

The Way Ahead

South Atlantic States District Meeting

Thank you, George, for inviting me to be here this morning. From its roots, our society began as an historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit lineage organization. Speaking of lineage, I was recently involved with an issue that caused me to visit the genealogy section. The staff was hysterical over a family name. Now listen to this – it seems that someone applied for membership and the patriot's name was Frost And Snow, Sr. Yes, his middle name was And – (spell) AND. Patriot Frost And Snow moved to Surry County, North Carolina. Incidentally, I too, am from Surry County, NC. Frost's father was named John. Although John and wife, Sarah, may have been cruel naming the first-born son, Frost And Snow, the second boy (Frost's younger brother) was named – any guesses – Ice And Snow. Oh yes, Ice And Snow was given the same middle name as his older brother, Frost And Snow. Frost And Snow, Sr. would father many children. The first born – a boy – any guesses – was named...Frost And Snow, Jr. Frost Sr. and wife, Elizabeth produced eleven children all together. Their names in order of birth were: Frost, Jane, Frances, Richard, Thomas, Adra, Johnson, John, Ice, Nancy, and Hail Snow. My guess is it was sometime during the winter when Ice was born, and we can only guess at the season when Hail Snow was born.

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Until our more recent history, we sometimes guessed how death occurred. A cause of death given on a death certificate issued in 1854 was **DEAD MORTIFICATION**. Another one in 1902 listed the cause of death as **EXHAUSTION OF VITAL FORCE**. Another cause of death listed in 1929 – was just simply **FELL DEAD**. Is our American way of life at risk for **DEAD MORTIFICATION, EXHAUSTION OF VITAL FORCE**, or will we, as a nation, simply **FALL DEAD**? Compatriots, our American heritage is threatened and could die. We see the military action abroad daily on our TV sets. We struggle to understand the decisions made by our elected officials. Illegal aliens are crossing our borders and, once here, demand rights as natural borne citizens. Public school history education as we knew has changed. As law abiding peace loving Americans, our way of life as we know it will die if we do not act **NOW**. If this nation we love dies, what will be listed as her cause of death – will it be **FAILURE TO ACT**?

Your national society leadership is determined to act. It is positioning us to change this situation, and you are a part of that great experience. The Center for Advancing America's Heritage is reaching out in the preservation of our proud beginning as a nation. The Center, as you may have read about, will house a greatly enhanced library and will display interactive exhibits that entertain, engage, and challenge visitors.

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The Center, in addition to all that will house larger educational facilities to teach about the Revolutionary War and the early American experience.

The society has changed its focus since being chartered one hundred years ago. No longer are we thought of as just a social group of the upper-crust Americans. Thanks to the great work from the Texas Society, the America's Heritage Compact Disk is still in very high demand. The Keyholes to History – a product of the Florida Society – is available to our state societies for nation wide use. Through these initiatives and the work being accomplished by our education initiatives, the ability to reach out to the ordinary citizen will be greatly enhanced from the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The Center will help in the collective effort to change the current state of affairs across the land. The Center is your way of saying...I am proud to be an American – I descend from a patriot of the American Revolution.

The message I bring to you this morning is a new call to action. We must fight for our way of life. Our nation's culture is under assault, but by our actions and messages and support of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, you can breathe a breath of new life into the mainstream of our county. We can, by our collective efforts, present

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outreach activities never before realized. We, as members of this society, can work together to ignite another revolution and once more triumph over the forces that would cause death to freedom and the American people. Freedom allows for each of us to use our God-given abilities, and those with ability have a responsibility to take action. You, (Point at the 4 state presidents) and you, and you, and you are the way ahead.

I will always advocate that action begets action. The more we standup and speak out in numbers to promote the cause of patriotism, the more we – the Sons of the American Revolution – act to preserve the principles of human dignity and liberty for it was our ancestors that established what we today call the USA.

Their legacy was a nation of free men, the Bill of Rights, our Constitution, and an independent Supreme Court. What will be your legacy? Thanks for listening and thanks for helping to preserve the land and culture we love so much.

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