

Crown Colony Chapter  
National Society Colonial Daughters  
of the Seventeenth Century

A Brief History of the  
Organizing Administration

Sharon Kaufelt Stine  
Organizing Honorary President  
Organized at Williamsburg, VA - November 20, 2010  
Chartered at Washington, DC - April 15, 2011

Carla Whitehurst Odom  
President  
2012-2015

On September 18, 2010 the National Society Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century's, Organizing Secretary General, Leslie Canavan, appointed Sharon Stine the Organizing President for a new chapter in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This chapter is counted as one of a few ever planned within a state already having an established chapter. Mrs. Stine immediately spoke with her friend, Anne Scott Williams, the Organizing President of the Oglethorpe Chapter of Colonial Daughters to seek her blessings to move forward. Mrs. Williams had recently invited Mesdames Frank, Odom and Winn to serve with Mrs. Stine as organizing members of that chapter with the possible goal of this core group helping Mrs. Stine to organize a chapter in VA in the future. Mrs. Williams gave her best wishes to proceed.

Invitations were extended for the Organizing Meeting of the new chapter that was held at the Fords Colony Country Club, Williamsburg, Virginia on Saturday, November 20, 2010 with Organizing Chapter President Sharon Stine presiding. Present were 20 prospective members and transfers listed here: Linda Allen, Barbara Benedict, Mary Leigh Boisseau, Carey Brace, Margaret Carroll, Penny Chaboudy, Pamela Curtin, Carole Featherston, Lila Housden, Pamela Meiring, Laurie Nesbitt, Carla Odom, Melanie Platte, Virginia Rouse, Bonnie Shelton, Crystal Sims, Kathy Thomasson, Macayla Thomasson, Brenda Wesner and Anne Winn.

Organizing President Stine welcomed members and guests and introduced the organization's insignia and colors. Macayla Thomasson, age three was introduced as the first Junior Member and an Organizing Member of the chapter. Six approved applicants and four transfers already provide enough membership for the Organizing Meeting. Six additional prospective applicants are preparing papers.

President Stine announced the chapter officers already appointed (pending papers) as follows: President, Sharon Stine; First Vice President, Carla Odom; Chaplain, Lila Housden; Treasurer, Penny Chaboudy; Recording Secretary, Pamela Meiring; and Registrar, Anne Winn. The following individuals agreed to fill the remaining offices: Second Vice President, Mary Leigh Boisseau; Corresponding Secretary, Carole Featherston; Historian/Librarian, Virginia Rouse; and Yearbook Chairman, Kathy Thomasson.

The question was raised if this chapter will meet with Jamestown Chapter. President Stine explained that within the organization there is not a state society with subordinate chapters, therefore, Crown Colony meetings will be held independently. This chapter and all others will report directly to the National Society.

A motion was adopted that chapter and national dues combined be \$20.00 for the first year. Contributions should be made to the President General's projects that include scholarships, awards and donations to a children's hospital.

It was announced the next meeting will be held on February 27, 2011 at the Wyndham Hotel in Glen Allen Virginia. A motion was adopted that the chapter meet in the future in conjunction with the Virginia Society of Southern Dames of America with separate meetings, but joint luncheons, speakers and sites. A motion was adopted that guests may attend meetings. LTC Charles Robert Odom was guest for the luncheon. A motion was adopted to send correspondence by electronic transmission to members who wish to participate. Those members not utilizing electronic communications will receive postal service messages from the chapter. The bylaws were adopted. A motion was made that changes to the bylaws will be proposed to the membership 30 days in advance of any vote to amend.

Members adopted the motion for the name *Crown Colony Chapter* because Virginia was the first Crown Colony. The title was kept to two words. Chaplain Housden offered grace and luncheon was served. Photos were made of the event.

