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MARSHAL'S LETTER

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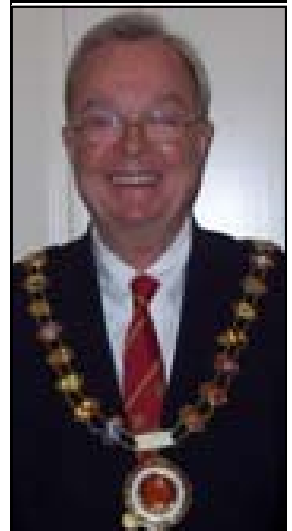
This issue of the Herald is dedicated to the memory of Baron Harry Berry. Baron Berry was a long-standing member of our Board of Sureties and gave much of his time to bring a newsletter back to the membership. During his lifetime, he had a very successful career in developing his own printing business. It is unfortunate that he passed away just before we were able to get this issue of "The Herald" on the drawing board. Many have felt his passing.

I am pleased that we have finally been able to establish this line of communication to the general membership. We had a few false starts on this and suffered a real setback with the death of our Surety, Harry Barry. Harry had a lot of success with his own publishing company and had volunteered to handle the printing end of things. But now we have a hands-on editor, who will take the bull by the horns with very limited dealings with the Marshal.

The next priority is to publish a directory, and this should be done, this year. Each of you should have received a copy of "The Magna Charta in America." It is the product of our Magna Charta Foundation, whose purpose was to study the influence and principles of the Magna Charta in promoting freedom and justice throughout the world. If any of you have failed to receive this volume, please let me know, and I will send one to you.

We continue to maintain our affiliation with the Magna Carta Trust in London. The Marshal of the BOMC sits on its Board of Trustees. I had the privilege of being in London in October 2004, for the annual meeting of the board, which is held at the Royal Court of Justice. The Trust is focusing on the year, 2015, when the 800th birthday of that document will be celebrated. One of the concerns of the Trust is that the foundation of the monument at Runnemedede appears to have been damaged by the long term movement of the roots from the surrounding oak trees. The monument was originally constructed by the American Bar Association. The BOMC/MOC has made annual contributions of \$2000, and the ABA is contributing to the necessary repairs, as well.

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MARSHALL
JAMES MARVIN, JR
2006

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This April, the Order held its first meeting (within my memory) in Washington, DC. There were 20 people present, and they were very enthusiastic about making a BOMC/MOC meeting available to a larger circle of our membership. Meetings of many of the genealogical societies are held in DC during the second week in April, and many of our members are drawn to DC for these gatherings. It is the intention of our Orders to make this an annual event.

The Order has made a \$350 purchase of "The Baronage of England," written in the 1600's by Sir William Dugdale. (See Note) Baron John Child had been anxious to acquire this work and has reviewed it. We purchased the \$350.00 set and received both volumes rebound and with pages that are very readable. A number of suggestions were made as to how to use this book. Baron Leroy M. Lewis, III, suggested scanning the book digitally on CD, then selling CDs and putting the scan on the internet.

Also, we have received a donation of a complete set (13 volumes) of "The Complete Peerage (GEC), Cokayne's Peerage" from the Baronesses Marcia Evans and Suzanne Hoyle-Rhodes. This work, begun in 1916 and completed in 1939, is regarded as more satisfactory than "Burke's Peerage."

Our total membership is now 580 and breaks down to MOC-95 and BOMC-485. (Many members belong to both Orders.) Three years ago, our total membership was 550, so we are more than covering our deaths and MIAs. MIA's are those whose letters are returned, because they are no longer at the addresses of record. Therefore, those members who make address changes are urged to notify the BOMC/MOC office in order that the lines of communication are not cut.

As of our last meeting, we reported total assets of \$144,840. We have too much money in a money market fund (about \$70,000) but that is because we are waiting for a tax clearance from the IRS because of a one-time gain that resulted from an annuity that had been placed on the life of Past Marshal Tully Vaughan.

I have appointed five members, all attorneys, to review our current by-laws for the purpose of revising them. They are: Baronesses Susan Patterson and Jane Power and Barons Tom Kellogg, Alan Koman and Michael Phelps. They have already begun their work.

With the help of Surety, Tracy Crocker, we have substantially expanded our electronic capabilities, and it has become evident to me that, the two Orders are becoming more national in scope and require more wisdom than what can be gathered just from the Delaware Valley. We now have active members in 43 states. In fact, I am sure that the BOMC/MOC can profit from an input of business experience and expertise that can be obtained from several of our members from around the country.

One thing that you will note is that the Board of Sureties is made up of 25 members from the two Orders. Elections for the entire Board are spread out over five years, with one class of five Sureties coming up for election during any given year. Our total complement of Sureties was down to 20 because of deaths

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but was returned to 25 by the election at our June meeting.

