Dear Members,

As this will be my final opportunity to address you as President General in our fine publication, may I say that it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President General.

I draw your attention to several important items in this issue. You will find information about the annual meeting, a proposed slate of Officers to be elected for the 2011 – 2013 term, address changes and corrections, a list of new members approved since the last issue, an update for your recently published roster, and a revised and amended set of bylaws to be adopted at the Annual Meeting.

Membership in the Order has, at the time of the publication of this issue of the newsletter, reached the 250 mark with several applications in process. We have doubled our membership during the past two years. We owe Barry Howard a debt of gratitude for his good work as interim Registrar General as he helps John Harmon prepare to assume full responsibility for this important Office. I urge you to continue proposing your eligible family members and friends.

The finances of the Order are healthy. We will be awarding at least one scholarship at the annual meeting to a student of Dr. Brian Rose whose work currently focuses on the excavation of ancient Troy.

Make plans now to attend our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 which will again be held at the City Tavern Club. Doug Richardson will speak and autograph the second editions of his monumental works Plantagenet Ancestry and Magna Charta Ancestry.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during the past two years. I look forward to greeting each of you at our annual meeting.

Hardwick Smith Johnson, Jr., EdD

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Directory Changes…

Please notify the Secretary General and the Interim Registrar General of any changes:

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Interim Registrar General
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Changes/Corrections to the Directory…

Page 10:

Auser, Wallace Van Cortlandt
Change Gateway to Ricketts, Capt. William [New Jersey]

Page 17:

Jones, John Hallberg
Add Supplement: Deighton, Frances [Massachusetts]

Page 21:

Murray, Katherine Ann Kelly
Change Mrs. Thomas Reed to Katherine Kelly Murray
New Address:
1737 Belle Haven Road
Alexandria, VA 22307-1207

Page 24:

Rouse, Virginia Susan Hurtes
Change Mrs. James Richard Rouse to Ms Virginia Hurtes Rouse

Page 28:

Whittington, Beverly Ann
New Address:
304 S. Linden Lane
Richardson, TX 75080-6121

Page 28:

Wilkinson, Marlene:
New Address and E-mail:
1248 East Melrose Drive
Westlake, OH 44145-2801
(216) 848-1187
marwil32@hotmail.com

Page 28:

Worsham, Raleigh Elroy
Change spelling of Gateway’s last name to Beville

New Members’ Supplement Page:

Medina, Tiffany Monique Hebron
Change name from Mrs. Andrew Medina to Mrs. Jose Medina

New Members…

We welcome the following new members who have joined our society since the last newsletter:

#236-Betty Jane Bernstorf
#237-William S. Rose
#238-Mrs. John Baglio, Sr. (Reba)
#239-John Anthony Baglio, Jr.
#240-Christopher James Reader
#241-The Rev. Dr. Lynne Godard Alcott Kogel
#242-Mrs. Leeman Story (Ora)
#243-Mrs. Jerome Isidor Kahn (Victoria)
#244-M. David Sherill
#245-Eva Mae Lomerson Collins
#246-Joyce May McGeehee Bockemuehl
#247-Lowry Rush Watkins, Jr.
#248-Mary Jeane Johnston Gray
#249-Mrs. Joan Westmoreland Collier
#250-Alan Bryant Noel

2011 - 2013 Slate of Officers…

The Nominating Committee* offers the following slate of officers and advisory council to be voted on at the 13 April 2011 annual meeting:

President General: LTC Charles Clement Lucas, Jr., MD
1st VP General: Mrs. Brantley Carter Bolling Knowles
2nd VP General: Mr. Charles William Neuhauser
3rd VP General: Ms. Juanita Sue Pierce Augustus
4th VP General: Mrs. Anna Ferguson Duff
Genealogist General: Mr. Timothy Field Beard, FSG
Assistant Genealogist General: Mr. Philip Robert Livingston
Registrar General-Mr. John Harman, Jr.
Secretary General: Ms. Dianne A. Robinson
Assistant Secretary General: Mrs. Jane Wooten Walker
Chaplain General: Rev. Dr. Albert Clinton Walling II
Treasurer General: Mr. Barry Christopher Howard
Assistant Treasurer General: Mrs. Catherine McCreaey Strauch
Archivist General: Mr. John Mauk Hilliard
Curator General: Mrs. Eva Gray Harding
Chancellor General: Mr. Craig Huseman Metz, Esq.
Surgeon General: George James Hill, M.D. D. Litt
Counselor General: J. Michael Phelps, Esq.

