



# Founders Fellowship



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*WASHINGTON FAREWELL, 1783*  
*by Henry Alexander Ogden, c1893*

## Council of Fellows 2018 - 2021

### **President**

Barry Christopher Howard

### **Vice President**

Jane Routt Power  
(Mrs. John Michael Power)

### **Secretary**

Maurene "Gayle" Mast Coan  
(Mrs. Thomas Donald Coan, Jr.)

### **Treasurer**

Michael Scott Swisher

### **Marshal**

Alexander Bannerman

### **Advisory Coordinator**

Sharon Kaufelt Stine

### **Historian**

Lynn Forney Young  
(Mrs. Steve Young)

### **Chief of Protocol**

DeEtte DuPré Nesbitt  
(Mrs. Ernest V. Nesbitt)

### **Chaplain**

Patricia "Ann" Scott Williams Garner  
(Mrs. Willie Donald Garner)

### **Newsletter & Website**

Leslie Ann Kirk

## President's Message



Dearest Fellow Founders,

I hope this brief note finds you all healthy and weathering the oddities of recent history. Forgive the ancient photo of me from years past, during one of my thinner periods, making it a rare print indeed. I include it not for vanity, but because it hearkens me back to another age of lineage society meetings, not so long ago, when HSC met like clockwork at the Washington Club, and most groups met at the Mayflower Hotel. How things have changed. I, personally, think they have changed for the better, and certainly the wonderful proliferation of so many new societies are indicative of that positive direction. Founders Fellowship serves, in many respects, as a barometer of the health of our avocation. While many historical groups, private clubs, and other kindred entities are struggling, our community seems to be gaining steam, and entering its Golden Age.

It is appropriate that I write to you now in the final days of my presidency of Founders Fellowship, because I have much good news to share about the past two and a half years, as well as the road ahead for our burgeoning sodality. Most of the positive news is laid plain here, in these pages, and I will not express it in detail, other than to say we have invited over twenty new founders into our fold, and have become a relevant and recognized part of the hereditary society community. There is nothing but good news for our growing Fellowship, and I have been privileged, indeed, to have served as President, since our Founder of Founders, Carla Odom, appointed me in August, 2018. She has continued to guide me, and assist me on many levels. As many of you well know, those levels include functional duties that kept us on track. Thank you, so much Carla.

On that note, I thank all of my Officers; they are listed in the newsletter here, but I will make special note of Gayle Coan, who was our inaugural Treasurer, and eventual Secretary, and did a lion's share of the work to establish us. Michael Swisher has taken on the formal role of Treasurer and is formalizing the organization's context, on banking, state and federal compliance fronts; keeping us safer and sounder. Leslie Kirk is the creator of the work you hold in your hands, and that work is lovely. Not only that, but Leslie built our website, and you can visit it at the URL, herein identified. We hope you enjoy it. Alex Bannerman continues to produce beautiful certificates and provides guidance for many. All of my Officers were absolute stars, and I will ever be grateful to each.

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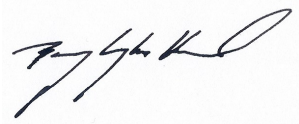
## President General's Message Continued

As I close this communique, let me encourage you to attend our upcoming meeting on February 20th, details enclosed. It will be on a Zoom platform, and will be an opportunity for corporate discussion and also to meet our new Officers, as they transition into the next administration. Be sure our Secretary has your current email address so that you receive the invitation! I have appointed Jane Power, who will be the final person I thank in this note; for both her fine work during my term, but also her willingness to take Founders Fellowship to the next level in the years ahead. We are all in good hands with Jane, and she has proven her acumen in leadership and society growth, on innumerable occasions.

I leave you with this blessing:

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

In Fellowship,



Barry

Zoom Meeting Announcement  
February 20, 2021  
Invitations to join the meeting  
will be emailed





## Meet the Vice President

Jane Routt Power, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, is the daughter of Robert Ralph and Maurine Scott Routt. She was married to the late John Michael Power, and has four stepsons: Michael, Stephen, Barry and Jason Power, as well as nine (9) grandchildren and four (4) great-grandchildren. Mrs. Power received her B.S. in Education, History and English, North Texas State University. During her career she was the Director of Human Resources at Garrett Electronics, Inc. dba Garrett Metal Detectors. Garrett is a world-wide company manufacturing security and hobby metal detectors.

Additionally, Mrs. Power has been the president/owner of J&J Power Communications for over twenty-five (25) years; a woman/minority-owned certified advertising specialties, promotion and marketing company.