NOTES ON THE DUGDALE BOOK

"The Baronage of England, or an Historical Account of the Lives and Most Memorable Actions of Our English Nobility"

Baron Child stated that he learned of the Dugdale book from Matthew Webb in the Manuscript Office of the Bodleian Library at Oxford University. A microfilm copy of the book is at the University of Pennsylvania Library but is not readable. Dugdale's book recounts detailed family histories including genealogical material from the period

He suggested that we could economically create a 150 page pamphlet identifying just those barons alive at the time of Runnymede with biographies, distinguishing between those favoring the Magna Charta (roughly 65%); those favoring the King (roughly 24%); those able to change sides daily at Runnymede (5%); minor-aged barons (1%) plus barons who disagreed with King John about feudal obligations to the king and those who were outraged because of King John's penchant for "borrowing" the wives of barons (5%). Most of those banished were returned and restored by the regency in the name of the minor son of King John, Henry III.

If we were to publish such a pamphlet, a few comments or appendices might be included. Indexing is also needed. A big issue might be to determine what modifications are needed to achieve order and readability. The computer could rationalize.

Child has also called the Dugdale Book, "a conversational Burke's Peerage." He noted that we could simply republish this book, but the text might be hard to follow. He noted that Dr. Woodfield will visit Oxford regarding the complete list of Barons at Runnymede. The Barons held titles of various kinds. Titles include peerages by creation (i.e. by the King) from Tudor days onward and before this, peerages by writ. Peerages by writ were conferred when Parliament would call a person to Parliament. It is important to note that titles created by the King descend only through the male line; titles by writ descend through both the male and female lines. In the case of passage through the female line, the title is dormant until the appearance of a male heir, who recombines all lines. Sometimes reviving such a title is successful. Early peerages were all or mostly by writ. Baron Child believes that Dugdale had a complete record of participants of Runnymede, which side they were on, and who elected the sureties.

THE BARONIAL ORDER OF THE MAGNA CHARTA AND THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE CRUSADES COMBINED GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD ON JUNE 24, 2006 AT THE NASSAU CLUB, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The speaker for the meeting was Linda Stanier, Manager of Special Events and Promotions for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. In December 2000, Congress passed the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission Act, directing the Interior Secretary to appoint 16 members to a commission to plan, develop and execute programs and activities to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O' Connor will be serving as the Honorary Chair.

The first permanent English settlers sent by the Virginia Company of London settled at Jamestown, and the foundation of modern America took root on the banks of the James River in 1607, 13 years before the Pilgrims arrived to found Plymouth in Massachusetts. The seeds of representative self-government, free-enterprise, private ownership of property and civilian control of the military grew in the Historic Triangle formed by Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown, to form the America we know today.

The goal of this very special celebration "is to capture the spirit, imagination, and diversity of Americans and develop that energy into a myriad of community programs, signature events, and national and international festivities that showcases Virginia's unique role as the birthplace of modern America and the cradle of American democratic traditions. "

The many activities open for participation can be found on the calendar published at www.jamestown2007.org , along with interactive computer games incorporating the history and culture of the new civilization born in Jamestown on FORT DISCOVERY AND JAMESTOWN LIVE! Check it out and become part of History!

THE FOLLOWING PICTURES SHOW SOME OF THE MEETING ATTENDEES:



Mary Marvin, Marcia Evans, Suzanne Hoyle-Rhodes,
Randy Bates and Anne Bates



John Hilliard, Bill Johnson, Andrew Sullivan, John Schmidt,
Joan Clark, John Jones, Mrs. Schmidt



Speaker, Linda Stanier, unidentified, unidentified, Denis Woodfield, Sandy Johnson, Richard Burr, Mrs. Bates



William Pryor and Mitchell Schmidt

The General Meetings of the BOMC and MOC are held twice each year. Please plan to attend on October 21, at 12 noon, at The Corinthian Yacht Club in Essington, PA.

SURETIES

Class of 2007 - Tracy A. Crocker; Charles D. Richman, Jr.; Kenneth A. Buckbee, Ruluff McIntyre; Charles Lucas

Class of 2008 - Dan Black; Richard Smith, Sr.; Marlene Wilkinson, Jack Early, Barry Howard

Class of 2009 - Hartley Barker; Alice Chilton; Gail Adams; Richard Burr, John Hilliard

Class of 2010 - Bill Brown; John Browning; Duncan Cairnes Ely, Hardwick Johnson

Class of 2011 - Bill Truscott; Wm. B. Pryor; MG W. D. Crittenberger; Katherine Crittenberger; John Hallberg Jones

Adjuvants - George Chimples; Linda Holt Stewart; Sara Vaughan

BARONIAL ORDER OF MAGNA CHARTA OFFICERS

Marshal:	James W. Marvin, Jr.
Justiciar:	Robert Pond Vivian
Chancellor:	Thomas Richards Kellogg, Esq.
Chirurgeon:	David R. Curfman, M.D.
Genealogist:	Timothy Field Beard
Herald:	Randolph Blakely Bates
Historiographer	Denis Buchanan Woodfield, Ph. D.
Keeper of the Purse:	Denis Buchanan Woodfield, Ph. D.
Keeper of the Rolls:	John Sowden Child
Keeper of the Signet	William G. Johnson, M.D.
Prelate:	William H. Stemper, Jr., F.R.S.A.

