

GSSR Officers

2024-2027



Mark Jakobowski, Assoc. AIA, M.ASCE
General President

State Society: President – Virginia Society

Year Joined: 2011

Offices Held: GSSR – Member, Finance & Investment Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee; Virginia Society – Secretary, Second and First Vice President and Current President.

Occupation: President & CEO – Pathmark Consulting & Design, LLC. Chairman, of both the James City County Board of Zoning Appeals and the Historical Commission.

Education: Appointed to the US Air Force Academy, Design & Engineering, 1971;

University of Virginia – Post Graduate Studies, Civil Engineering, 1988; Virginia Commonwealth University – BA Zoning & Planning Administration, 2018

Greatest Personal Achievement: Raising a beautiful daughter, marrying my best friend, my right hand and supporter, Lynne, and maintaining my certifications as a Fire Officer and Medic for over 30 years.

Greatest Professional Achievement: Managing the conception and installation of a sacred mosaic art project over the past eight years at my church in Williamsburg.

Guiding Philosophy: Be kind and share your good fortune and blessings, they will not travel with you into eternity but will live on with those you have touched infinitely. Don't dwell on making right decisions, make a decision and make it right. Show up!

Favorite Pastime: Weekends in Charlottesville. We enjoy traveling to wineries and acquiring art, clocks and rare books, and escaping to Naples, Florida, for good food and relaxation. I am an avid tennis player and get in an occasional round of golf.



W. Stephen Cannon, Esq.

General Secretary

State Society: D.C. Society

Year Joined: 2021

Previous SR Offices: Current Treasurer, D.C. Society; Current Board of Mgrs, D.C. Society

Occupation: Attorney

Education: University of South Carolina, B.A. & J.D.

Greatest Personal Achievement: Our wonderful family, featuring two daughters and four grandchildren

Greatest Professional Achievement: Hopefully yet to come, still actively practicing law

at Constantine Cannon LLP

Guiding Philosophy: All rules derive from the Golden Rule

Favorite Pastimes: Golf, upland bird-hunting



Peter J. W. Sherwin, Esq.

Asst. General Secretary

State Society: New York

Year Joined: 2017

Previous SR Offices: SRNY President-nominee (election December 4, 2024); First Vice President and Chair of Executive Committee (2022-2024); Secretary (2021-2022); Board of Managers (2020-present)

Occupation: Attorney. Partner, Proskauer Rose LLP, resident in New York. Practice focuses on international arbitration and commercial litigation.

Education: B.S. and B.A., Washington & Lee University (1989); J.D., Columbia Law

School (1992)

Greatest Personal Achievement: Working towards the next one.

Greatest Professional Achievement: Working towards the next one.

Guiding Philosophy: Treat others as you would be treated.

Favorite Pastime: Burgundy wine, romping with my Great Danes, and restoring a house



Matson L. Roberts

General Treasurer

State Society: Virginia Society

Year Joined: 1995

Previous SR Offices: two terms as VSSR President; two terms + a year as General Treasurer

Occupation: General Contractor

Education: B.S. in Physics, Washington & Lee University

Greatest Personal Achievement: Happily married for thirty-three (33) years, with two (2) children, and one (1) granddaughter.

Greatest Professional Achievement: Successfully started, ran (20 years), then sold a commercial general contracting company.

Guiding Philosophy: Never pass up a good opportunity to keep your mouth shut. Know what you can do, do what you know.

Favorite Pastime: Being on / around water, to include golf course hazards



Eric Zetterberg
Asst. General Treasurer

State Society: Maryland

Year Joined: 2018

Previous SR Offices: Secretary, Maryland Society

Occupation: Vice President, Applied Data Systems, Inc.

Education: BS Accounting, West Chester University, West Chester, PA

Greatest Personal Achievement: Husband to my wife of 42+ years, father of one son, and over time, caretaker of three wonderful Rottweilers.

Greatest Professional Achievement: I spent my early years in Management, training and developing staff. It has been extremely rewarding to see many of those staff move to positions of responsibility and leadership far beyond what they thought they might attain.

Guiding Philosophy: Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Favorite Pastime Activity: Working on cars and powerboats



Jefferson M. Moak, II
General Registrar and General Historian

State Society: Pennsylvania

Year Joined: 1990

Previous SR Offices: General Registrar, partial term 2000; General Registrar, full terms in 2000, 2003, 2012, 2015, and 2018; Pennsylvania Registrar, 2002-2018

Occupation: Professional genealogist and retired.

