

Ligon Family and Kinsman Newsletter



SUMMER 2018 EDITION

A Note From Your FORMER President



It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as President of the LFKA from 2014-2018. The confidence you showed in choosing me for this position was gratifying and the support provided by the Board and membership was overwhelming.

The LFKA is blessed in many ways, but let me especially mention the Executive Board; a gracious, conscientious group; serious, but not to a fault, and actually often lighthearted!

They have always been tolerant of my foibles, which is certainly appreciated.

As I retire from office, like Lewis Carroll's walrus, I have time to ponder many things:

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to talk of many things: of shoes and ships and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings and why the sea is boiling hot and whether pigs have wings."

"It's Great to be a Ligon!"

Johnny Overstreet

We have a new VP of Communications!

Please welcome our new communications officer, Kelly Anne Ligon Fisher. She is looking forward to many years of success keeping our family up-to-date on LFKA news and events!

A Note from Your CURRENT President



My name is Whitney Rietz Eller and I'm so honored and humbled to be nominated to be your next LFKA President from 2018-2020! I've been actively involved with the LFKA for close to 33 years when I attended my first reunion in England with my grandmother, Frances Sanders, and mother, Elizabeth Sanders Rietz. I was immediately smitten with this organization and have

stayed involved all these years. Today, I'm married to Aaron Eller and have two sons: William "Liam" (12 years) and Graham (11 years) and have enjoyed bringing the boys to the past four statewide reunions and look forward to showing them England! In a happy coincidence, they will be about the same age I was when I visited Madresfield Court for the first time!

Professionally, I'm an Interior Designer who's owned her own boutique design firm for 18 years, specializing in hospitality interiors and upscale residences. I grew up in Atlanta, GA, received my undergraduate degree from Auburn University and my Interiors degree from O-More College of Design. My husband and I currently reside in the Charleston, SC area.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns! I'll do my best to help.

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!! \$50 DUES ARE DUE !!

If you didn't pay dues at the beginning of the year, please send a payment of \$50 for the 2018/19 biennium to your Treasurer, Laine Ligon, at 3125 Longleaf Rd, Columbia, SC 29205

Remember: If your dues lapse, you will need to pay an additional \$100 to reinstate your membership!

Notes from the Annual Board Meeting:

In 2018 a total of \$1290 was donated to LFKA in memory of members William DePriest, Rev. Herschel McClurkin, Rev. Albert Walling, and Sir John Cotterell. A donation of \$1500 was sent to Newland House in December 2018, which included these memorial donations. An additional donation of \$500 was sent by LFKA to specifically in honor of Sir John Cotterell.

LFKA currently shows dues-paid membership for 85 family members; there are 280 family members on record. The Board asks that all lapsed memberships be reinstated ASAP to avoid a \$100 reinstatement fee.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

This will be the last newsletter emailed to you!

Moving forward, newsletters may be found on the LFKA website, www.lfka.org. The newsletter will be accessible via password: **LFKA2018**.

For anyone who prefers to receive their newsletters via mail, please expect no changes! If you currently receive newsletters via email and would prefer to receive them via mail, or if you need the website password, please contact your VP of Communications:

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WEBSITE UPDATE

Changes are coming to the website!

As part of our ongoing efforts to make it easy to enjoy family reunions and fellowship opportunities, we are working to add an online registration and secure payment option for future reunions to LFKA.org.

New Members & Births

Please welcome our newest members:

Luna Allen Pointer Hollett

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Bryan Eugene Robinson (reinstated)

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Briebrie@atlanticbb.net, 410-490-8750

Martha Ellen Wright Tozer

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Slaton Charlotte Howell

Born 6 July 2018, 8lbs. 12oz 20.5" long

It is with the greatest sadness that we announce the passing of three members:

British Cousin & 1st of Cousin of Lady Rosalind, **Sir John Cotterell** (4 Dec 2017)

Past Board Member, **JoEllen Luscombe** of Nashville, TN (18 Dec 2017)

Compiler of the Ligon Family and Kinsman, Volume IV, **Thomas Partlow** of Lebanon, TN (21 April 2018)

We also remember & honor recently lost loved ones:

Nita Helmer's daughter, **Sibyl Ann Helmer Morrison** (15 June 2018)

Virginia Carson's husband, **Francis Carson** (5 July 2018)

.....Please lift them up in your prayers.....

Biltmore Reunion 2018

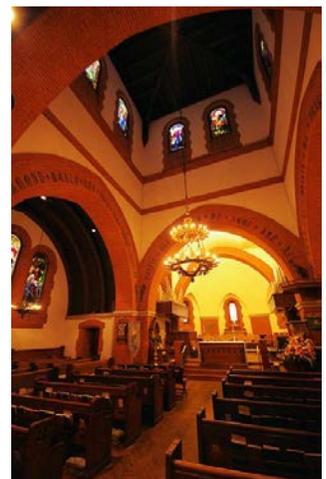
Another biennium, another successful reunion! This June, 72 Ligon cousins gathered at the Village Hotel on the Biltmore Estate to celebrate our membership in this wonderful family.

On Thursday we enjoyed a delightful evening of fellowship and hors d'oeuvres; on Friday we worshipped together, led by family chaplains Chris Epperson and Jason Ligon, then enjoyed tours of the Gov. Zebulon B. Vance birthplace and Smith-McDowell House; we spent Saturday touring the fabulous Biltmore House and gardens, which were hosting a spectacular display from glass artist Dale Chihuly, followed by a delectable dinner and campfire with s'mores.

We said farewell to our past president, John Overstreet, and welcomed our new president, Whitney Rietz Eller. We learned how to preserve our family documents from Cousin Katie Howell. We enjoyed a moving letter on family from our dearly missed cousin and past LFKA chaplain, Rev. Herschel McClurkin. We also received an official invitation to join our British cousins in July 2020 for a reunion at Madresfield Court in Malvern, England.

We are so happy to have joined together in love and fellowship at the Biltmore Estate in June 2018 and look forward to gathering again at Madresfield in July 2020. Until we meet again...

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2018-2020 LFKA Officers and Board of Directors

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