



The Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars

THE CALUMET
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The past few months have been very busy ones for your Continental Officers. The Society is growing rapidly. Michigan was organized in November, Missouri received the Charter in January, California Chartered in March and New York will received their Charter in May.

Congratulations go to the California Society. Mrs. Francis McKee was appointed at the Board Meeting in February and chartered in March with forty-six members. The Registrar General, Mrs. Rice, the Treasurer General, Mrs. Hopkins, the Founder, Mrs. Avery and the Governor General attended their Charter Meeting. They wish to thank the California Society for all the courtesies extended to them.

The Continental Board met in Chicago in February during the blizzard of the year. Iowa, Missouri and Georgia managed to get there. The Burr Ridge , Best Western Hotel at Burr Ridge, IL put their best foot forward and made it one of the best meetings the Board remembers. Much was accomplished at that meeting not the least of which was the organization of the Iowa Society.

A FIRST!! Georgia has organized our first Local Society. On the twenty-fourth of March the State Society met and the local society was confirmed. Congratulations!

Mr. Earl S. McGilvray, Jr., First Deputy Governor Sons of the Indian Wars whose address is 216 Sivell Road, LaGrange, GA 30240 was the speaker at the Georgia State Meeting. He asked that names of prospective members for the Sons Organization be sent to him. He also told us the meaning of the colors used by the two Societies.

WHITE stands for the North wind which brings the snow and drives the buffalo south for the survival of the Indian.

YELLOW represents the rising sun in the east which warms the earth and makes the crops grow.

RED represents the south wind, a gentle wind which makes life more comfortable.

BLUE, the west wind brings the night so the Indian may rest.

The Registrar General reports that the microfilming of our papers will begin soon. If you wish your papers to be closed please let her know soon.

It was with a great deal of regret that the resignation of the Chairman of Printed Supplies was accepted. Maryanne did a very good job with a busy chairmanship. She will be missed. Until a new chairman is chosen, you may order supplies from the Governor General. Mrs. E. B. Hoff, Sr., 5071 Willow Pt. Pkwy. NE Marietta, GA 30068-1754

The Chairman of Native American Heritage asks that you send to her stories which have been passed down by word of mouth, genealogy, memories and anything that will possibly otherwise be lost in time. Her address: Mrs. John M. Karlovich Rt. 2, Box 160 Kingston, GA 30145-0160

Mrs. George T. Lockwood, Historian General, has asked that you please send pictures, newspaper articles etc that pertain to the history of your organization to her. Her address is: 1707 Chateau Knoll Bettendorf, IA 52722-3476

MARK YOUR CALANDER NOW!!! Plans are underway for the Sixth Annual Council. We hope to see you there.

If you have not purchased voices on the beautiful print which will be donated by the Bledsoe Art Co., ask your State Governor to show the pictures to you. The profit will go to the Scholarship Fund. We are very grateful to Jane Bledsoe for the donation.

DID YOU KNOW??

INDIANS HAD A HAND IN IT?

Indian traditions may have played a role in framing the United States Constitution.

It goes back to 1754 when representatives of colonial Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire met in Albany, N.Y., to work on a plan of union for defense in the face of the coming French and Indian War (Seven Years' War in Europe).

At this Albany Congress, Benjamin Franklin drafted a plan to unify the colonies by establishing a Grand Council made up representatives of the colonies chosen by the legislatures. Executive

responsibility would be in a President General. Council acts approved by the President General would be binding on all the colonies.

Inspiration for the union, which was not approved by the colonies but formed the model for the Continental Congresses, is said to have come from the Five Nations confederation composed of the Mohawk, Seneca, Oneida, Cayuga and Onandaga tribes formed in the 15th Century to halt intertribal warfare.

Franklin told the Albany Congress that if "ignorant savages" could band together, the 13 colonies could, too. ■



Pat Hopkins, Dorothy Hoff, Nancy Ragsdale and Dee Rice at the Missouri Charter Meeting.

Mary Lockwood pinning the Iowa State Pin on Christie Noble, Organizing Governor, Iowa



Helen McKee, first to sign the California Charter.

Margaret Carr, Governor of Missouri and Nancy Ragsdale, First Governor General at the Missouri Charter Meeting.



First Deputy Governor Sons of Indian Wars demonstrating an Indian Fan at the Georgia Meeting.