On February 17, 2011 Organizing President, Sharon Stine, presided at the *Crown Colony Chapter* meeting at the Wyndham Conference Center, Glen Allen Virginia at the same site as the meeting of the Virginia Society, Southern Dames of America. Their President General, Dorothy Lee, was the speaker. Other special guests were Fritz Martin and Telia Cunningham from the Louisiana Society, SDA. Mr. Robert Odom served as photographer. President Stine announced the chapter bylaws were submitted to and approved by the National Society pending the Chartering scheduled at the upcoming General Business Assembly. Branch Banking and Trust was confirmed as the chapter bank. Contributions totaling \$114.00 were collected for treasury.

The Chartering Ceremony for the *Crown Colony Chapter* was held Friday, April 15, 2011 at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC. Members attending were Sharon Stine, Carla Odom, Mary Leigh Boisseau, Joyce Franks and Ann Winn. The charter was presented to Organizing President Stine. Our Mother Chapter President Mrs. Ann Williams from the Oglethorpe Chapter gave a special tribute. Organizing Secretary General, Leslie Canavan, conducted the ceremony.

*Crown Colony Chapter* met at the Double Tree Hotel, Charlottesville, VA on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with Organizing President Sharon Stine presiding. She presented a report on the Chartering Ceremony held at the General Business Assembly in Washington DC on April 15, 2011. Guests attending were Mrs. Todd Brooks Kincaid a member of the Kentucky Chapter, Robert Odom, Governor General, NSSDP and

Richard Sande, invited brother of the program speaker. Registrar Winn reported there are 24 verified members with seven applicants working on papers. Speaker Pat Bardoshi gave a most informative lecture on “The Herbs of Thomas Jefferson.”

Fords Colony Country Club at Williamsburg, Virginia was the setting of the February 26, 2012 meeting. President Stine gave a brief review of the many activities of the chapter during the first administration. She explained to insure Crown Colony Chapter is in the same cycle with the National Society that elections would be held at this meeting with installation to follow. This action will align the chapter’s new officers with the general officers and presumably those of most other chapters. Registrar Anne Winn reported there are currently 30 members including one junior and one pending applicant. One death was reported. Anne Winn, Diane Bradshaw and Lila Housden were elected at the prior meeting to serve as the Nominating Committee. Chairman Winn announced the following slate:

President	Carla Odom
First Vice President	Melanie Platte
Second Vice President	Virginia Rouse
Chaplain	Lilia Housden
Recording Secretary	Evelyn Page
Corresponding Sec.	Carole Featherston
Treasurer	Penny Chaboudy
Registrar	Anne Winn
Historian	Diane Bradshaw

The 2012-2015 slate was elected as presented. Virginia Society SDA Chaplain Jacquelynne Schulman performed the installation of the officers. Emblems of office, sashes and the gavel were exchanged. Sharon Stine was elected Honorary Organizing President. She was presented gifts of brooches of a crown and cardinal and a cash presentation.

In the capacity of Chaplain for SDA, Mrs. Schulman provided a moving tribute and memorial service for recent Organizing Second Vice President Mary Leigh Boisseau who entered larger life February 15, 2012. Following lunch Mrs. Schulman gave a program with power point about “The Beginnings of Education in Virginia from Colonial Dames Schools to Post-Reconstruction Origins of One-Room Schools.”

During the Organizing Administration five meetings were held in various places in Virginia and the District of Columbia. The Organizing Meeting was held in Williamsburg and the Charter Meeting in the District of Columbia. Other sites included

Glenn Allen, Charlottesville and the final meeting of the term again in Williamsburg. The President General of Southern Dames of America was a feature speaker at the second meeting of the term. *Crown Colony Chapter* contributed to all national projects and the President General's Project. Thirty members and one junior joined with four of them being transfers from the Oglethorpe Chapter. Three of the four Oglethorpe Chapter transfers served as organizing officers. One member died. A variety of historical programs were offered. The daughters of *Crown Colony Chapter* holds a rare combination of national, state and local leaders, and other gifted individuals all of whom are not without wit, beauty and grace.