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Warrior Sumner Esten Anderson, Treasurer NY Society, Governor Bob Burell, Deputy Governor General David Linville, and Deputy Governor John Strothman at the General Assembly Gala, Boston Copley Plaza Hotel.

Governor's Report to the Membership
Bob Burell

The Members of the Council and I thank each of you for a successful 2013 so far. Your contributions toward and participation in the Society's events are very important and are catalysts to the ever growing success of our Illinois Society.

We continue to attract top quality men to become Warriors with the current membership at an impressive 145 and growing. Your ability to recruit eligible men to join our ranks is appreciated, and I encourage each of you to keep up the effort. The **February Recruiting Reception** at *The Casino Club* was outstanding, with several new prospective members submitting their applications —and a great time was had by all who attended. I commend the work of our **Registrar Jim Barr**, **Membership & Social Chairman Brian White** and our **Genealogist Rev. Peter Irvine** for their tireless efforts with potential members. And once a candidate becomes a "Provisional", I encourage each of you to reach out to that person and do all to make him feel welcome. I see our Society as a "Society of Friends."

Networking is encouraged. To that end, and to help us get to know one another better outside the context of the SCW, please do send in your bio and photo to **Association Services**. A form to fill out was sent to each of you via regular mail. All submissions will be placed in our web-site under the secure members only secure section—sort of like an internal LinkedIn. I think all of our members have great backgrounds and a variety of interests, so this is a great way to enhance fellowship, networking, and communication.

In case you missed it, the March 2nd issue of *The North Shore Weekend Magazine* featured us in an article with picture titled "**High Society: Colonial Wars Group Honors Brave Ancestors.**" I extend a very special thank you to the *Editor in Chief and fellow SCW member David Sweet* for this wonderful tribute to our Society. And, I thank **Barry Carroll, John Strothman and Dave Linville** for their contributions to the article. This submission is great publicity for our organization!

Our *Summer Court* on May 19th at *Shoreacres* was very well attended with over 70 attendees. The day was delightfully enjoyed by all with much socializing, summer beverages, and great food. The performance by *Maestro Alan Heatherington* and *pianist Richard Boldrey* included selections from J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, and Beethoven featuring Colonial Era music. What a treat it was to listen to these very talented, accomplished musicians. The day was perfect, and I extend many thanks to David Linville and Brian White for their efforts to bring us such a memorable event.

The *General Assembly*, held over Memorial Day Weekend in Boston, included events at the *Harvard Club, Somerset Club, The Country Club, Copley Plaza Hotel* and other noteworthy historical venues. Members who attended as ISCW Delegates included **Barry Carroll** –who was our Society Honoree at the Saturday Evening Gala--, **Dave Linville, John Strothman, Aaron Barlow and myself**. The high point in the weekend was the White Tie Saturday Evening Gala at the Copley. I encourage more members to attend the next General Assembly, May 8-11, 2014 in Louisville, KY.

Contributions were made to the *Newberry Library, Winnetka Public Library and Fort de Chartres*. Dave Linville and Brian White are heading up a Committee to interact with Fort de Chartres and plan a group visit next year. Please let them know of any suggestions you may have, or if you would like to volunteer for the Committee.

I arranged to have **Michael La Vean** present a lunch-time lecture entitled "*Combat Leadership in the Era of Muskets*" at the *Newberry Library* on June 19th. Mr. La Vean is an amateur historian and lecturer at the *NCO Academy* in Ft. Custer, Michigan, is a Fellow in the *American Historical Society* and a Fellow in the *Napoleonic Society*, and is a former **United States Army Officer, 82nd Airborne Ranger and a General's Aide**. Approximately sixteen Warriors and several other guests attended his very interesting presentation.

Thank you all for your efforts to make our Society a great one...and remember...let's have a hell of a good time in all we do.

