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Reflecting on the Merovingian Dynasty

Merovingian Mirror

To all members and interested individuals...

Greetings...

Greetings to all of our members and individuals interested in the history of the Merovingian Kings. This is our first newsletter, and the style will be simple and the message brief to facilitate rapid preparation and mailing.

The officers of the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty (OMD) are delighted to welcome all of our new members and we encourage all of you to propose your relatives and well-qualified friends to apply for membership. Tracy Crocker, our registrar, will be happy to assist all new applicants with their applications. Now is a great time to enroll your children and family members.

History of the Order

In September 2004, Richard Gregory and Charles Lucas MD began discussions about the history of the Merovingian Kings, and that led to interest in possibly forming a new lineage society that would represent the earliest-possible documented ancestry that was verifiable. This interest led to a meeting with Timothy Field Beard and Sutherland McColley. In late September 2004 on a beautiful fall day at the Hopkins Inn, on Lake Waramaug, in New Preston, CT, the foundation for the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty was laid. From that point forward, other scholars of history were asked to join in the effort. The next people to join were Tracy A. Crocker and Barry C. Howard. With this nucleus of people, other consultants were added and soon there were 23



founding members, all leaders in lineage and historical endeavors.

Meetings

The first meeting of the founding members was held in April 2005 at the City Tavern Club in Washington, DC. Following an organizational meeting that included adoption of bylaws and a constitution and election of officers, a lunch was held that included other interested persons. Soon after, Registrar and Webmaster Tracy Ashley Crocker developed on line application forms and created a marvelous web site, and Counselor General J. Michael Phelps, Esq. obtained a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status from the IRS for OMD.

During the duration of 2005, many new members were enrolled.

The second meeting of OMD was held April 2006 at the City Tavern Club, Washington, DC. The OMD board met at 11:00 AM followed by a lunch with over 80 persons in attendance. Also in attendance were many heads of other lineage societies. During the meeting, the medals of the Order made by Spink of London were distributed. The Hon.

Timothy Field Beard gave a wonderful talk on the history of the Order, which included comments about some of the Merovingian Kings.

Membership

OMD has had a rapid growth of membership. From the early enrollment in September 2004 of founding members to

present, OMD now has over 90 members. When one considers that over 55 generations are required to complete an application, the current level of membership is awesome. The officers of OMD wish to express sincere appreciation to Tracy Crocker for his help in preparing these applications, without which the success would not be so profound. OMD is actively seeking new well-qualified individuals.

Please talk to your friends in the other royal lineage societies about the opportunity for membership in OMD. Also please consider enrolling your children so that the future of the organization will be ensured. The history of the Merovingian Kings is the basis for our civilization, and we honor that history by the activities of OMD.

Regalia

President General Richard Gregory and his regalia committee have done a marvelous job in designing and producing regalia. The large medal is available for both men and women, and the smaller medal is now in production and will be available soon. The sashes for officers are beautiful, and are available. The OMD flag has just been made and is stunning. If you are interested in any of the regalia, please contact our Registrar, Tracy Crocker. Pictures of the medals are shown below.

Member Presentations

To further the educational mandate of OMD, we have developed a power point presentation with notes, entitled "Merovingian Origins".

The presentation is available on CD for use by the membership, and is also on the OMD web site. This program was recently presented to the Baronial Order of the Magna Charta and The Military Order of the Crusades, at their meeting in Essington, PA, and was well received. The slides in the presentation are quite stunning. Thanks to Tracy Crocker, Kenneth Cullen, and Justin Gorkic for developing this wonderful presentation.

Future Meetngs

The third annual meeting will be 11 April 2007 at the City Tavern Club, Washington, DC. The OMD board will meet at 11:00 AM and there be a lunch at 12:00 noon. Further details will be forthcoming later. This is an important event since new officers will be elected.

New Officers to be Elected

At the next annual meeting, new officers will be elected for a term of two years. John Mauk Hilliard has been named chairman of the nominating committee by President General Richard Gregory. If you have suggestions for new officers or are interested in continuing to serve as a present officer, please contact John at maukhilliard@hotmail.com.

OMD Members at the Heritage Society Community Dinner, April 06



Left to Right: Mr. Charles W. Neuhauser, Mr. Barry C. Howard, Mrs. Marie Josephine Hughes Steel, Mr. Lyle Raymond Anderson, President General Richard A. Gregory, Dr. David R. Curfman, Dr. Charles C. Lucas, Jr. (Picture credit: HSC Dinner and Mr. Barry C. Howard, President)

Appreciation

The officers of OMD would like to express appreciation to the many members who have assisted the Order. Barry Howard is to be commended for his help with the finances and arranging meetings and producing the beautiful certificates. Hardwick Johnson, Ed. D., has been most helpful in arranging details for meetings and has streamlined the membership process. Tracy Crocker has been instrumental in membership lineages, application design, and web site design. Tracy has worked tirelessly to make the Baronial Order of the Magna Charta, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, and OMD transparent in terms of lineages. J. Michael Phelps, Esq, has been most valuable is assisting with legal affairs of the Order. Tim

Beard has been our guiding light and philosopher/scholar in residence. President General Richard Gregory has been the guiding light in regalia development with valuable input from John Rountree, Sutherland McColley, and Mrs. Brantley Knowles.

Regalia

Following are regalia items that are available. For more information please contact Tracy Crocker, Registrar at: registrar@merovingiandynasty.com . Note that a photo of the men's medal appears on the first page of this newsletter.

Rosette



Miniature Medal



Ladies' Medal



Officers

The following officers of the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty will serve until April 2007:

President General	Richard Alan Gregory
1st Vice President General	Hardwick Smith Johnson, Jr., Ed. D
2nd Vice President General	Charles Clement Lucas, Jr., MD, ABFP
3rd Vice President General	Mrs. Brantley Carter Bolling Knowles
4th Vice President General	Charles William Neuhauser
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Chancellor General	Sutherland McColley
Surgeon General	David Ralph Curfman, MD
Counselor General	John Michael Phelps, Esq.

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PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP



Date: _____

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 Gateway Ancestor.

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

Name of Gateway Ancestor: _____

Proposed by: _____

Proposed by: _____

Proposer Comments: _____

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