Education: B.A., History, Randolph-Macon College (1974); M.A. History, Temple University (1998)

Greatest Professional Achievement: During my first term as General Registrar, compiling the first comprehensive accounting of all GSSR members since 1883. Since returning to the office of Registrar in 2012, I have continually updated and upgraded this database so that it meets the various needs of the General Society. In 2017, this database replaced the previous database used by the General Society for membership.

Greatest Personal Achievement: My family, and accepting the trust of others to fill important positions in various genealogical, historical and lineage organizations.

Guiding Philosophy: Always look at the bright side of life, as well as both sides of an argument.

Favorite Pastime: Singing, genealogy and bicycling



Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq.
General Solicitor

State Society: Pennsylvania

Year Joined: 2000

Previous SR Offices: PSSR Counselor, PSSR Vice-President (Mission), PSSR Vice-President (Governance)

Occupation: Attorney

Education: MA and Ph.D. (history), A.B. Bowdoin College; J.D., Harvard University

Greatest Personal Achievement: Earning two doctoral degrees (and having a patient wife)

Greatest Professional Achievement: Election to the American College of Tax Counsel

Guiding Philosophy: Always respect the intelligence of others and the achievements of our forebears

Favorite Pastime: reading history



Peter Broadbent, Esq

Asst. General Solicitor

State Society: Virginia

Year Joined: 1990s

Previous SR Offices: VSSR Board of Managers

Occupation: Lawyer

Education: Duke University (B.A. 1973); University of Virginia (J.D. 1976)

Greatest Personal Achievements:

1. My family (wife Mary Anna, children Peter III and wife Jane, Christopher and wife Eliza, Elizabeth and husband Allan Cruickshanks, and eight grandchildren)

2. President, Virginia Electoral College, 2004

3. Chair, Library of Virginia (twice)

4. President, Virginia Genealogical Society

5. Governor, Virginia Society of Colonial Wars

6. Vice President, James Monroe Memorial Foundation

Greatest Professional Achievements:

1. Chair, Virginia State Bar Business Law Section

2. Best Lawyers in America, Trademark Law

Guiding Philosophy: We must always be focused on preservation of historic records and on remembering our ancestors' role in history.

Favorite Pastime Activity: Historical/genealogical research; activities with grandchildren



Rev. Augustus E. Succop, III

General Chaplain

State Society: Dual Membership: North Carolina & Maryland

Year Joined: Maryland Society 1986; transferred to NC 1995

Previous SR Offices: Maryland Society: Chaplain; NC Society: Secretary, President

Occupation: Honorably Retired Pastor, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Education: Shady Side Academy (Diploma); Davidson College (A.B.); Yale Divinity School (M.Div.); Columbia Theological Seminary (D.Min.)

Greatest Personal Achievement(s): Husband to Beth and father to Charles & Anna

Greatest Professional Achievement(s): Discerning the call to pastoral ministry

Guiding Philosophy: "Give thanks in all things!"

Favorite Pastime: Vacations with family on the coast of Maine.



Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

Asst. General Chaplain

State Society: N.J., Virginia

Year Joined: 2012

Previous SR Offices: Past Chaplain, SRNJ (2012-2014); Current Chaplain, VSSR

Occupation: Episcopal priest and retired licensed clinical social worker.

Greatest Personal/Professional Achievements: Current Priest-in-Charge, Merchants Hope Church, North Prince George, VA, founded in 1657; Vicar Emeritus, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Spring Lake, N.J.; Former Director of Trinity Counseling Service, Princeton, New Jersey (25 years); Consultant for nine Episcopal Bishops during my ministry; advice columnist and author of two books, *Map to Happiness: Straightforward*

Advice on Everyday Issues (2008) and *A Bridge to God: A Little Book with Big Insights* (2018).

Guiding Philosophy: Who you become is determined by how you relate to others, the service of others developing the richness of one's very soul.

Favorite Pastime: playing golf



Roland S. Summers, M.D.

General Surgeon

State Society: Georgia

Year Joined: 1978

SR Offices Held: GA Society President, 2016; GA Society 1st VP, 2014-2016; GA Society 2nd VP, 2012-2016; General Surgeon, 2006-2012, and ongoing since 2015.

Occupation: Physician

Education: AB - John Hopkins Univ.; MD - Northwestern University

Greatest Personal Achievement: Father of five children

Greatest Professional Achievement: President, Medical Association of Georgia; President, Georgia Board of Licensure.

Guiding Philosophy: A pound of prevention prevents a ton of trouble.