Advisory Council:
Ms. Caroline Bowen
Mrs. Karen Mandeville Cardullo
Mr. Alan Stratton Hammock, Jr.
Mr. John Hallberg Jones
Mr. Russell Cecil Scott
Ms. Shari Kelley Worrell

*Nominating Committee:
Mrs. Steven Duff, Chairperson
Ms. Caroline Bowen
Mr. Barry C. Howard
Mr. Craig H. Metz, Esq.
Mr. Thomas M. Rodgers
Mr. John G. R. Rountree
Ms. Jane W. Walker
Call to the Seventh Annual Meeting…
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED 
TO ATTEND THE
7TH
Annual Meeting/Luncheon
of
Order of the Merovingian Dynasty

The City Tavern Club
(Courtesy of Barry C. Howard)
3206 M Street
Washington, DC 20007

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Council Meeting: 10:30 am
Champagne Reception on 1st Floor: Noon
Meeting and Luncheon: 12:30 pm

RESERVATION FORM
Reservations must be received by April 9, 2011

_____ Member(s), ____ Guest(s) @ $85 = $_______
TOTAL ENCLOSED $__________

Please list below the name of the member/guest and mark appropriately (M-Member or G-Guest):

__________________________________  M ____G ____
__________________________________  M ____G ____
__________________________________  M ____G ____
__________________________________  M ____G ____
__________________________________  M ____G ____

Please make check payable to: OMD
Check, along with this form, should be sent to:
Hardwick Smith Johnson, Jr. EdD, President General,
317 Winburn Drive
East Point, GA 30344
404-766-9392
hsjohnson30222@yahoo.com

(Registration is required in order to attend)

Douglas Richardson to Speak at the 2011 Annual Meeting…

Douglas Richardson is a professional genealogist, historian, lecturer, and author residing in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has been actively involved in genealogical research for over 40 years, and has earned a well deserved reputation as one of America's leading genealogists. He holds a B.A. degree in History from the University of California (Santa Barbara), and a M.A. degree in History from the University of Wisconsin (Madison).

Douglas is an accomplished author. He has written numerous articles for all the major genealogical journals and magazines, including The New England Historical and Genealogical Register (NEHGR), The American Genealogist (TAG), New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (NYGBR), Heritage Quest Magazine, and Foundations. He is the author of two full length books, Plantagenet Ancestry (2004) and Eno and Enos Family in America (Rev. ed., 1984).

Douglas has spoken at many genealogical conferences and workshops across the country. He is a former Contributing Editor of The American Genealogist and former member of the Santa Barbara Genealogical Society and Connecticut Society of Genealogists. He has taught American History at El Reno Junior College, El Reno, Oklahoma, and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. For a more extensive biography, please see Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry (2nd ed.).

Douglas specializes in medieval and royal families’ genealogical research. He is also experienced in research cases involving all periods of American research from colonial to the modern times. He brings a fresh creative approach to all research assignments and enjoys a reputation at "solving the unsolvable."

Douglas will have the Second Editions of his books, Magna Carta Ancestry and Plantagenet Ancestry, available for purchase prior to and during the meeting. He is also willing to autograph either and/or both of these books if purchased at the Annual Meeting in April.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Year: 1 January though 31 December
EIN (Tax ID) Number: 20-1689014

Incorporated in the State of Nevada: Date: 27 September 2004
Corporate Number: 25993-04
State of Nevada, Agent's name: MCQ Ventures
OMD Registered Agent: John McQuirk of Carson City, NV
Exempt from Federal Income Tax: Sec. 501(c)(3) of IRS Code
Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting

The sixth Annual Meeting of the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty was held 14 April 2010 at the City Tavern Club in Washington, DC at 10:30 a.m. President General Hardwick Smith Johnson, Jr., EdD called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Dr. Albert Clinton Walling II.