Mrs. Power's avocations include researching and enjoying history and genealogy for over thirty-five years. She is a professional genealogy lecturer and teacher, as well as a frequent guest on "The Family History Show" hosted by Michael Matthews aired on the Texas State Radio Network.

Additionally, Mrs. Power is Past President of the Garland Genealogical Society; a Fellow of Scottish Antiquaries; as well as a member of the National Gavel Society, P.E.O., the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, and an Arkansas Traveler. She holds professional membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians, and the Texas Association of Parliamentarians.

Mrs. Power is Founder or Co-Founder of the following hereditary societies.

### Founder

Hereditary Society of Teachers  
Descendants of Fossors, 1609-1860  
Order of the Kings and Queens in the Holy Lands  
National Society of Saints and Sinners  
Legion of Vikings and Valkyries  
Hereditary Order of the Red Dragon  
Order of the Descendants of El Cid  
Military Order of the Southern Cross in the Pacific Theater

### Co-founder

Order of American Cousins of the Present and Future Sovereigns of Great Britain  
Descendants of Brian Boru  
Order of the Vietnam War  
Order of the Steel Magnolias



## About



Organized  
August 4, 2016

at  
Durham, North Carolina

by  
Founder Carla Whitehurst Odom  
(Mrs. Charles Robert Odom)

Motto  
*Ad Astri*

*Founders must found for leaders to lead.*

Colors  
Silver and Spinel Blue



## Founders Fellowship Emblem

Sterling Silver 1" Lapel Pin Star with recessed "FF"

Designed by Carla Whitehurst Odom,  
Alex Bannerman, and CityPride

The Founders Fellowship emblem is the sterling star that serves to symbolize the creative energy utilized by founders when they engage their talent, intelligence, enthusiasm, attention to detail, goal setting, and willingness to assume risk taking for their groups. Founders should inculcate their vision and mission to their organizations.

When attending the Assembly, members are requested to wear the Founders Fellowship star and no other insignia, with exception granted for formal occasions. The organization's insignia should always be worn upon the left lapel or adjacent to a lady's heart upon her gown. It may also be worn to events of similar significance with other insignia while conforming to the stated placement. If an American Flag pin is worn the Founders Fellowship star shall be worn beneath it and may be mounted parallel to any other leadership designations.

Five blue spinels shall designate the Founding Council of Fellows insignia. No other star pins may carry the same designation.

While not required, members are encouraged to bequeath their star insignia to Founders Fellowship.

## **Guidelines**

Founders Fellowship was organized August 4, 2016, at Durham, North Carolina, by Mrs. Charles Robert Odom. The objectives are to afford the opportunity for national founders of hereditary organizations to engage in fellowship, and also to draw from the group a few volunteers who, if sought out, will serve to encourage and advise persons embarking on similar endeavors. An inquiring potential founder and volunteer member/s may interface in mutually agreeable circumstances so long as the forums are held apart from Council Meetings and Assemblies.

It is imperative that in the role of sought out, voluntary advisor/s that the confidentiality of prospective founders' concepts, proposed names of organizations and all details about them shall not be discussed beyond Founders Fellowship. Individual members shall be bound by this code of conduct. If it is ever confirmed that two similar groups are moving in the same endeavor and it is not determined which was the earlier organizational plan, the Founding Council of Fellows shall move to advise both parties of the possible duplication.

The Founders Fellowship Assembly will be held in the City of Washington, DC on the Wednesday before Patriots' Day Week unless changed by the Council of Fellows. Each member may be accompanied by one guest. When attending the Assembly, members are requested to wear the Founders Fellowship star and no other insignia, with exception granted for formal occasions. The organization's insignia should always be worn upon the left lapel or adjacent to a lady's heart upon her gown. It may also be worn to events of similar significance with other insignia while conforming to the stated placement. If an American Flag pin is worn the Founders Fellowship star shall be worn beneath it and may be mounted parallel to any other leadership designations. Five blue spinels shall designate the Founding Council of Fellows insignia. No other star pins may carry the same designation

Business of the Founders Fellowship shall be conducted solely by the Council of Fellows that is authorized to meet in person, by telephone, Email, or U.S. Postal Service at the call of the President, or any five members of the Council. Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

The President shall not serve more than two consecutive terms consisting of four years, although if reappointed, he or she may lead in a later term. A retiring President shall appoint his or her successor who will select the next Council of Fellows. At the discretion of the incoming leader, all other appointees may serve unlimited terms as well as hold more than one office although each may have but one vote.

## **Eligibility**

Founders to include Co-Founders are individuals who initiated, or in certain circumstances revived national hereditary groups that have held an organizing-founding meeting followed by at least two annual meetings, if applicable. At the time of the invitation the organization founded should have a membership of at least forty persons not limited by residence of record. Inquiries are welcome and may be directed to the President. A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the prospective founder's organization shall accompany the candidate's response to the invitation.

