



## SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS MUSKETS & ARROWS

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### **Governor David Gilbert Linville's Report to the Membership**

Nearly three quarters of the year is now behind us since our Winter Court where we mapped out our plans for the year and we will start planning for the 2011 Winter Court very soon. We have had an active, meaningful, and fun eight months.

**The next meeting of the ISCW will begin at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, October 5 at the Chicago Yacht Club, 400 E. Monroe St., Chicago, IL. No speeches but full and interesting agenda with reports on several ISCW activities. Call the office at 847-251-1400 for a reservation.**



Our four lunch meetings during the year have been successful and have provided a structure for friendship and planning. Various Members have made their superb clubs available for these meetings and we thank them.

We reviewed our financial position and set higher dues for Members and Provisional Members starting in 2011. At the same time we established an investment committee to review our investments and design a more professional balance within our portfolio. Along with this a thoughtful review was undertaken on Lifetime Members and how to monetize their membership in that their original one time payment was in the investment portfolio but no accounting was made for their annual cost. It was decided to structure our portfolio to protect their investment and create yield to contribute to the annual cost of their membership. All of these plans were in place and operating by the end of the first quarter of this year. We improved our monthly cash flow and strengthened our financial position.

Once again the ISCW contributed along with our matching funds from the General Society nearly seven thousand dollars to The Winnetka Public Library, Newberry Library, and the Department of History, Northwestern University.

The work continued on the new shirts and ties for the ISCW by our Registrar and as of this date the shirts have been available for a number of months and the ties were finished and have been shipped. The shirts are the first we have ever had and the ties are the first new design in many years, both are handsome and can be worn with pride. Rosettes were also ordered from the General Society and are given to new Members and to members who did not have one.

The ISCW new Directory after much diligent work by our Registrar was completed and passed out during the 2010 Winter Court. This was a huge improvement over the old Directory and is extremely useful for active Members. All Members received a copy by mail.

An impressive Certificate of Membership was designed by our deputy governor and after many months of effort was distributed at the Winter Court and was mailed to all Members as well. This is presented to all new Members.

A plan was set in motion to host a Summer Dinner Dance with The National Society of Colonial Dames Of America In The State Of Illinois and under our Chairman of Membership and Social Activities this was brought to reality in mid July at the Sheridan Shores Yacht Club on a beautiful moonlit evening. It was a real success and hopefully will be the first of many more.

In May we held a very well attended Summer Court at Shoreacres in Lake Bluff. During our meeting we concluded the work begun by George Burditt and Bob Allen some years ago to revise the By Laws and Constitution. This was a process we really organized in 2010 to bring to fruition in 2011 and we did it.

Following our Meeting over eighty Dames and Warriors enjoyed the amazing story of "Yank" presented by Dame Sarah Bogan about her father's World War II experiences. Everyone then moved to the dining room for a fine lunch and superb wines and much socializing.

We have continued to focus on dues being paid and improvements continue to be made in keeping our dues current.

New projects are underway and committees are already working on two important areas. The first is the need to professionalize our website. Robert Moulton-Ely has been running the website for many years and requested a replacement. Websites have become more complex and need the attention of professionals to run them properly. Under our Genealogist and Secretary-Treasurer we will have a new website organized by early 2012. This is one of the high priority areas we are working on in the last quarter of the year.

Another high priority area is how we bring in new membership. Work is already underway to develop ways to accomplish this task. This Fall a recruiting social event followed by dinner is being organized. It will be a first class event perhaps at the Casino Club. New ideas will be introduced to attract new members and also to help the Provisional Members finish the task of obtaining full Membership.

This year is going by so quickly and we have accomplished so many of the goals we set for ourselves I just have to say it has been an excellent year for the ISCW. This could not have happened without the keen interest, hard work, and volunteering of valuable time by various members. We are poised now for new growth, new events, and greater recognition within our community and the General Society of Colonial Wars. It is my hope that more of our membership will attend our meetings and events, become a part of this effort, and help us build a better and more vital Society.