The items, listed below, for the Baronial Order of Magna Charta (BOMC) and the Military Order of the Crusades (MOC) may be ordered by sending your check, payable to "BOMC," to the address shown below. Listed prices include tax and mailing.

ITEMS

BOMC – Rosette, large w/pin	\$15	OMC – Rosette, small w/pin	\$15
BOMC – Medallion, large, gold plate Magna Charta seal w/scroll	\$235	BOMC – Tie, four in hand, striped w/Magna Charta seal	\$35
BOMC – Medallion, miniature, men’s gold plate	\$75	BOMC – Tie, four in hand, striped	\$35
BOMC – Medallion, miniature, men’s 10 karat gold	\$210	BOMC – Tie bar, gold plate, w/seal	\$95
BOMC/MOC – Medallion; women’s, gold plate, MC/MOC seal on ribbon w/pin	\$85	BOMC – Cuff Links, butterfly, gold plate, Magna Charta seal on ribbon w/pin	\$90
BOMC – Magna Charta reproduction matted & framed	\$75	BOMC/MOC – Medallion; women’s, 10k gold, MC/MOC seal on ribbon w/pin	\$220
BOMC – Prints of Surety Armorial shields – 17”x11,” full color	\$35	BOMC – Magna Charta reproduction	\$30
BOMC – Large membership certificate	\$70	BOMC – Book, –“Magna Charta in America”	\$25
BOMC – Wall plaque, wood, shield w/Magna Charta seal	\$75	BOMC – Book, –“Magna Charta” Latin w/ English translation	\$25
MOC - Medallion, miniature, men’s gold plate	\$75	MOC - Wall plaque, wood, shield w/MOC seal	\$75
MOC - Medallion, miniature, men’s 14 karat gold	\$200	MOC - Rosette, large w/pin	\$15
BOMC – Patch, blazer, pin back	\$50	MOC - Patch, blazer, pin back	\$50
		MOC - Patch, blazer, w. breast	\$50
		BOMC – Patch, blazer, sew pocket flap	\$50

***Prices are subject to change
without notice.***

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Our current by-laws were written in 1983, before we had entered the electronic age. Of course, much else has changed since then, so it is understandable that there should be a call to bring them up to date. To this end, Baron Michael Phelps, Esq. was named Chairman of the By-laws Committee, and he has been assisted by Baron Thomas Kellogg, Esq., our Chancellor.

The Military Order of Crusades did not merge with the Baronial Order of Magna Charta until 1998, and this gives additional impetus to bring the by-laws up to date. Therefore, an MOC Committee was formed, chaired by Sir Robert Vivian, the MOC Commander General, and assisted by Sir John Hallberg Jones. Their initial responsibility has been to help the By-laws Committee to incorporate sections into the by-laws that pertain to the MOC.

While the current plan is to present the final draft to the Board for its approval, this spring, it is also apparent that amendments can be anticipated, as we feel our way along with the new version.

For our next meeting, you are cordially invited to attend a combined fall luncheon of The Baronial Order of the Magna Charta (BOMC) and The Military Order of the Crusades (MOC) on Saturday, October 21, at 12 noon, at The Corinthian Yacht Club in Essington, PA.

Our speaker will be Charles Lucas, M.D. Dr. Lucas is a member of the BOMC & MOC and sits on our Board of Sureties. He is also one of the founders of the Order Of Merovingian Dynasty (OMD), about which he will be speaking. One of the major purposes of the OMD is to educate the general public about the history of the Merovingian Kings and their subsequent impact upon western civilization.

Invitations will be mailed to all members, shortly.

This is your first newsletter, after a long hiatus, and we hope that you enjoy it. We are already planning for the next edition and, in that regard, we would be delighted, if you are able to help with constructive criticism or, better yet, articles of interest to the Orders that you can submit. (Electronic copy is preferred) to Editor Alice McGloin Chilton at amcdrama@aol.com.

For more information visit our web site at :

<http://www.magnacharta.com>

MISSING MEMBERS

Mailing to the following members has been halted, because previous mail has been returned with no forwarding address. If you recognize a name and can help, please contact the marshal with your information.

David Auer	Elburn, IL	Robert Miller	Marshall, VA
Forrest Blanding	Cranford, NJ	George Mueller	Chadds Ford, PA
Paul Leslie Brent	Cerritos, CA	Dieter Newman	Huntingdon Valley, PA
Arthur Gottwald	Alexandria, VA	Doris Osburn	Long Beach, CA
Roger Hargrave	Swedesboro, NJ	Clifford Pohl	Cincinnati, OH
LeRoy Harris	Baton Rouge, LA	John Reeves	New York, NY
George Kitchel	Houston, TX	Bradley Ridge	Temple, PA
Mitchell Lathrop	San Diego, CA	Franklin Spearman	Taylors, SC
Mark Mason	Lisle, IL	Kuddy Thomas	Newport, KY
Douglas Miller	Lowell, MA		

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