Officers in attendance were: Dr. Hardwick Smith Johnson, Jr. EdD, President General; Dr. Charles Clement Lucas, MD, First Vice President General, Mr. Charles William Neuhauser, Second Vice President General; Ms. Juanita Sue Pierce Augustus, Third Vice President General; Mr. John Hallberg Jones, Fourth Vice President General; Mr. Timothy Field Beard, Genealogist General; Reverend Barry Christopher Howard, Treasurer General; Dr. Linda Corinne Mistler, Ph.D., Secretary General; Dr. Albert Clinton Walling II, Chaplain General; Mr. John Mauk Hilliard, Archivist General; Mrs. Peter Irving Channing Knowles II, Curator General; Mr. George James Hill, MD, DLitt, Surgeon General; and, Mrs. Joel Strauch, Assistant Treasurer. Also in attendance was Diane Robinson.

The minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting of 15 April 2009 were approved as distributed.

Officer Reports:
Dr. Johnson gave his President General’s Report (copy attached to these minutes):

A Scholarship Fund has been established with the first recipient was Margaret M. Andrews, receiving $1000 this year.

There has been a significant increase in membership with 56 new members approved and 15 currently pending submission for approval. We anticipate another 50 new members in the next year. Total membership is now 202.

The Order’s finances have been stabilized.

OMD member, Dianne Robinson, has endowed the Scholarship Fund with a total of $35,000 in bonds, in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. Cornelia “Nellie” Smith Isenhour.

The Order’s insignia is now produced by Citypride, Ltd. of Pennsylvania.

The OMD Newsletter will be edited by Shari Worrell and will be posted online on our website.

Administrative procedures have been streamlined so that the day to day operation of the Order is very efficient.

Secretary General’s report is attached to these minutes.

Treasurer General’s report is attached to these minutes.

Registrar General’s report is attached to these minutes.

Curator General’s report is attached to these minutes.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Dr. Johnson will continue to pursue documentation of the Merovingian bloodline. Presently, we are fortunate to have not only communication from Christian Settipani, opinions of Prof. David H. Kelley, and Don Wood, but the expertise of our own Genealogist General Timothy Field Beard as well as a fine monograph compiled by Registrar General Tracy A. Crocker.

Barry Howard and Charles Lucas will work with Tracy Crocker to update the website regarding formatting of the homepage so that it is more visually pleasing, the Officer’s listing so that it is more visually pleasing, and issues related to correct verbiage, grammar, spelling and punctuation, etc.

Dr. Johnson recommended that the Registrar General’s fee be raised to $75 per application in keeping with other organizations. Moved, seconded and adopted.

A Bylaws Committee was appointed consisting of Knowles, Jones, Lucas, Robinson, Harding, Duff and Phelps with B. Knowles as Chairman for the purpose of updating the Order’s bylaws to presented for consideration and adoption at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Johnson announced that he will appoint a Nominating Committee, according to the Order’s Bylaws, two months prior to the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Blazer patches, designed by Mr. Richard Gregory, Honorary PG, will be manufactured and sold to members of the Order. Moved, seconded and adopted.

Dr. Johnson would like an updated Order of Merovingian Dynasty Directory to be published. This will also include Tracy Crocker’s “monograph”.

The Proposed Bylaw sent out with the Annual Meeting Notice was tabled.

Dr. Brian Rose, Professor at University of Pennsylvania, was proposed as an Associate Member. Moved, seconded and adopted.

Announcements:
Diane Robinson thanked the Order for the flowers sent for her mother’s funeral.

Dr. Johnson announced the Order’s Seventh Annual Meeting on 13 April 2011. Details to follow.

Linda Corinne Mistler, PhD
Secretary General
Bylaws Changes…

Article VI: Amendments to Bylaws

The By-Laws may be supplemented, amended, or revoked at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose. The affirmative vote shall be two thirds of those present and voting.

Below are the revised and amended bylaws to be voted on at the 13 April 2011 annual meeting.

Order of the Merovingian Dynasty

By-Laws

Enacted pursuant to the Certificate and Articles of Incorporation of the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty.