Our Winter Court will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>, a Thursday evening. I hope we will have a record turnout.

Thanks to all for a special year for the Society of Colonial Wars in The State of Illinois.

David Gilbert Linville  
Governor

### **Brian White's Ancestor**

My ancestor, Thomas White, was born in Midgeham, England January 28, 1636 and was baptized on August 28, 1642 in St. Michael's Church, Fewston, Yorkshire, England. He was the only child of Walter White and Margaret Early White who were married April 4, 1635. He emigrated to New England on the ship "Annabel," Martin Harmon, master, May 8, 1660, from London.

Fewston, Yorkshire, England, had been for many years the family locality. Thomas spent the first twenty-three years of his life in Midgeham, his mother's home, and in Fewston. His mother died previous to 1645 and his father remarried on Oct 7, 1645 to Mary Brown, but had no issue. We do not have the date of his father's death but Thomas doubtless left any family in England when he sailed to New England in 1660.

Thomas settled in Charlestown, Massachusetts Bay Colony and married Mary Frothingham the favored daughter of William Frothingham, November 17, 1663. William Frothingham came from Holderness, Yorkshire, England, in John Winthrop's first company. Thomas White's name appears in the list of freemen of Charlestown, May 23, 1666. He was admitted to the church, March 22, 1668. He was a soldier in King Philip's War, and served in Captain Syll's company. He was also a member of Captain John Cutler's company of Charlestown, July 24, 1676.

King Philip's War was named after the leader of the Native American side, Metacom, known to the English as "King Philip". King Philip's War lasted little more than a year, starting in Plymouth Colony in June of 1675. The war spread throughout New England. King Philip's warriors attacked the town of Swansea in western Plymouth Colony and in August of 1675 hostilities expanded to the Connecticut River Valley and in all over half of the towns in the greater area were attacked and destroyed. In December, Philip's winter quarters in Rhode Island's Great Swamp were destroyed in a crucial colonial victory. In February of 1676 native forces swept east but by June of 1676, the tide of the war had turned when native forces, lacking food, manpower and arms, retreated. King Philip's death at Mount Hope in August 1676 effectively ended the war.

Thomas White was a man of affairs and business ability and sterling integrity. His epitaph reads " the memory of the just is blessed." He was made sole executor of the last will and testament of Ann Frothingham, wife of William Frothingham, and she left him the greater portion of her property. Thomas White was the guardian of the children of Samuel Frothingham, his wife's brother. The last few years of his life were spent living in the household of his eldest son, Thomas.

He was a man of considerable property and died in Charlestown, September 30, 1716, in his 80th year, as per his gravestone in the old "Phipps St. burying ground." Administration was taken on his estate Jan 7, 1717. It was settled by his son, Thomas White of Charlestown and his son, Samuel White of Boston, and amounted to 288 pounds 5 shillings and 6 pence. The inventory of his estate included: four and three quarter acres with house, value 240 pounds; three acres of marsh land, value 30 pounds; four and one-half acres of woods, value 3 pounds. It is interesting to note that his coffin cost 13 shillings and the grave digging charge was 6 shillings and the burying cloth was 6 shillings and the gravestone was 1 pound 5 shillings and the bell tolling cost 1 shilling 6 pence. The wine for the funeral was 2 pounds 8 shillings and 10 pence.

## **Summer Party with Colonial Dames a Great Success**

*Here's Governor David Linville's report on the Summer Party jointly sponsored with the Colonial Dames chaired by David's wife, Barbara. What a couple!*

Well we did it and I believe it was a big success. We had a turnout of about 52 and we had the young to the old in attendance. Cocktails on the terrace could have gone on for at least another hour but by eight we needed to start dinner. The dining rooms were set in red and blue and candles about the tables. The views of the harbor, boats, and lake were beautiful. Our caterers did a fine job and I think all the food was consumed. The bartender did a great job and helped right through dinner. The car attendants

were polite and speedy. The band was quite good and we had a fair number of couples enjoying the dancing. No one rushed to depart and I think we finally shut down around 10:30 to 10:45 p m.

