



Wandering Irish Harp Newsletter

Descendants of Brian Boru
Summer 2021

Greetings from the Governor

Dear Members,

A amazing vision that began over three years ago has become a magnificent reality. It was my great honor and privilege to organize Descendants of Brian Boru in the late Spring of 2018 with the immediate aid of Alexander Bannerman and closely following to choose the remainder of the Co-Founders of the organization. Appreciation is extended to all the Founding Royal Council for your many contributions of time and talent.

Since that humble beginning a helpful application form and beautiful certificate were designed. Insignia was created, dies casts designed and ordered with ribbons featuring the colors of the flag of Ireland. Descendants of Brian Boru was incorporated in the State of Alabama. The 501(c)(3) public charity status was granted by the IRS. A beautiful website was established that continues to serve the society.

On April 13, 2019 an Inaugural Convocation was held as a Royal Tea with our co-host Order of the Kings and Queens in the Holy Lands in the Main Ballroom of The Army and Navy Club. The next Convocation was planned with a fellow group of small royal orders affectionately known as The Royal Seven, however, COVID interrupted to cancel those plans. Last Summer a beautiful directory was edited by Alex Bannerman and distributed to the membership. Lila Housden finalized our bylaws that were adopted by the Executive Council. Requests for information, and verifications for membership continue in full force with interest and enthusiasm from members and interested applicants.

I am so pleased to be announce my appointment of Sharon Stine as incoming Governor effective April 11, 2022. Please plan to join us for that Convocation that is planned with our Royal Seven colleagues beginning at four o'clock in the afternoon. Details are found later in the publication.

It has been my high honor to serve as Inaugural Governor of Brian Boru. Thank you members for your support, encouragement and faithfulness to our beloved organization.

Ann Scott Garner

Order of the Descendants of Brian Boru - FYE 12/31

	2018	\$	2,019.00	\$	2,020.00	2021 BUDGET
INCOME						
Life Member Fees		\$	7,800.00	\$	1,850.00	\$ 2,000.00
Supplemental Fees						
Insignia		\$	1,290.00	\$	195.00	\$ 300.00
Donations				\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
TOTAL		\$	9,090.00	\$	2,145.00	\$ 2,400.00

PAYOUT

Start Up Costs

Checks/Deposit Slips	\$	59.17			
Stamps	\$	13.50			
	\$				
Website		164.85			
	\$				
501(c)(3)		275.00	\$	400.00	

Governor's Expense

Postage

Registrar's Expense

App and Supp Approval	\$	2,680.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	100.00
	\$					
Certificates Generated		315.00	\$	115.00	\$	35.00
Refund Application fee					\$	250.00

Marshal's Expense

Office Supplies	\$	42.60	\$	5.40	\$	19.18	\$	25.00
	\$							
Postage		282.67	\$	111.52	\$	21.64	\$	100.00

Treasurer

Misc inc postage			\$	32.12			\$	25.00
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Insignia

	\$						
Start-up dies/ribbon		930.00					
Governor's Regalia			\$	178.50		\$	200.00
Membership Inventory	\$	3,625.50	\$	2,892.50			

Philanthropic Donations

Meeting - 2022

			\$	1,000.00			\$	1,000.00
			\$	1,398.80			\$	950.00

Printing/Mailing Directory

\$ 632.56

TOTAL		\$	7,333.84			\$	2,400.00
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Checking Account Balance	\$	10,601.32	\$	10,313.88	\$	10,977.83
Savings Account Balance	\$	7,055.26	\$	9,156.09	\$	9,157.04
Total Assests	\$	17,656.58	\$	19,469.97	\$	20,134.87

Message from Sharon Stine

Governor Ann Garner has appointed me as the Governor for the term of 2022-2024. I want to thank her for entrusting me with the high honor of leadership of the Descendants of Brian Boru. I love history. The history of Ireland is fascinating! In keeping with the High Kings and the legends of the early kings the Founding Royal Council is working on some interesting ideas. You will hear more about the future projects at the April meeting. Since the last two Annual Convocations were not possible in person I am looking forward to an in-person gala held with the Royal Seven at The Army Navy Club on April 11, 2022.

I would like to tell you a little about myself. I was born in Newport News, Virginia and now reside in Richmond, Virginia. As a Navy wife I lived and served where duty called. I have one son, and three grandsons. I am a graduate of Old Dominion University with an education degree and a minor in history. I was engaged in Civil Service for the United States Government for 28 years. For the last seven years I was based in Sasebo, Japan serving the United States Navy as a Logistics Management Specialist responsible for insuring our country's ships were well stocked in equipment and supplies. My current career is with the Richmond, Virginia Schools System as the Registrar for Boushall Middle School.

Linage Affiliations:

Hereditary Society Community, Honorary Member of the Class of 2020

* Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars (Former Registrar General; Former Organizing Secretary General;

Organizing Honorary Governor, Virginia Society).

* Descendants of Brian Boru (Co-Founder; Former Second Vice President)

* Descendants of Colonial Mothers 1607 - July 4, 1776 (Founder; Inaugural Honorary President General)

* Founders Fellowship (Inaugural Advisory Coordinator serving on the Founding Council of Fellows).

* Hereditary Order of the Red Dragon (Founder; Inaugural First Deputy Governor; Honorary

Governor)

*National Gavel Society

* National Society Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century (Organizing and Honorary President, Crown Colony Chapter).

* National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (Former National Co-Chairman, (Japan), Units Overseas Committee; Organizing and Honorary Regent, Four Flags Chapter,

Virginia Society; Organizing and Honorary Regent, Sasebo Chapter; Japan; Life Member).

* National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims (Assistant Registrar General;

Honorary Governor, Virginia Branch; Organizing and Honorary Governor; Virginia South Branch).

* National Society United States Daughter of 1812 (Co-Chairman Micrographics; Honorary President, Virginia Society, President Hampden Roads Chapter).

- * Order of the Descendants of El Cid (Founder; Patroness).
- * Order of the Descendants of the Justiciars (Co-Founder; Inaugural Honorary Chief Justiciar).
- * Order of the House of Wessex (Inaugural Councilor).
- * Order of the Kings and Queens in the Holy Lands (Founder; Inaugural Historian).
- * Order of the Sovereigns of Ancient Scandinavia (Founder; Inaugural Regent).
- * Society of the Descendants of Lady Godiva (Co-Founder; Second Lady in Waiting; Lady President).
- * United Daughters of the Confederacy (Co-Founder; Inaugural Honorary President, Norfolk County Grays; Co-Founded, Real Great Granddaughters Club, Virginia Division).

Other Service:

While stationed in Japan it was a privilege to serve as a volunteer with the Navy Relief. I knitted and crocheted baby blankets for Navy personnel's babies and served as a volunteer teacher for English as a Second Language. After returning to America I volunteered in the office for the Virginia Pre-School Initiative.

Additional volunteer service was rendered as a Volunteer Geni for National Society Daughters of the Colonial Dames of the XVIIIC and for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. I indexed nine volumes of the John K. Martin papers for the DAR and 13 volumes of the John K. Martin papers for the National Society United States Daughters of 1812.

My favorite blessing:
 May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 And rains fall soft upon your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Sharon