PREAMBLE

“In the history of Europe the period between the end of the Roman Empire in the fifth century and the cessation of Viking Raids in the eleventh is one of particular importance. It was a time of transition, or rather transitions, from a Mediterranean–based empire to a world of states which were to develop into those of modern Europe. Within these six centuries of transition, the earliest saw the greatest changes; the collapse of the Empire and the first emergence of what might be called the Nation State. It was the fifth century that saw the origins of France and the sixth that saw those of England. And if the lines of development from Visigothic Spain and Ostrogothic and Lombard Italy to their modern counterparts were not to be so direct, they nevertheless marked major developments in the transformation of the Roman World.

Within the first three centuries which followed the end of the Roman rule the kingdom which emerged in France, Belgium, the Rhineland and Switzerland holds a preeminent place. Of the states which succeeded the Roman Empire it was the longest lasting. It was also, for much of the time, the most powerful.”

The dynasty which ruled the Frankish kingdom from 448-751 … was the Merovingian dynasty.

Merovech (Merovee) governed the Salic Franks 448-457, and defeated Attila, the Hun in 451.

Article I: Name

The name of the Corporation is the “Order of the Merovingian Dynasty” hereafter referred to as the Order.

Article II: Objectives and Purposes

In furtherance of its intention to qualify for tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to operate for “educational purposes”, the objectives and purposes of this corporation are to educate not only its members but as widespread a population as reasonably feasible by means of the following specific endeavors:

1. Identifying and honoring the memory of ancestors who were the “Kings of the Merovingian Dynasty” as defined in Article III, Section I of the By-Laws of the Corporation.

2. Associating the living descendants of these “Merovingian Kings” as members of the Corporation and bringing them into closer association through activities revolving around matters of common historical and genealogical interests.

3. Collecting and preserving records, documents, and relics pertaining to the history and genealogy of the “Merovingian Kings.”

4. Producing and distributing publications of all kinds relating to the history and genealogy of the “Merovingian Kings.”

5. Educating the general public, to the maximum extent possible, about the history of the Merovingian Kings and their subsequent impact upon western civilization.

6. Carrying on any and all other lawful activities related to, or incidental to the foregoing objects and to have and exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Nevada upon Corporations formed under the Corporation Laws of said state, pro-
vided, however, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or by the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.)

**Article III: Membership**

**Section 1. Membership**

a. Eligible for membership in the “Order of the Merovingian Dynasty” are men and women who are lineal descendants of the first King of the Merovingian Dynasty - Merovech (Merovee), who was king of the Salic Franks 448-457.

b. Ladies and gentlemen who are interested in membership in the Order must be proposed in writing by two members of the Order, to whom they are personally known, and approved by the Membership Committee. Letters of proposal and endorsement are sent to the President General, who, with the approval of the Membership Committee will invite the prospect to become a member.

c. Founder Members and Hereditary Members shall have the right to propose new members of the Order.

d. Hereditary Members whose lineage may subsequently be deemed defective shall retain their membership in the Order but may not hold office in or serve on committees of the Order.

**Section 2. Application**

All pages of the “Order of the Merovingian Dynasty” application must be completed by all applicants. The lineage must begin with the Merovingian King - Merovech (Merovee). Names, dates, and places of birth, marriage, and death must be given in each generation as far as known and sufficiently to prove this line. All items relied on to prove the lineage known as “primary sources” (land grants, wills, deeds, census records, Bible records, church records, cemetery records, war records, pensions records, etc.), or “secondary sources” such as published books that use “primary Sources” must be cited and copies furnished. Full names must be used; dates must be in the form day/month/year. Records such as IGI, computer family records, web pages are not acceptable. A copy of an approved application from the following Royal lineage societies may be submitted as proof of lineage and proof of documentation; however, proofs will have to be furnished from the ancestor of the approved royal application to the Merovingian King-Merovech (Merovee). In all cases, the Genealogist General of the “Order of the Merovingian Dynasty” will be the final determiner and authority of acceptability of the lineage and proofs.