Special thanks to Elicia Tippens, Jane Hamlin, and Sally Veeder for being at the club in the afternoon and setting it up in such a gracious and welcoming way.

To top it all off just as John Strothman predicted we had a full moon rising above the lake around 8:30 p m, fabulous.

Thanks to all for the careful planning and hard work to put this "first" Summer Party together.

David Linville  
Governor

## Summer Court 2011

Summer Court 2011 was a great success! The site was the beautiful Shoreacres Club in Lake Bluff, and although the weather could have been better, the excellence of the program, the camaraderie and the consumables all made up for it!

The meeting of the Council at 11:00 A.M. was attended by David Linville, Governor, Bob Burell, Deputy Governor, Thomas Krupp, Jon Veeder, Dr. Philip Jones, Steve Barnhart, John Strothman, Jim Rudwall, John Dyrud, Bill Raub, Samuel McTier and George Burditt.



Governor Linville presided and we followed his well-organized agenda:

1. George Burditt moved that the Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws which had been circulated and discussed at Winter Court be approved. The motion carried unanimously and George has now prepared and distributed the current Constitution and By-Laws.
2. Jim Barr updated the board on the marketing of shirts and ties.
3. Tom Krupp updated us on genealogy issues.
4. Jim Rudwall discussed the status of our summer party with the Colonial Dames on July 14.
5. John Strothman reported that we are reasonably sound fiscally. Our constitution requires an audit and Governor Linville appointed Steve Barnhart, Jim Rudwall and John Strothman as the audit committee.



6. Governor Linville appointed a committee consisting of Jim Barr, Chairman, Bob Burell, Brian White, Tom Krupp and Kirk Brodie to bring the website up to date.



Bob Burell, Sarah Bogan, Sarah's sister, Mareth Ellsworth and David Linville

We then repaired to a room suitable for a wonderful presentation by Sarah Bogan, assisted by her sister Mareth Ellsworth, on their father's book *Yank*. Ted Ellsworth served in WWII in the British Army in North Africa and Italy and the American Army in France. Absolutely fascinating presentation of the stories found in his diary of WWII.

Next there was a wonderful luncheon and more camaraderie with warriors, potential warriors, Dames, spouses and friends. The usual toast to the Queen, the office of President of the United States, The Society of Colonial Wars, the armed forces and the Colonial Dames.

## **Report to the General Society**

*Governor David Linville submitted the following thorough report to the General Society.*

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois is an active society undergoing significant changes. Like many other societies we are changing from an older membership to one of younger members. Our Board is a reflection of this as we have mostly members in their 40s in major positions as our older members have retired from active positions. This is stimulating an urgency to do more in our state to show our colors, to invite potential members to our lunch meetings and courts, to find new organizations to assist with our contributions, and to push our own membership for greater participation. There is a general feeling in our Society that we are "on the move" and doing good and interesting things.

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois continues to be qualified as an exempt organization under Sec 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This was confirmed by our Treasurer as recently as April 6<sup>th</sup> 2011.

The ISCW annual dues for many years were 50.00 dollars per year. As of 2011 our dues were increased to 75.00 dollars per year. Our Provisional Members' dues are 35.00 dollars per year for the first year and then increase to 50.00 dollars per year thereafter.

The ISCW at one time had Life Memberships. However this practice was halted. After becoming Governor I formed a financial committee to review our investment practices and to determine what we did to fund the annual needs of the society where the life members' original dues were invested but were never used to make annual distributions to the Society. The committee did good work and after much work and planning reinvested our funds in safer higher yield investment vehicles and made provisions to take distributions so that our cash flow is improved greatly.

The ISCW is very active with the Newberry Library in Chicago, the Winnetka Library (Genealogy Dept.) in Winnetka, and Northwestern University (colonial Studies). These organizations we support financially as well.