While not required, members are encouraged to bequeath their star insignia to Founders Fellowship. Members are permitted to select one Successor Member legatee candidate for each group they founded and registered with Founders Fellowship.

## Eligibility Continued

Upon the demise of a member, the Chaplain shall recommend to the Council for its consideration the legatee so named. At the time the invitation is issued, the candidate shall hold membership in the respective organization the deceased member founded. If the legatee candidate is not invited for whatever reason, or fails to join the Founders Fellowship upon invitation to do so, another member of the respective organization shall be invited to serve as Successor Member.

When attending the Annual Assembly, the Successor Member is requested to wear the insignia of the organization they represent.

## Life Membership Fees

The fee for Regular Life Membership is set at \$175.00, which includes a Founders Fellowship pin and one membership certificate. Applications may also be submitted for recognition within Founding Fellowship listings and a supplemental certificate for each additional group the member founded in the amount of \$20.00 at the time of application, or \$28.00 if submitted at a later date. checks should be made payable to *Founders Fellowship* and mailed to the treasurer.

Successor Member life membership fee is set at \$60.00, which includes a certificate and listings within Founders Fellowship publications.

## Certificate



The Founders Fellowship membership certification depicts the silver FF emblem as well as the emblem of the society for which the founder is being recognized. The certificate is printed on high-gloss photo paper in high resolution. The certificate was created by, Founding Marshal, Alexander Bannerman with input from Carla Whitehurst Odom, Jane Power, and Gayle Coan. His vision was "simple, but elegant". The finished product is a perfect example of Marshal Bannerman's ability to create something beautifully unique. One FF certificate is included with membership.





# Founders Fellowship



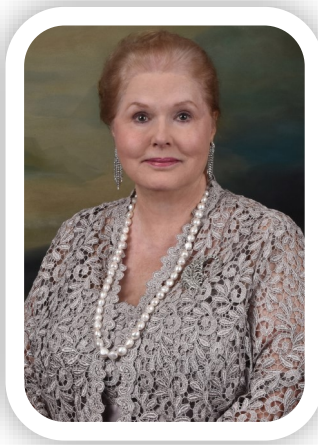
## History

On August 4, 2016 Founders Fellowship organized upon a vision that had evolved over that Summer. Final steps were taken with the encouragement, talent, and generous spirit of several of you. My sincere appreciation is extended to the Founding Council of Fellows, Barry Howard, Jane Power, Gayle Coan, Alex Bannerman, Sharon Stine, Lynn Young, DeEtte Nesbitt and Ann Garner. Owen Johnson also played a vital role in the Founding Administration as Honorary Vice President until his death last year. Thank you to all fellow founders who have joined the Fellowship and enriched the roles of the lineage and heritage support communities in America. Thank you to those who encouraged me to initiate this Fellowship for Founders of National Hereditary organizations. Upon reflection it seemed strange to consider that there has never been an organization for persons who have founded groups to come together for fellowship. It is of special note there are from this organization now some individuals willing to stand ready one on one or in a team to offer assistance if sought out by potential new founders. National Leaders have been honored by the National Gavel Society for decades, but "Founders Must Found for Leaders to Lead".

~ Carla Whitehurst Odom

Inaugural Meeting April 12, 2017 Army Navy Club  
 2nd Annual Meeting April 11, 2018 Cosmos Club  
 3rd Annual Meeting April 10, 2019 Anderson House  
 4th Annual Meeting April, 2020—Cancelled

## Honorary Presidents General



2016-2018 Inaugural President  
 Carla Whitehurst Odom  
 (Mrs. Charles Robert Odom)

## Founding

### Council of Fellows

2016—2018

Founder and President  
 Carla Lucille Whitehurst Odom  
 (Mrs. Charles Robert Odom)

Founding Vice President  
 Barry Christopher Howard

Founding Secretary  
 Jane Routt Power  
 (Mrs. John Michael Power)

Founding Treasurer  
 Maurene "Gayle" Mast Coan  
 (Mrs. Thomas Donald Coan, Jr.)

Founding Marshal  
 Alexander Bannerman

Founding Advisory Coordinator  
 Sharon Kaufelt Stine

Founding Historian  
 Lynn Forney Young  
 (Mrs. Steve Young)

Founding Chief of Protocol  
 DeEtte DuPré Nesbitt  
 (Mrs. Ernest V. Nesbitt)

Founding Chaplain  
 Patricia "Ann" Scott Williams Garner  
 (Mrs. Willie Donald)

Honorary Vice President  
 Charles Owen Johnson, Esq.