**Acceptable Lineage Societies:**

Order of the Crown in America - formed 1898  
The Baronial Order of the Magna Charta - formed 1898  
National Society Americans of Royal Descent – formed 1908  
National Society Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede - formed 1921  
Military Order of the Crusades - formed 1934  
Order of Three Crusades 1096-1192- formed 1936  
Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the U.S.-formed 1939

**Section 3. Founder Member**

a. All men and women upon whom the designation “Founder Member” was conferred during the organizational period of the “Order of the Merovingian Dynasty” prior to and including the first annual meeting in April 2005 received no membership number but simply the designation of “Founder Member.”

b. The 10 members listed as Founder Members who comprised the initial Board of Directors were: Richard A. Gregory; Charles Clement Lucas, Jr., MD; Timothy Field Beard; Sutherland McColley; Rev. Barry C. Howard; Hardwick Smith Johnson, EdD.; John Michael Phelps, Esq., Tracy Ashley Crocker, Mrs. Brantley Carter Bolling Knowles, and John Griffin Richardson Rountree).

**Section 4. Hereditary Member**

The first member accepted into the Order after the first annual meeting in April 2005 shall be designated as a Hereditary Member and shall be awarded the number 1, and all hereditary members shall have numbers sequentially thereafter. Hereditary Members shall have the right to propose new members of the Order, to serve on Committees and to hold elected Office.
Section 5. Associate Life Member

The Board of Directors of the Order may, on rare occasion, elect someone to membership who has made a significant contribution to the study and genealogy of the “Merovingian Dynasty”, or who has been a significant benefactor of the Order, as an Associate Life Member. Lineal descent is not a requirement. Associate Life Members pay no membership fees and are entitled to wear the appropriate insignia and attend appropriate social functions.

Section 6. Inheritor Member

The Order does not accept Inheritor Members.

Section 7. Collateral Lineage

The Order does not accept under any condition a collateral lineage for membership.

Section 8. Supplemental Applications

Supplemental applications may be submitted to the Registrar General for processing along with a prescribed fee of $300.00 (a fee which includes payment for a supplemental membership certificate). If a supplemental application is found to be defective, $100.00 shall be returned to the membership submitting the supplemental application.

Section 9. Insignia

Membership in the Order shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Membership, and Insignia, which shall be provided at the expense of the member.

Article IV: Officers; Advisory Council; Board of Directors

The Order of the Merovingian Dynasty shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a Slate of Officers and an Advisory Council.

Section 1. Officers

a. The Officers of the Order shall be elected as specified in Article IV, Section 6. The Officers of the Order shall consist of:

President General
First Vice President General
Second Vice President General
Third Vice President General
Fourth Vice President General
Genealogist General
Assistant Genealogist General
Registrar General
Webmaster (Appointed by the President General with the approval of the Advisory Council)
Secretary General
Assistant Secretary General
Chaplain General
Treasurer General
Assistant Treasurer General
Archivist General
Curator General
Chancellor General
Surgeon General
Counselor General

b. The duties for each said officer shall be as specified in Article IV, Section 8 below.

Section 2. Advisory Council

a. The Advisory Council of the Order shall be elected as specified in Article IV, Section 6. There shall be an Advisory...
Council, the members of which will be deemed to be of the same stature with the same rights and privileges as the above listed officers. The Advisory Council will consist of six members.

b. The initial Advisory Council shall be nominated, elected and installed at the first annual meeting in April 2005 and will serve for a period of two years. Thereafter the members of the Advisory Council will be nominated and elected along with the officers, every two years.

c. The Advisory Council and the Officers constitute the Board of Directors of the Order.

d. The members of the Advisory Council will be chosen for nomination to the Order from the broadest representation possible from the various Royal lineage societies (Article III, Section 2, “Acceptable Lineage Societies”).

e. The duties of the Advisory Council shall be as specified in Article IV, Section 9 below.

Section 3. Board of Directors

a. Governing Board

The Board of Directors shall constitute the Governing Board of the “Order of the Merovingian Dynasty.”

b. Composition

The Board of Directors shall be composed of: (1) a slate of officers, as specified in Article IV, Section 1 and (2) the advisory council as specified in Article IV, Section 2.

c. Quorum

As provided in Article IV, Section 7, four (4) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for any action of the Board of Directors.

d. Removal for Cause

The Board of Directors shall have the right to remove any officer or member of the Order for just and due cause. Such removal shall be made based upon the good of the Order.