We are now reviewing two new areas to associate with: Notre Dame's Department of Colonial History, Particularly Professor Patrick Griffen, a respected scholar. The other scholar we are reviewing for support is James Horn, Senior Vice President for Research at Colonial Williamsburg.

The ISCW has been and remains very active with the Society of Colonial Dames in Illinois. Both organizations support each others' activities throughout the year, whether it is for invited speakers or musical programs. Our newest effort is a jointly planned dinner dance in July at a yacht club on Lake Michigan. While one purpose is an enjoyable evening, the other is to invite potential new members to meet our members and gain perspective on our Societies. This will be the fourth or fifth joint activity of our Societies over the past year.

Our membership stands at 120. We added 7 new members and lost 8 due to death and elimination.

Finally, our Society has designed a new Illinois tie which should be issued within the next few months. We designed and produced a new Illinois Directory and Handbook. We also have a new ISCW golf shirt with our logo on the breast pocket. Last, we focused a laser of attention on delinquent and slow paying members.

### **Trivia**

Many great things have happened to the Illinois Society this last year.

- Meetings at the Casino Club, Chicago Yacht Club, Shoreacres Club and Chicago Club show the Illinois Society's growing activity and strength.
- Our website, [www.ilscw.org](http://www.ilscw.org) is being updated.
- Jim Barr has arranged for new ties and shirts for the Illinois Society. Contact Jim to get yours:  
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- We have a new membership directory for 2011-2012
- Previously scattered files are now centrally located and better organized.
- Vigor and activity are in the air.
- Our Constitution and By-Laws have been updated.
- What a pleasure and honor it has been for me to edit Muskets and Arrows since its first issue seven years ago. A new editor will bring new ideas and new vigor to the project and I wish him the very best of success.

### **Illinois Society Welcomes Four New Members**

We have four new very distinguished members in the Illinois Society.

Brian D. White of Baird and Warner. Among other things, Brian is president of the Chicago Chapter of the English Speaking Union.

Professor Kenneth J. Sutcliffe is president of the SR of Massachusetts and a member of the national board of The Mayflower Society. He is a descendant of John Alden.

Philip R. May traces his ancestry back to Captain James Avery who was in King Philip's War

James C. Krupp, an attorney in DeKalb is descended from the Randolph's of Massachusetts.

## Grants for the Year 2011

Winnetka Public Library	\$ 500.
The Newberry Library	\$2,000. *
Dept. of History, Northwestern University	\$1,000.

\* including \$1,000 contributed by George Burditt in memory of his wife Barbara, after whom Newberry's genealogy seminar is named.



### Professor Timothy Breen

Our dear friend, adviser, lecturer and frequent guest at SCWI meetings, Prof. Timothy Breen of Northwestern University is retiring. We wish him the best in his well-earned new life. Here are Prof. Breen's comments to us on our past and future commitment to scholarship:

“The Governor’s report accurately accounts for the splendid support the Society had given to serious scholarship. I urge it to continue to do so. The period of history that the organization represents would greatly benefit from research funds that are increasingly difficult to find. The professor at Notre Dame – Professor Patrick Griffin – is a promising figure in the field. He has written three major books, the third of which is soon to be released by Oxford University Press. Since the immediate Chicago area universities (Chicago, Loyola, Illinois) do not have a major commitment to the field of Early American and Revolutionary history, it makes good sense to negotiate a relationship with Griffin similar to that I have enjoyed for several decades. Not only is Griffin a respected scholar, he is also a creative and ambitious entrepreneur. He will be a reliable resource for the Society. Second, I mentioned Professor Horn, not because he needs the Society’s financial support (he has all the backing of Colonial Williamsburg), but because he would make a fine speaker for one of your Courts. As indeed would Griffin. I shall be leaving Northwestern in June of 2012. Again, I thank my many friends at the Society. I hope in the coming year to be in contact with as many of them as possible.

Regards to you all,  
Tim”

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