Welcome New SCW Members

Congratulations to our new members! Please welcome the following to our ranks as we are proud to have them join us:

Malcolm Graham Bourne, Jr.	Brian Philip Johnson
Allen Gladwell Carter, Jr.	Rudolf E. Kneper, Jr.
Richard K. Frey	Edmund Harrison Lester
Julian W. Harvey	Peter Clayton Mark
Leland Ellis Hutchinson	Bartholomew Richard O'Toole
Jonathan Jensen	Frederick Falley Phillips
	Todd Schwebel

Warriors Assemble at Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest For 2012 Winter Court

The Society held its annual Winter Court event at Onwentsia Club on December 6th, 2012.

As per usual, ISCW Governor, David Linville, started the event by welcoming all Warriors and their male guests with cocktails beginning at 5:30 p.m., then he conducted our Council's Officers and Directors Winter Court at 6:30 p.m. by asking all Committee Chairs to deliver their respective committee reports.

Governor Linville conducted the solemn Broken Arrow Ceremony by reciting

“In the name of these, our comrades, who have gone before and in token of the bonds and old companionships, now broken, I offer this Indian Arrow of Colonial Tradition and break it reverently in their memory.”

Michael Thomas Kelly (2012)

Arthur Pray Price (2011)

Richard Lewis Joutras (2011)

Harlan Fletcher Stanley (2011)

John Howel Dawson (2011)

Governor Linville then asked all warriors and their guests to convene in the dining room for dinner.

After all attendees were seated, Governor Linville rose and gave a warm welcome to all gentlemen at the 2012 Winter Court. He then called on Rev. Peter Irvine to lead us all in prayer and for the invocation.

Governor Linville then asked several Warriors to deliver the ceremonial toasts to the Queen of England, to the Office of the President of the United States of America, to the Founders of our great country, to all members of all branches of the Armed Services, both fallen and present, and finally, to all Warriors present.

After a wonderful dinner and accompanying wines, Governor Linville then called upon Bob Burell, who introduced our guest speaker, Mr. William McGrath. Mr. McGrath, a seasoned investment banker and Principal in a highly-respected, Chicago-based firm, Kinsale Capital, gave an excellent presentation on the history and current state of doing business in China.



Former Governor David Linville proudly presides during his final Winter Court at Onwentsia.



Warriors Philip May, Thomas Linville, and Andrew Valentine enjoy a cocktail at the Winter Court at Onwentsia.



M&A Editor Jim Rudwall humbly poses with his editorial mentor, Past Governor and former M&A Editor, George Burditt, with Past Governor John Dyrud looking on.



Warriors Bob Burell and Steve Barnhardt with speaker Bill McGrath at Winter Court 2012

Winter Court 2013 Speaker and Location Set

Governor Burell announces that the 2013 Winter Court will be held on December 5th at Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest, IL. In large part due to the “ground work” of Deputy Governor John Strothman, our keynote speaker has been identified. Consistent with the requests of the membership to have more historical presentations, our speaker will be Mr. Nick Fry who will speak on Colonial Trade Routes and History in Southern IL. Nick is an amateur historian and Curator for the John Barriger National Railroad Library Foundation at the St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri in St. Louis, MO. In view of our work with Fort de Chartres and upcoming trip there in Fall 2014, Nick’s presentation will be of great interest for us to learn about the history of Southern Illinois.

Governor Burell requests all put the date December 5th on your calendars now for another great Winter Court of formality, education, fellowship and a healthy dose of revelry.

February 7th Membership Event at The Casino

"We are on fire" were the words recently spoken by our very own registrar James F. Barr, Jr. after our annual Colonial Warriors Membership event held at The Casino. A snowy day on February 7th couldn't keep the 40 guests away from The Casino for what has become one of the most fun events of the year. Planned as a yearly event for the full membership to meet and get to know our newest members, provisional members and candidates, this year didn't disappoint. With some 20 candidates in attendance our Governor Robert Lee Burell spoke about the history of The Colonial Warriors and their importance in Illinois. Afterwards, our Genealogist Peter B. Irvine talked about the process of joining. Our Membership Chairman, Brian D. White, spoke about the importance of Hereditary Societies in general in our society today. Following the cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and brief speeches, the gentlemen had time to get to know all the new members. Then all adjourned to the Drawing Room for a feast fit for a Colonial Warrior!