# Founders Fellowship



## A Look Back The Inaugural Meeting

*Wednesday, April 12, 2017*

*The George Washington Room*

*The Army and Navy Club*

*Washington, DC*



Seated (L to R): Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins, Carla Whitehurst Odom, Jane Routt Power  
Middle Row: Jane Chavis, Cynthia Chavis Matsumoto, Ann Scott Garner, Sharon Kaufelt Stine,  
Davine Moore Roberts, Margaret "Peggy" Christie, Leslie Kirk, Lynn Mast Long  
Back Row: Melvin Long, Barry Christopher Howard, Charles Bryan Poland  
Not pictured Charles Robert Odom, photographer



# Founders Fellowship



## Founder

F-1. Carla Lucille Whitehurst Odom

## Founding Council of Fellows

F-2. Maurene Gayle Mast Coan

F-3. Patricia Ann Scott Williams Garner

F-4. Sharon Kaufelt Stine

F-5. Alexander Bannerman

F-6. Jane Routt Power

F-7. DeEtte DuPré Nesbitt

F-8. Barry Christopher Howard

F-9. Lynn Forney Young



2017 Inaugural Meeting

Seated (L to R): Barry Christopher Howard, Carla Whitehurst Odom, Jane Routt Power

Standing: Ann Scott Garner, Sharon Kaufelt Stine

Not pictured Gayle Coan, Lynn Young, Alex Bannerman





# Founders Fellowship



## Charter Members

- C-10. Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins
- C-11. Marilyn Alice "Lynn" Mast Long
- C-12. Bonnie Davine Moore Roberts
- C-13. Wilma Wadsworth Halterman
- C-14. Michael Perry Schenk
- C-15. Lawrence Kent, Ph.D.
- C-16. Edward Charles Horton
- C-17. Elizabeth Jane Sherman
- C-18. Bishop Robert Todd Giffin
- C-19. James Daryl Partin
- C-20. Charles Bryan Poland
- C-21. Heather Elizabeth Welty Speas
- C-22. Hon. Edward Franklyn Butler, Sr.
- C-23. COL. Charles Clement Lucas Jr., MD
- C-24. Dr. Kimberly Kay Ormsby Nagy
- C-25. Mary Brown
- C-26. Deborah Porter Hinckley
- C-27. Cynthia Lynn Chavis Matsumoto
- C-28. Verne Allen Gray
- C-29. Patricia Sears Wasilik
- C-30. Dawn Olsta Darche
- C-31. Rev. Can. Robert Girard Carroon
- C-32. Leslie Ann Kirk
- C-33. Prarie Chamberlain Counce
- C-34. Sharyn "Shari" Dianne Kelley Worrell
- C-35. Thomas E. Bird
- C-36. Camille Redfern Lowery
- C37H Charles Owen Johnson, Esq.
- C-38. Wilma McCrary "Sunni" Bond
- C-39. Mary Robin Redfern Towns
- C-40. Stuart D. Baker
- C-41. LTC Charles Robert Odom
- C-42. John Hallberg Jones
- C-43. Cheryl Whitt Rios





## Regular Members

- |      |                                      |    |                              |
|------|--------------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 44.  | Patsy Erwin Hugar                    | 60 | George James Hill, M.D.      |
| 45   | Carole Drake Belcher                 | 61 | Constance Brooks Paradiso    |
| 46   | Jane Duxbury Schleinzer              | 62 | Deborah Whitmore Hicks, Esq. |
| 47   | Constance Kathryn Bourgeois Townsend | 63 | Edgar Stennette Hicks        |
| 48-E | Gary Boyd Roberts                    | 64 | David William Medeiros       |
| 49   | Ona Marlene Rathbun Wilkinson        | 65 | Lila Burner Housden          |
| 50   | Linda Anne Mizell                    | 66 | Mildred Showalter Deviers    |
| 51   | Janet Butler Walker                  | 67 | Melissa Ann Harrison Fischer |
| 52   | Christian Douglas Quick              | 68 | David Wade Morton, Ed.D.     |
| 53   | James William Griffith               | 69 | Shelby Dean Ward             |
| 54   | Michael Scott Swisher                | 70 | Rosalind Grenfell            |
| 55   | James Edward Conway                  | 71 | Janisue Rigel                |
| 56   | Patricia Ellen Gallagher             | 72 | Davina Rigel Liepman         |
| 57   | Paul Ashley Walden                   | 73 | Geni S. Holmes               |
| 58   | Sumner Gary Hunnewell                | 74 | Ashley Michelle Naumann      |
| 59   | Patricia Ann Conway                  |    |                              |



