



**John Paul Jones Chapter  
The Maryland Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**



Annapolis, Maryland

17 December 2020

## **Meeting Minutes for 12 December 2020**

1. President Michael J. Kelley, Jr. called the 3rd Quarter 2020 John Paul Jones (JPJ) Chapter, Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Meeting to order at 2:00 pm. This virtual meeting is in lieu of our Chapter Christmas Gala. Compatriot State Secretary Chris Christou gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Shuey and SAR Pledge led by Michael Kelley. Fourteen Chapter Compatriots and Guests were present.

### **2. Awards, Honors and Inductions:**

a. Awards and Honors:

Awardee	Award/Honor
Dr. Stephanie Kathleen Kelley	Lydia Darragh Medal
Sandra P. Deeds	Martha Washington Medal
MSgt Jari Villanueva, USAF(Ret)	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
Emma Weltz	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
Mark D Deeds	Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
Ron Shuey	Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
Ron Nielson	Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
Guy Kerby	Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
Barry McKown	Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
Michael Kelley	Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
Robert Rice	Chapter Meritorious Service Medal
Mark Deeds	Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service

b. Inductions – Jim Wilkison was sworn in as the Chapter's newest compatriot by our President Michael J Kelley.

### **3. Officer/Committee Reports:**



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- a. The Secretary reported the previous meeting minutes were distributed and available.
- b. The Treasurer's report was presented and placed on file.
- c. The Chapter Registrar/Genealogist presented the Chapter Registrar's Report (See Page 4). Robert stated he is working on 38 applications. Robert also informed the Chapter of the new web page on our web site that shows all ongoing application efforts. He went on to state he will update that list every 3 weeks so applicants can track their progress to becoming SAR Compatriots.

### 4. Unfinished/Old Business:

- a. The 2020 Wreaths Across America effort was discussed. Compatriots were reminded the Chapter budgets \$50.00 toward the cause.
- b. Search for a new Chapter home. With the closing of Union Jack's British Pub our Chapter is searching for a new home. Kevin Eichelberger, the Committee Chairman, is leading the effort to find and negotiate a new meeting location for our Chapter. Kevin is making good progress at narrowing the list of potential locations. Details are shown in his report on Page 5

### 5. New Business:

- a. The 2021 John Paul Jones Chapter Officers Slate was presented by Past President Mark D. Deeds. The slate was accepted and recorded as a unanimous vote by Chapter Compatriots. Maryland State Society President Gene Moyer swore in the Chapter's new officers. Your new elected officers are:

- President - Compatriot Ron Shuey
- Vice President - Compatriot Kevin Eichelberger
- Secretary - Compatriot Mark D Deeds
- Treasurer - Compatriot Michael J Kelley

- b. The Annual Chapter Financial review will be completed with the transfer to the new Treasurer.



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### 6. Closing:

- a. Chapter President Ron Shuey provided the following remarks in closing: He thanked the membership for their continued support.
- b. President Shuey adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm. President Ron Shuey led the Chapter in the SAR Recessional followed by the Benediction by Compatriot Chris Christou.
- c. The next meeting will be our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to be held in March at location that will be determined. Teleconferencing instructions will be included in the invitation.

Respectfully Submitted

*Original Signed by Mark D. Deeds*

Mark D. Deeds

Secretary

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## December 2020 Registrar's Report

NAME [NAME] <i>(indicate if online app)</i>	APPLICATION [NEW] [SUPPLEMENTAL]	LOCATION [CHAPTER] [STATE] [NATIONAL]	STATUS [INQUIRY RESPONSE] [ACTIVE RESEARCH] [PENDED – STATE] [PENDED – NATIONAL] [RECEIVED]	AS OF DATE [STATUS DATE]
Nicholas K. Anderson	NEW	CHAPTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> INQUIRY RESPONSE	23 Nov 2020
Laura Blankenship Family	NEW	CHAPTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> INQUIRY RESPONSE	23 Nov 2020
Tim Conner	NEW	CHAPTER	INQUIRY RESPONSE	16 Nov 2020
Leo Courtney	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	10 Dec 2020
William Cunningham	NEW	STATE	ACTIVE RESEARCH	24 Nov 2020
Ralph Dawn	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	30 Nov 2020
Pete Deremer (online)	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	1 Nov 2020
Miller B. Douglas	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	10 Dec 2020
Colby J. Gilbert, 2LT USAF	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	10 Dec 2020
Ray Harris	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	10 Dec 2020
Patrick Layton	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	10 Dec 2020
David P. Moede	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	24 Nov 2020
Lawrence Myers	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	10 Dec 2020
Eric A. Nordstrom	NEW	CHAPTER	1 <sup>st</sup> INQUIRY RESPONSE	10 Dec 2020
Raymond M. Rooks	NEW	CHAPTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> INQUIRY RESPONSE	24 Nov 2020
Fred Rossmark	NEW	CHAPTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> INQUIRY RESPONSE	23 Nov 2020
Bryan Salinas	NEW	CHAPTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> INQUIRY RESPONSE	24 Nov 2020
Justin Matthew Schlaffer	NEW	CHAPTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> INQUIRY RESPONSE	24 Nov 2020
Earl C. Smith IV	NEW	CHAPTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> INQUIRY RESPONSE	23 Nov 2020
George E. Sullivan (online)	NEW	STATE	PENDED	20 Nov 2020
Mark Tabor	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	25 Nov 2020
Brad Thompson	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	27 Nov 2020
John W. Vandekamp	NEW	STATE	SENT FOR REVIEW	10 Dec 2020
Mark Wardlaw	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	30 Nov 2020
Bill Weisenborn	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	18 Nov 2020
Geoff Wood	NEW	CHAPTER	ACTIVE RESEARCH	10 Dec 2020
Charles C. DiJulio	Supplemental (3)	NATIONAL	RECEIVED	23 Nov 2020
Kevin Eichelberger	Supplemental (2)	NATIONAL	RECEIVED	23 Nov 2020



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# Chapter Relocation Committee Report

15 locations considered in the Annapolis area. Multiple factors considered in trying to find the best option for our group. 12 places were ruled out because they had:

- No private meeting space
- Available Space was too small
- Excessive add on costs and fees to individual checks
- Minimum required expenditure to use space some as high as \$1,600
- Pre-reservation costs (e.g. \$250)
- No separate checks; required extra upfront effort each time
- Poor reviews on food and service
- Membership requirements
- Ease of dealing with business; wanting an ongoing easy working relationship; etc.

## Two Top Contenders

1. **Yellow Fin Steak and Fish House** - Staff nice. Room seats 120 comfortably. Ceiling height 7 feet. No issue bringing in flags. Parking not an issue. Don't typically do separate checks but sounds like they would make an exception for us. Would do a scaled down menu to make it easier on the kitchen - maybe like 8 items from burgers to fish to crab cake sandwiches. Staff nice. Can explore further to make sure catering director and general manager are on same page.
2. **Federal House** - Historic Property on Market Street; worked directly with owner; room comfortably seats 48 people (has had 60 but tight); will waive any extra fees for use of the room if we use it on Saturdays from ~1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. He needs time to turn the room over for parties renting it at 6 pm on Saturday nights. Reviews are great. No issues with bringing in flags. Size is great. No problem with separate checks if we are patient with servers. Sounds like can order off whole menu. Would add 20% to each check for servers tips but no extra fees. Parking available on street or garages. Would like to establish an ongoing relationship.

**Updates will be forthcoming**