Section 4. Committees

a. Executive Committee

1. There shall be an “Executive Committee” appointed by the President General. Such Executive Committee will include the President General, First Vice President General, Secretary General, Treasurer General, Counselor General and other such members as may be appointed by the President General.

2. Such Executive Committee shall carry on the activities of the Order between annual meetings. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

3. Actions by the Executive Committee may be conducted as necessary by means of email and/or fax as long as each member of the Executive Committee is afforded a reasonable opportunity to participate in that matter. A written record shall be maintained of all such actions of the Executive Committee by the Secretary General.

b. Membership Committee

The function of the Membership Committee shall be to receive, review and approve or reject candidates for membership in the Order. The First Vice President General will serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee. If the First Vice President General is unable to serve, the Executive Committee shall appoint a new Chairman.

Section 5. Voting

a. All Hereditary members of the Order shall have the right to vote for the Board of Directors at the regular annual business meeting as provided by these By-Laws and at regular or special meetings called for the purpose to make, amend, or revoke the By-Laws, and to vote on proposals to amend the Articles of Incorporation.
b. All votes of the members of the Board of Directors, Committees, and Annual Meetings shall be decided by a simple majority.

**Section 6. Elections**

a. At least two (2) months prior to the annual meeting of the Order at which a new Board of Directors is to be elected, the President General shall appoint a Nominating Committee to prepare a full slate of officers and advisory council to be presented for election. Such slate of officers and advisory council shall be published and offered to members of the Order in a timely manner prior to the annual meeting. If he or she is willing to serve, the immediate Past President General of the Order shall serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and he or she shall appoint four members of the Order to serve with him or her as a Nominating Committee. Any Hereditary member of the Order is eligible to be nominated for election to office provided: (a) His or her name is placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee, or (b) His or her signed consent and notice of his or her nomination are given to and received by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at least five days prior to the meeting at which the election is to take place. Nominations from the floor for any office shall not be permitted.

b. The slate of officers and the Advisory Council shall be voted upon and elected by the Hereditary members present at the Annual Meeting at which an election takes place.

c. The new Board of Directors shall take office upon election and installation at the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

d. The President General, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall have the right to make interim appointments to the Board of Directors in case of the inability of any officer to complete their term of office.

**Section 7. Meetings**

The Board of Directors shall meet prior to all Annual or Special meetings or on call of the President General or on written request of four of its members. Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 8. Officers**

a. **President General**

   The President General shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Order, shall direct all activities of the Order, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and of all general meetings of the members. The President General shall be the authority that extends an offer of membership to a prospective applicant after approval of the membership committee, or upon receipt of a proposal for membership. Upon approval of an application, the President General will notify an applicant of acceptance into the Order.

b. **First Vice President General**

   The Vice Presidents General in order of numeration shall perform the duties of the President General in case of death, resignation, absence, or inability of such officer to act and shall assist the President General in the performance of his duties. The First Vice President General shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

c. **Second Vice President General**

d. **Third Vice President General**

e. **Fourth Vice President General**

f. **Genealogist General**

   The Genealogist General shall approve all application papers and supplemental papers as outlined in Article III, Sections 1-5, and keep a complete file of all applications and supplementals whether accepted or rejected. Upon acceptance of an application, the Genealogist General shall notify the President General and Registrar General and the Secretary General of such acceptance. Although an applicant may use lineage papers from the Royal lineage societies as specified in Article III, Section 2, for proof of lineage and proof of supporting documents, it is expressly understood that such papers may not be accepted by the Genealogist General. The Genealogist General must be fully satisfied of the authenticity of an applicant’s descent from the Merovingian King-Merovech (Merovee) before approval is given. In all matters of approval of the lineage of the applicant, the final decision and authority rests with the Genealogist General.
g. **Assistant Genealogist General**

The Assistant Genealogist General shall assist the Genealogist General.

h. **Registrar General**

The Registrar shall process all applications for membership as follows.

### Section 6. Membership Fees

A prescribed fee of **$550.00 (a fee which includes a membership certificate)** will be required of the proposed applicant by the Registrar General prior to his/her receiving an application. If upon completion of the application, the Genealogist General deems the application to be defective, **$350.00** will be returned to the applicant.

