

2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DETAILS



(credit: the Tavern's website)

Following are the details for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Our Mine Host, Taylor Cowardin, has secured an excellent location and program at the Hanover Tavern in Hanover, Virginia. Much effort has gone into organizing this fine event, and we hope you will plan to attend. Thank you for your continued support of our excellent Society.

On **Saturday, June 16, 2018**, members and their guests will gather at the Hanover Tavern, where we will meet in the Taylor Room and Pub, part of the original portion of the building, beginning at **11:30 a.m.** The building has wheelchair access for those in need. A cash bar will be available. On retiring to the dining area, we will enjoy our traditional libations (spiked and tame) and then partake of a traditional southern-style buffet consisting of a soup, ham, fried chicken, potatoes au gratin, green beans, carrots, cobbler, rolls, coffee, tea, and soft drinks, prepared exclusively for our Society.

Our function will include a presentation by local historian John Tucker III, President of the Parson's Cause Foundation, who will portray his very convincing "Patrick Henry." We will adjourn at approximately 2:30 p.m. – in time for those who wish to enjoy other activities and sites in the area to do so. Nearby attractions include nearby Scotchtown, Patrick Henry house, the historic courthouse, and the historic villages of Ashland (10 minutes away), and nearby Richmond, VA (20 minutes away). Attendees also may wish to check the internet for other local activities in the area. The Tavern is present on the internet at <http://hanovertavern.org>, where details about the Tavern's activities may be found.



*Hanover Tavern
(credit: Hanover Tavern Foundation)*



*Taylor Room and Pub
(credit: Hanover Tavern Foundation)*

The Hanover Tavern – said to be haunted! – was built in five stages and includes more than 12,000 square feet on three levels. It has 27 rooms, 97 windows, and 16 exterior doors. The earliest surviving section of the present Tavern was built in 1791, although license was first issued for this tavern in 1733. William Parks, editor of the *Virginia Gazette*, purchased the tavern in 1743, when it was part of a 550-acre plantation. As with most colonial taverns along its route, it hosted... yes... George Washington, as well as Cornwallis and the Marquis de Lafayette.

John Shelton, Patrick Henry's father-in-law, owned the tavern from 1750 to 1764. Patrick Henry resided at the tavern for several years after his marriage to Sarah Shelton. Although Henry is most known for his "Give me liberty or give me death!" speech, he continues to be equally recognized for his fiery orations, including his argument for the defense in the noted Parson's Cause initiated by the Anglican clerics, and supported by King Charles III. Henry also engaged in provocative rhetoric against the Stamp Act, which he addressed once elected to the VA House of Burgesses.

Hanover Tavern Foundation purchased the tavern in 1990, seeking to restore, preserve, and use the tavern as an historical, educational, community, and cultural resource center. The building returned to public use in 2005, after completion of restoration to the tune of more than \$5 million.

Hanover Tavern is located at 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road, Hanover, VA 23069-1511 (Route 54 and Route 301). Phone: 804-537-5050; webpage: <http://hanovertavern.org>. Following are a map and general directions to the Tavern from each direction. The Tavern is easy to find. If you plan to fly into the area, the nearest airport is Richmond Airport, where car rentals are obtainable.

As mentioned above, our meal will feature numerous traditional southern-buffet selections. The cost per person is \$33, all found. **To make your reservation, please complete the reservation form found on the back page of this publication and return it according to the instructions stated.**