## Founders Fellowship Recognizes the Following Heritage Organizations

Alba (Order of)

American Cousins of the Present and Future Sovereigns of Great Britain (Order of)

American Farmers (National Society Descendants of)

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (Order of the Descendants of the)

Antebellum Planters 1607 - 1861 (National Society Sons and Daughters of)

Bench and Bar 1565 - 1861 (Sons and Daughters of Colonial and Antebellum)

Blue and Gray (National Order of the)

Brian Boru (Descendants of)

Cape Cod and the Islands (Descendants of)

Children of 1812 (National Society)

Children of the Doolittle Raiders

Colonial Cavaliers (Order of Descendants of)

Colonial Indentured Servants (National Society Descendants of)

Colonial Mothers 1607 - 1776 (Descendants of)

Colonial New England (National Society Sons of)

Colonial Regulators (Descendants of)

Early Postmasters (Descendants of)

El Cid (Order of the Descendants of)

First Families of Augusta County

First Families of Connecticut, 1633-1662 (Order of)

First Families of Maine (Order of the)

First Families of Mississippi (Order of the)

First Families of Massachusetts (Hereditary Society of the)

First Families of New Hampshire 1622-1650 (Order of the)

First Families of New York (Society of the)

First Families of Rhode Island and Province Plantations 1636-1647 (Order of the)

First Families of Vermont, 1609-1791 (Order of)

## **Founders Fellowship Recognizes the Following Heritage Organizations Continued**

First Settlers of the Shenandoah Valley

First World War (Order of the)

Flagon and Trencher, Descendants of Early Tavern Keepers

Fossors (Descendants of)

Founders of North America (Order of the)

Founding Fathers of America (Hereditary Society Daughters of)

Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland (National)

House of Wessex (Order of the)

Illinois Heritage Alliance

Jamestowne Society (by right of standalone title authorized by the Executive Council)

Justiciars (Order of the Descendants of the)

Kings and Queens in the Holy Lands (Order of the)

Knights of the Bath (Descendants of the)

Lady Godiva (Society of Descendants of)

Loyalists and Patriots of the American Revolution (Hereditary Order of the Descendants of the)

Merovingian Dynasty (The Order of)

Military Order of Agincourt

Monarchs of Rheims (Order of the)

Native Americans and Friends (Order of the Descendants of)

Norman Conquest (Order of the)

Pilgrim William White Society (The)

Plymouth Hereditary Society

Presidential Families of America

Presidents and First Ladies of America (Hereditary Order of the Families of the)

Province & Republic of West Florida 1763 - 1810 Sons and Daughters of the)

## **Founders Fellowship Recognizes the Following Heritage Organizations Continued**

Red Dragon (Hereditary Order of the)  
Registry of Infamous and Famous Relatives in American Families  
Saints and Sinners (National Society of)  
Second World War (Order of the)  
Sheriffs & Constables of Colonial & Antebellum America (Descendants of)  
Sons of the American Colonists (National Society)  
Southern Cross in the Pacific Theater (Military Order of the)  
Sovereigns of Ancient Scandinavia (Order of the)  
Sovereigns of Great Britain (Order of American Cousins of the Present and Future)  
Steel Magnolias (Order of the)  
Teachers (Hereditary Society of)  
Textile Workers of America, Inc. (National Society Descendants of)  
Vietnam War (Order of the)  
Vikings and Valkyries (Legion of)  
Virginia Founding Fathers (Sons and Daughters of)  
Virginia Huguenot Society

## **Founders Fellowship Recognizes the Following Heritage Support Organizations**

Hereditary Society Community  
Texas Genealogical College  
Cherry Blossom Buddies  
Illinois Heritage Alliance  
New England Genealogical Society







# Founders Fellowship



**Members are reminded to name their successor**

## Successorship

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## In Memoriam

C-37. HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT

**JOHNSON, Charles Owen, Esq.**

August 11, 2017

**Founder**

Order of the First Families of Mississippi

National Society Sons of Colonial New England

Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations 1636 - 1647

Sons and Daughters of the Province & Republic of West Florida 1763 - 1810

Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar 1565 - 1861

National Society Sons and Daughters of Antebellum Planters 1607 - 1861

Order of First Families of Connecticut

Order of First Families of Vermont

**Co-Founder**

Hereditary Order of the Loyalists and Patriots of the American Revolution

Order of American Cousins of the Present and Future Sovereigns of Great Britain

C-36.

**LOWERY, Camille Redfern (Mrs. Clifford)**

December 4, 2018

**Co-Founder** Descendants of Early Postmasters