Favorite Pastime Activity: Opera, Photography, Grandchildren



Eric Guenther

General Captain of the Color Guard

State Society: Pennsylvania

Year Joined: 1998

Previous SR Offices: Captain of the Color Guard, Board of Managers

Occupation: Owner, G2 Laboratories, LLC

Education: Penn

Greatest Personal Achievement: Raising 3 interesting daughters

Greatest Professional Achievement: Commanding a Cavalry Troop in the Balkans following 9/11

Guiding Philosophy: A martini tastes best when laced with the sweat from a hard day's labor.

Favorite Pastime Activity: Hiking with my dog



Shervin Hawley

Vice President, Region I

State Society: Massachusetts

Year Joined: 1997

Previous SR Offices: President Massachusetts Society

Education: BS in Behavioral Science

Occupation: Designer, Travel Advisor

Greatest Personal Achievement: Family

Greatest Professional Achievement: Global Chief Creative Officer, IBM Interactive; Entrepreneur in youth and adulthood

Guiding Philosophy: Trustworthiness and Respect for all

Favorite Pastime Activity: Travel, art



Charles J. Scammell

Vice President, Region II

State Society: New Jersey

Year Joined SR: 1981

Previous SR Offices: President N.J. Society; Regional VP, GSSR; President, Pro Tem, GSSR

Occupation: Management Consultant, Health Care

Education: B.S., St. Lawrence U.; MBA and MPH, Columbia U.

Greatest Personal Achievement: Community commitment

Greatest Professional Achievement: Building consulting businesses

Guiding Philosophy: Life is short. Make haste to be kind, be swift with love, quicken to gratitude.

Favorite Pastime: Golf



Jeffery D. Murrie

Vice President, Region III

State Society: South Carolina

Year Joined SR: 1981

Previous SR Offices: Current President, S.C. Society

Occupation: Farm to School Coordinator, Florence (S.C.) Public School District 1

Education: Bachelor's, Francis Marion University

Greatest Personal Achievement: Community involvement; St. John's Anglican Church, the Palmetto Club, the Florence County Historical Commission, Chairman of the Trustees of the Museum, and the American Revolution 250th County Chairman.

Greatest Professional Achievement: participation in farming, nutrition and education.

Favorite Pastime: gardening, cooking, genealogy, and spending time with friends



Louis A. (Buzz) Carmichael

Vice President, Region IV

State Society: Kentucky

Year Joined: 2001

Previous SR Offices: General Treasurer (two terms); President, KY Society; Chairman, GSSR Investment Committee

Occupation: Equity Sales, VP Capital Markets of an R&D Company

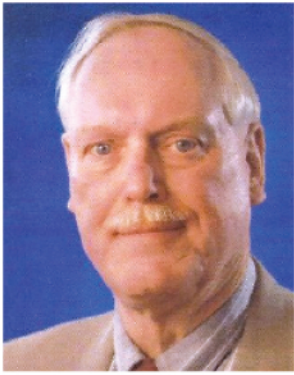
Education: BA, Hobart College; MBA, Mt St Mary's; MSM, Frostburg State

Greatest Personal Achievement: Marrying a great woman and having four kids

Greatest Professional Achievement: Saving lives and making people a lot of money

Guiding Philosophy: You have to know it or be exposed to it first. Then you can preach it or reject it later on.

Favorite Pastime: Drinking wine, smoking cigars with scotch, sharing good conversation



Lt. Col. Max J. Riekse

Vice President, Region V

State Society: Michigan (Life Member)

Year Joined: 1985

Previous SR Offices: Past President, SRMI; Past Vice President, SRMI; Past Region 5 Vice President, GSSR

Occupation: Retired Lt. Col., US Army (32 years of service); retired history teacher, Michigan Public Schools (23 years). Served in Vietnam and Iraq. USA Airborne School.

Education: BA, University of South Florida, Political Science & International Relations; MA, Western Michigan University, Political Science & International Relations; MA, Western Michigan University, Education & History.

Greatest Professional Achievement: Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam; Bronze Star, Iraq; Legion of Merit; twice awarded Bronze Medal for Individual Achievement from Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA (1983, 2020).

Greatest Personal Achievement: Fatherhood. My son is an Eagle Scout and Life Member of the SR. He attends Michigan State University

Guiding Philosophy: I stand for all individual freedoms as expressed in the Bill of Rights.

Favorite Pastime: Political activism in the future of preserving our great American heritage and Constitutional Republic.



David Edward Milam

Vice President, Region VI

State Society: At-Large

Year Joined: 1996

Previous SR Offices: President, Alabama Society

Occupation: Operations Research Analyst

Education: B.S., Athens State University (Alabama)

Greatest Personal Achievement: Rector of St. Jude's Parish, Tucson

Greatest Professional Achievement: Merger of Credit Unions

Guiding Philosophy: Trust in God

Favorite Pastime: History, Genealogy