel Colbert visited the *George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum* in September enjoying a wonderful tour, luncheon, and meeting Karl Rove, Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to President Bush, Author, *Fox News* contributor, and *Wall Street Journal* columnist.



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President General Carla Odom presiding



PG Odom pins newly-elected PG Towns



Honorary President General Barry C. Howard installs 2016-2019 Officers



President General Towns presents gift of HPG Insignia to Honorary President General Odom



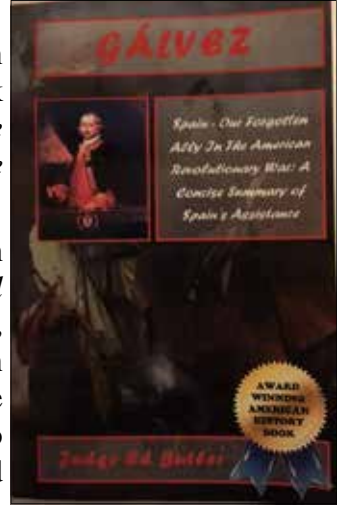
HPG Howard congratulates new President General Robin Towns and Officers





The Fifteenth National Assembly was held at The Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC on Friday, April 15, 2016. The Annual Breakfast was a productive meeting and an enjoyable time of fellowship with PFA members from around the nation.

Judge Edward F. Butler of Texas presented an outstanding program on his award-winning book entitled “*Galvez, Spain - Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War: A Concise Summary of Spain’s Assistance.*”



Membership is always an important topic. In a society with a specialized niche like *Presidential Families of America*, as in any hereditary society, MEMBERSHIP is the key to our success! Each and every PFA member is an important part of the Membership Committee. Each one of us needs to identify at least one friend who is eligible and invite them to join our society!

Please take a look at our excellent, NEW, user-friendly **website** for the list of eligible ancestors whose lines are already established.

www.presidentialfamilies.org/ancestors.htm

The equally *easy-to-use application* is available to be *Emailed* to you. To receive the application via *Email*, please contact Registrar General David C. Smith at **dcsmith42@earthlink.net**. Applicants may submit approved applications of other recognized hereditary societies to prove their line to their common ancestor with the President, eliminating the need for endless copying of proof. This really streamlines the membership process!

Please make every effort to invite a new member. Your President General would like to establish a *challenge* for each PFA member to invite one **NEW MEMBER** to join

PFA this year. Our society could enjoy healthy growth as a result!

Every new member receives this beautiful, personalized Presidential Families of America membership certificate.





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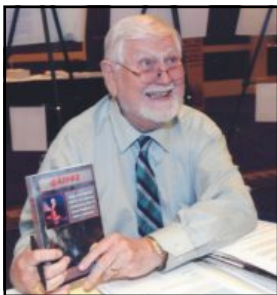
Camille R. Lowery, GA Regent, & guest
 B. Davine Roberts, Founding Lady General,
 The Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva



President General Robin Towns presiding



Don Coan & Gayle Coan, IL Regent



Judge Edward Butler
 Speaker



2016-2019 Officers & Honorary President General Odom