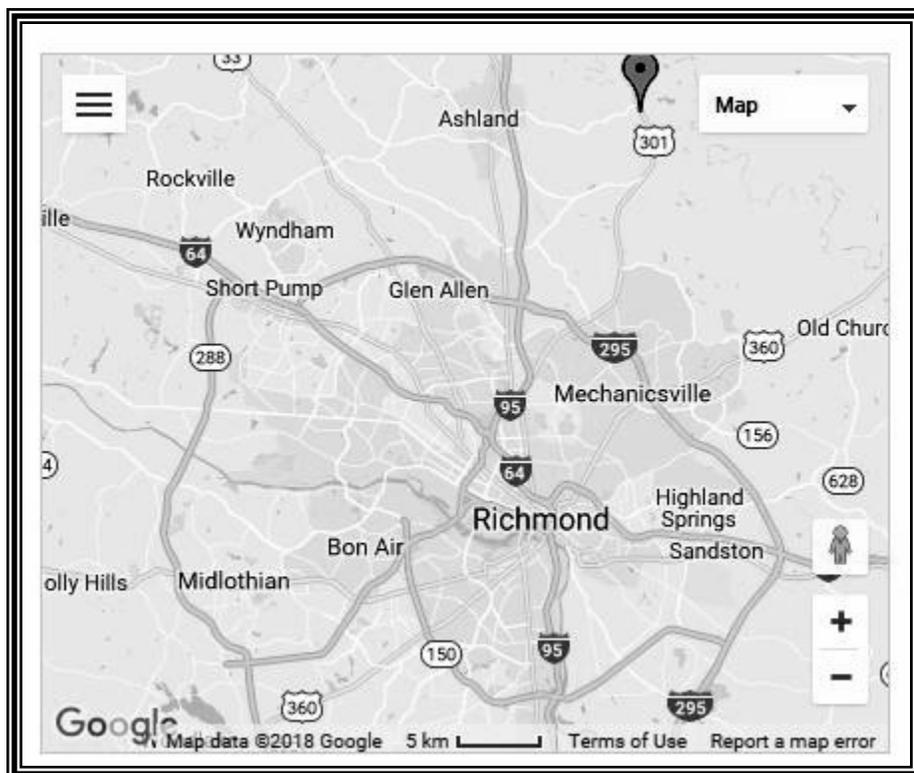
DIRECTIONS (from the North): Follow I-95 South to exit 92 toward Hanover. Turn left onto the exit, toward Hanover, onto VA Route 54-East (Patrick Henry Road). Follow 54-East to the end, about 5.5 miles. Turn right onto US Route 301 toward Hanover. Hanover Tavern will be on the right-hand side, about one half-mile down the road.

DIRECTIONS (from the South): From Richmond, follow I-95 North to exit 92A, toward Hanover, onto VA Route 54-East (Patrick Henry Road). Follow 54-East to the end, about 5.5 miles. Turn right onto US Route 301 toward Hanover. Hanover Tavern will be on the right-hand side, about one half-mile down the road.

DIRECTIONS (from the West): Follow I-295-South toward Washington/Norfolk to exit 41A. Merge onto Chamberlayne Avenue/US-301/VA-2 toward Hanover. Follow US-301/VA-2 for 10 miles. When the speed limit drops from 55 to 45 mph, and then to 35 mph within a half-mile, Hanover Tavern will be just ahead on the left, at the top of a small hill.

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PARKING is located in the Tavern's lot, or if the lot is full, then across the street at the Hanover Courthouse.



See local map on next page.