In all it was reported at our Summer Dinner Dance in July that from year to date we have brought in 20 new members to our Illinois Society. We attribute this to the renewed enthusiasm of our members bringing in their sons, grandsons, nephews as well as our active members identifying qualified candidates who are appropriate for membership. We also have an incredible team of Council Members working closely with our Governor, Registrar, Genealogist and Membership Chairman to help identify and bring in new members.



February 7, 2013 at The Casino



Peter Mark, Bart O'Toole, Ed Lester,
and Howell Brown.



Matthew Leiter, Jonathan Gauntt,
and Brian White.

Illinois proudly announces the appointment of two members to the Membership Committee of the National Society

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our Former Governor, **David Gilbert Linville**, and our Membership Chairman, **Brian D. White**, to serve on the General Society of Colonial Wars Membership Committee. Both were invited by Mr. Homer C. Shirley, Chairman of the Membership Committee for The General Society, just this week; and both accepted with pleasure immediately. We have now been recognized nationally for our outstanding membership growth, and recognizing both David and Brian in this way is a great honor for the Illinois Society. "We have a template and it works and we know how to identify qualified candidates and bring them into our Society" said White.



Deputy Governor General David Linville and Brian White, Membership Chairman.

Warriors and Ladies Assemble at Shoreacres, Lake Bluff For the 2013 Summer Court

The Society held its annual Summer Court on Sunday, May 19th, in conjunction with The National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Illinois at Shoreacres, 1601 Shoreacres Road, Lake Bluff, Illinois. The event began with a brief Council meeting started promptly at 10:45 a.m., followed by cocktails out in the beautiful courtyard on the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan at 11:30 a.m., then the Summer Court lunch and presentation started at 12:30 pm.

Once seated, Governor Bob Burell welcomed all Warriors, Dames, spouses, and other guests to Summer Court. Messrs. Burell and Linville introduced this year's special guests. They arranged to have Musical Entertainment by Maestro Alan Heatherington and Richard Boldrey. Alan is an accomplished professional violinist. Richard is a well-known pianist, vocal coach, conductor, professor, and author. Alan and Richard have collaborated for many years.

As always, the Members of the Council encouraged the Warriors and Dames to continue inviting their male adult relatives (sons, nephews, and grandsons), who would be eligible for membership.



Governor Bob Burell joins past Governors Howell Browne, Barry Carroll, and David Linville in the beautiful courtyard at Summer Court at Shoreacres.



Council and other distinguished gentlemen Warriors pose at the Summer Court at Shoreacres.

40th General Assembly May 23rd – 26th, 2013

Governor General, the Honorable Thomas Clifton Etter, Jr. hosted the 40th General Assembly in Boston on May 23rd – 26th.

ISCW Governor Robert Burell advised that the following ISCW Warriors attended this year's General Assembly as Illinois Delegates: **Bob Burell, Dave Linville, Barry Carroll, John Strothman, and Aaron Barlow.**

Deputy Governor General Linville gave a very nice presentation on Fort de Chartes to all SCW delegates. Our newly "adopted" landmark is extremely important to the Illinois Society as the Fort is one of the very few preserved landmarks from the Colonial Wars period in the State of Illinois.



Governor Bob Burell and his fiancé, Colleen Sterns, dressed to the "nines" at the General Assembly.



Deputy Governor General David Linville and Past Colonial Dames President Barbara Linville were "puttin' on the ritz" at the General Assembly.



The Barlow's and John Strothman have a relaxing conversation at the General Assembly.

2013 Spring Council Meeting at The Casino



Governor Bob Burell conducted a productive and well-attended Council meeting at the Casino Club on April 3rd. Illinois Society members in attendance were: Robert Burell, John Strothman, Howell Browne, Bill Lee, Sr., Bill Lee, Jr., Philip May, John Strothman, Albert Tippens, James Rudwall, Brian White, Todd Schwebel, Julian Harvey, Peter Irvine, Allen Carter, Albert Van Alyea, Aaron Barlow, William Parke, Louis Margaglione.