1. Letters of proposal and endorsement are sent to the President General, who with the approval of the Membership Committee will invite the prospect to become a member.

2. Upon issuance of the invitation to join the order by the President General, the Registrar General shall receive all completed Proposal Forms and Proposal Letters from the President General. The Registrar General shall then issue an invitation to apply for membership.

3. Upon receipt of the membership fee of **$550.00 (as of 4-12-2006)**, the Registrar General shall forward a lineage form to the applicant for completion. The membership fee includes a membership certificate.

4. Upon receipt of the completed lineage form, the Registrar General shall forward the completed application to the Genealogist General for review. The Registrar General shall forward the membership fee to the Treasure General.

5. If the application is not accepted by the Genealogist General, **$350.00 (as of 4-12-2006)** shall be returned to the applicant. Alternatively, if the application is deemed to have merit but has minor defects which require additional time and research by the Genealogist General, additional charges for research may be made by the Genealogist General in consultation with, and with the approval of, the applicant.

6. The Registrar General shall assign all National Numbers of membership.

7. The Registrar General shall forward one copy of the approved lineage to the Secretary General for inclusion in the permanent records.

8. The Registrar General shall keep a record concerning each member that includes their name, address, National Number, date of admission, and date the membership notification is mailed to the member.

9. The Registrar General shall issue permits to approved members for purchase of certificates, rosettes, blazer patches, medals, ribbons, starbursts. Such purchase will be at the expense of the member.

i. **Webmaster**

The Webmaster shall maintain and host the website of the Order. The website shall be in the name of and shall be owned by the Order.

j. **Secretary General**

The Secretary General shall conduct the correspondence of the Order, shall keep a full record of proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall have charge of printing and publications of the Order, shall furnish due notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and annual meetings of the Order, and shall maintain a directory of all members and shall keep on file a copy of all application papers and all supplemental papers and shall perform all duties incident to the Office of Secretary General. Application papers shall be scanned and kept on duplicate computer disks.

k. **Assistant Secretary General**

The Assistant Secretary General shall assist the Secretary General and shall be the Recording Secretary at meetings of the Board of Directors and at the Annual Meeting.
l. Chaplain General

The Chaplain General shall conduct the religious exercises of the Order.

m. Treasurer General

The Treasurer General shall collect, deposit, and safely keep all funds, and securities of the Order, and on authorization of the Board of Directors, shall invest the funds of the Order. The Treasurer General shall render an account of the financial position to the annual meeting and to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer General shall satisfy all financial obligations of the Order on authorization of the President General, or the Board of Directors. In addition to the Treasurer, the President General has the authority to sign checks.

n. Assistant Treasurer General

The Assistant Treasurer General shall assist the Treasurer General.

o. Archivist General

The Archivist General shall maintain and protect the Archives of the Order. The Archivist General shall maintain copies of the applications of the Order.

p. Curator General

The Curator General shall collect and maintain historical items/papers which further the historical and genealogical understanding of the Merovingian Dynasty, and shall present such items/papers as necessary to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

q. Chancellor General

The Chancellor General shall be an advisor to the President General and to the Board of Directors of the Order.

r. Surgeon General

The Surgeon General shall seek to insure the health of the Order.

s. Counselor General

The Counselor General must be a member of the Bar, and will render legal opinions on matters affecting the Order, and may serve as Parliamentarian.

t. Registered Agent

The registered agent shall be responsible for reports to the Secretary of State as required.

Section 9. Advisory Council

a. The Advisory Council shall be a part of the Board of Directors of the Order as referred to in (Article IV, Section 2).

b. The Advisory Council will be composed of six (6) persons, appointed by the President General, and will serve as an advisory council to the officers of the Board of Directors.

c. The Advisory Council consisting of six (6) members and the full slate of officers constitute the Board of Directors of the Order.

d. The duties of the Advisory Council are to advise the President General and officers regarding the present and future activities of the Order which will insure the growth and success of the Order.
**Article V: Meetings of the Order**

**Section 1.**

The Order will hold an annual meeting each year in the spring in the period of time that patriotic organizations meet in Washington, DC. Such meeting will be scheduled as near as possible to the other Royal lineage societies. Such meeting will be held in the environs of Washington, DC.