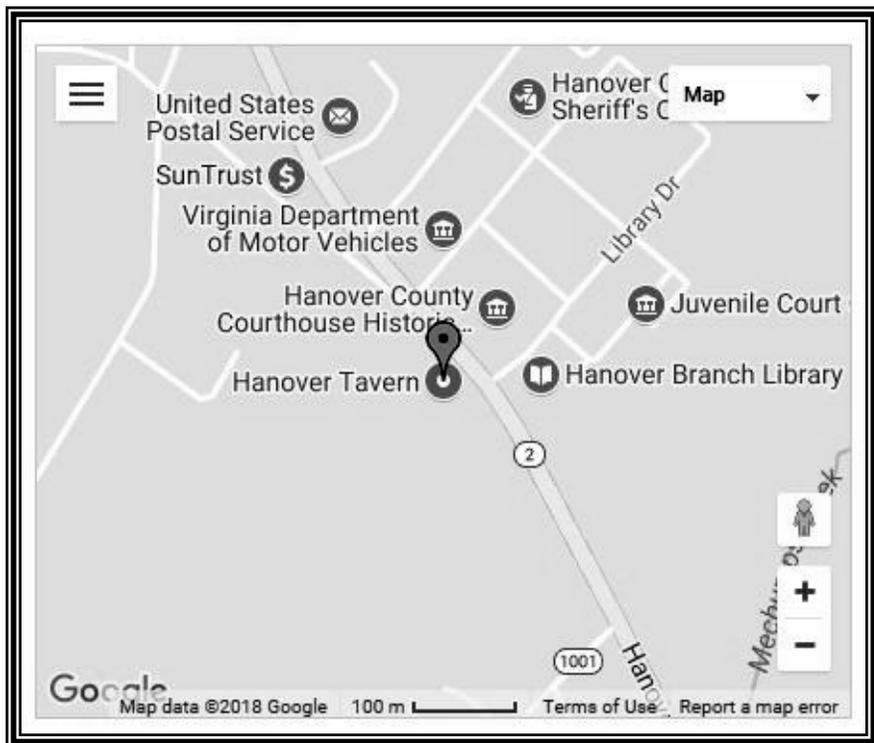
ACCOMMODATIONS
may be found
at the following locations:

Country Inn & Suites
11600 Lakeridge Parkway
Ashland, VA 23005
804-798-7378
(Offers shuttle to Tavern)

Henry Clay Inn
114 North Railroad Avenue
Ashland, VA 23005
804-798-3100
www.HenryClayInn.com

Hampton Inn & Suites
1101 Technology Park Drive
Glen Allen, VA 23059
844-247-3249

Ashland is approximately 10 minutes from Hanover, and Glen Allen is approximately 15 minutes away.



2018 Meeting Program

John Tucker III, President of Parson's Cause Foundation, portrays notable historic figure Patrick Henry.

On December 1, 1763, Henry stepped to the forefront of legal circles by arguing against King Charles III and the clergy in the historic legal case forever known as the Parson's Cause. This case was the beginning of Henry's path toward becoming the "voice of the American Revolution."

The Foundation is headquartered at the Old Hanover Courthouse on Route 301 directly across the street from Hanover Tavern. Its website is www.parsonscase.org.



Here, Tucker (left) participates in the Parson's Cause case before the Virginia Court.

(credit: Hanover County Historical Society Facebook page)

2019 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We are pleased to announce preliminary arrangements are underway for our Annual Meeting in **2019**. We anticipate meeting at the Robert Morris Inn on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Presently, the meeting is slated for either Saturday, June 10, 2019 or Saturday, June 17, 2019. Appropriate details will be reported in the next *Flagon & Trencher News* (March 2019).

2020 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

If you would like to volunteer to be the Mine Host/Hostess for the **2020** Membership Meeting, please contact the Keeper of the Tavern Records. Venue suggestions are always welcome for future meetings, and we are particularly interested in taking the **2020** Meeting to one of the Southern states. If you are unable to serve alone as Mine Host/Hostess, sharing responsibilities is also an option. Please remember this is a one-time job, and the duties of the office are relatively easy to undertake. Again, if you are interested in assisting, please contact Alex Bannerman by e-mail at AlexNBannerman@aol.com or by phone at 304/340-0200.

Reservation Form – 2018 Annual Meeting

Please reserve _____ places for me at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Flagon & Trencher.

Enclosed is my check, **payable to “Flagon & Trencher”** in the amount of \$_____ (\$33 per person – *please calculate carefully*)

**Please note: Reservations must be received by May 31, 2018.
Cancellations *will not be honored* after May 19, 2018.**

Mail your reservation form and your check PAYABLE TO “FLAGON & TRENCHER” to:

Mr. Taylor Cowardin, 13600 Swanhollow Drive, Henrico, VA 23233

If you have questions, e-mail Taylor at Cowardins@aol.com

Name _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____