Warrior's Heritage Bob Burell, Governor

Kent Island Conflict

Kent Island is located on Maryland's Eastern Shore—just across the Chesapeake Bay from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis from where I graduated in 1979. The ancestor from which I claim Colonial War Service --Thomas Keene (1593-1653)--served with Colonial William Claiborne on Kent Island and was one of Claiborne's settlers from England. Little did I know when I was a Midshipman at Annapolis that my ancestor was engaged in a fifteen year colonial war right across the Chesapeake from the Naval Academy. I used to sail around Kent Island when I was a Midshipman.

The Protestant Colonial William Claiborne (1600-1677) was a member of the Virginia Council and established a trading post on Kent Island just before King Charles I granted the Colony to the Catholic Lord Baltimore 1632. When the Catholic Leonard Calvert (Governor of Maryland) arrived to claim the territory granted him by Lord Baltimore, Colonial Claiborne refused to leave or allow his land to become part of Maryland. This resulted in fifteen years of war between Colonial Claiborne and Governor Calvert, resulting in America's first naval battles (1635), combat and political intrigue across the Atlantic in England over the land dispute.

Early in the conflict, Claiborne traveled to England to argue his case before the King. While he was gone, Calvert gained control of Kent Island. The King eventually agreed that the island belonged to Maryland, but the battle for Kent Island continued between the Protestants and Catholics. By 1650, Colonial Claiborne's ever growing connections dominated strategic positions of power in England and America, giving Claiborne all the leverage he needed to take revenge on Lord Baltimore and re-direct the course of Chesapeake Bay history. Claiborne had transformed Virginia's Northern Neck into a haven for anti-Calvert refugees. In England, Claiborne's connections had defeated and executed King Charles I-- and as a result-- took over key positions of power in the Puritan Commonwealth. Kent Island belonged to Claiborne until Oliver Cromwell returned the colony --including Kent Island-- to the Catholic Calvert family. Colonial Claiborne fought for forty years right up until the time of his death to regain control and ownership of Kent Island. His last attempt was peaceful, but not successful. In 1677, he sent a petition to King Charles II asking for the return of the Island --but Claiborne died without recovering what he truly believed was his land.

The Kent Island Conflict is an interesting story of religion, politics, and battles in our Colonial History.

Society Continues Historic Contributions

ISCW Treasurer, Alby Van Alyea, announced the Society's 501(c) 3 contributions to the following organizations in 2013:

- **Winnetka Library -\$1,000**
- **Newberry Library -\$2,000**
- **Fort de Chartes (Save IL History) - \$2,000**
- **There will be matching funds from the General Society.**

Timely Payment of Dues

As a friendly reminder, the Council urges all Warriors to pay your dues on a timely basis. This is a common courtesy, of course. An issue that the Council deals with is the increase in administrative costs (i.e., mailing costs, additional processing charges, etc.) as a result of multiple mailings to those members who haven't paid their dues. Thank you.

Warrior Passing George Michael Burditt, Jr.

We regret to inform our Warriors of the passing of fellow Warrior, **George Miller Burditt, Jr.**

George served as Governor of the Illinois Society from 2002 to 2005. He was admitted to the *Society of Colonial Wars* through his ancestor Samuel Burditt of Malden, MA.

There were two separate memorial services held in honor of George. The first was held at Plymouth Place in LaGrange Park, IL on March 30th. The following Warriors attended this moving service:

- **Past ISCW Governor's Phillip Jones, Barry Carroll, and John Dyrud,**
- **Deputy Governor John Strothman, and**
- **Muskets & Arrows Editor Jim Rudwall**

The second service took place at 4th Presbyterian Church in Chicago on April 27th. **Past Governor Howell Browne and Governor Bob Burell** attended this service. A number of George's family members gave inspirational quips of his life, and recounted what a wonderful father and grandfather he was. Two of his grandchildren sang a beautiful hymn in his memory. We are grateful to have stood with such an outstanding citizen and Warrior. As George was a great mentor and friend to many Warriors, he will be sorely missed.

ISCW Schedule for the Remainder of the Year

October 2nd	11:30 a.m.	Lunch and Council Meeting	The Casino
December 5 th	6:00 p.m.	Winter Court	Onwentsia Club



Respectfully submitted by:
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