**Section 2.**

Special meetings may be held at the call of the President General at any time or place.

**Section 3.**

At all meetings, four persons shall constitute a quorum. There shall be no voting by proxy.

**Article VI: Amendments to Bylaws**

The By-Laws may be supplemented, amended, or revoked at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose. The affirmative vote shall be a simple majority of those present and voting.

**Article VII: Dissolution**

A. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of its assets, for one or more exempt purposes, to such designated organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (of 1954) (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

B. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**City Tavern (From Wikipedia)…**

The City Tavern was constructed in 1796 and first managed by Clement Sewall, who served in the American Revolution alongside his friend George Washington Parke Custis, George Washington’s step-grandson. Sewall had previously managed another significant inn known as the Fountain Inn (also known as Suter’s Tavern) on Fishing Lane (near the corner of today’s 31st and K Streets), where President Washington negotiated with local land owners to create the new Federal City. At the time, Georgetown was a separate municipality and thriving port in the nascent District of Columbia and the new City Tavern was one of several inns built to meet the growing demand for lodging. Located in the heart of Georgetown, the City Tavern served not only as a traditional lodging house but also as the meeting place for Georgetown’s governing body, the Georgetown Corporation and the location for elections and meetings of the Mayor’s Court. It also served as the terminal stop of the Georgetown-Frederick stagecoach line. Of the several taverns that were constructed in Georgetown during the founding era, the City Tavern is the only one that remains today.

Many of the country’s founding fathers, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams frequented the City Tavern during this historic time. President Washington was on the Board of the Bank of Columbia next door, and President Adams stayed at the City Tavern when he came from Philadelphia to inspect the buildings under construction for the new national capital. On June 6, 1800, Adams was honored at a banquet in the Long Room of the Tavern where “the utmost harmony and conviviality prevailed,” and he gave the toast, “Georgetown - May its prosperity equal the ardent enterprise of its inhabitants, and the felicity of their situation.” On January 17, 1981, at an occasion to celebrate his upcoming inauguration, President Ronald Reagan alluded to that famous party in a toast he made at the Club. As he raised his glass, President Reagan quipped there was no truth to the rumor that he was present at the banquet honoring President Adams. Today, a portrait of Adams’ wife, Abigail Adams, hangs above the functioning fireplace in the Long Room as a reminder of that momentous occasion over 200 years ago.

Management of the City Tavern changed hands many times, and it was known variously as Semmes’ Tavern, The Indian King Tavern, the Columbian Inn, United States Hotel, Georgetown Hotel, and Morgan House, until 1898, when the building was converted to retail use. By 1960, the City Tavern had fallen into a dismal state of disrepair and housed a print shop on its street level. The building faced imminent demise and was scheduled to be razed and paved for a parking lot. A group of Georgetowners happened on the Tavern and, anxious to preserve the historic landmark they found hiding behind the façade of the ordinary print shop, formed the City Tavern Association. Through the Association’s determination and tireless work, the grand old tavern was restored to its original grandeur, while preserving its architectural authenticity, and it reopened as a private club in 1962. The clubhouse and its furnishings are fine examples of the American Federal period, which The Washington Post called, “one of the best examples of historic restoration in the city.”

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[END OF BYLAWS, AS REVISED AND AMENDED 4-13-2011]
PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

6 May 2009
To the President General and Committee on membership:
The undersigned propose for membership in the Order:

Full Name: _____________________________________
Maiden Name: _________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City: ____________________________
State: Zip: Country: ______________________________
Tel # Email: _________________________________
Occupation: _________________________________

Who is personally known and request that a formal invitation be sent to our friend. It is understood that upon acceptance of the invitation and payment of the fees, that lineage blanks will be sent to the prospective member on which can be recorded the requisite genealogical data relating to lineal descent from the.

Other Personal Recommendations
(As Societies, Commissions, and Honors)

Name of Gateway Ancestor: _______________________
Proposed by: ___________________________________
Proposed by: ___________________________________
Proposer Comments:

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