



# Order of the House of Wessex

## THE ANGLO SAXON CHRONICLE

### June Edition 2021

*"Worthy is the man who appreciates his heritage."  
Constance Brooks Paradiso Editor*

#### **From the President General**

*As summer stands poised to enter our land I wish you all the best joys of the season. Covid-19 restrictions are lessening, and people are finally able to travel and regain the freedoms held dear to us. Contagion rates are dramatically reduced. When you speak with the new officers and chairmen Ann Garner, Paul Walden, Grace Smith, Michael Swisher, Rodney Wilson, Jim Partin, Stephen Arter, Sharon Stine, Constance Paradiso, Lila Housden, Deborah Hicks, (pro-tempore), and Sumner Hunnewell please thank them for agreeing to serve in this administration.*

*I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Fourth Annual Gathering held in Zoom last month. Thank you to Sharon Stine who hosted us and to Constance Paradiso who recorded the minutes for Ann Garner. It has been a privilege to welcome several new members since April, Keith R. Knotek, Kay Maureen Severson McGirr, Robert Pond Vivian, Christopher Chapman, Lois Ann Tusing Thron, Elijah Jacob Shalis, Jean Gillette Hix, Heather Gillette Hix, Brittney Nicole Kean and Jared James Nathan., Dr. Joan Graham Nathan, David Lawrence Grinnell, Douglas James Gilham, Jr. Grateful appreciation is extended to member James Conway for the new membership certificate that features the gateway ancestor. Members who wish to have this certificate please contact Jim Partin at [JimPartin1@gmail.com](mailto:JimPartin1@gmail.com) and remit a check made to him in the amount of \$15.00 that includes postage and handling.*

*Plans are in place for our Fifth Annual Gathering to be held in conjunction with the Royal Seven Gala on Monday, April 11, 2022 at the Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square, Washington, DC. Our business will be conducted in the late afternoon followed by a time of fellowship, dinner and a program.*

*Carla*

**Order of the House of Wessex**  
**4th Annual Gathering**  
Monday, April 12, 2021  
*A Zoom Meeting held by Force Majeure*

**CALL TO ORDER 5:55 pm**

The Fourth Annual Gathering of the Order of the House of Wessex was called to order by Carla Whitehurst Odom, Co-Founder. President General-elect, serving to chair the meeting for Founder and Inaugural President General Charles Bryan Poland. Instructions were provided about the Zoom event. Attendees were welcomed. Officers and chairmen were presented. A quorum was declared present.

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GATHERING**

The Chair confirmed Minutes of the Third Annual Gathering scheduled April 13, 2020 were not available because of the cancellation of the meeting due to *Force Majeure*. Constance Paradiso was appointed to record the minutes of this Fourth Annual Gathering. Rev. Rodney Dean Wilson was appointed to review the minutes for future publication in *The Anglo Saxon Chronicle* that will be distributed to the membership later this year.

**TREASURER GENERAL'S REPORT**

Treasurer General Swisher presented the report of the financial reviewer appointee Mr. John Hallberg Jones and the Treasurer's report as follows:

I have examined the records of the Order of the House of Wessex for the years 2019 and 2020.

All items appear to be in order.

I am pleased to present this audit report.

John Hallberg Jones  
Minneapolis, MN

Beginning Balance	\$7,446.82
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INCOME

Life Memberships	\$6,250.00
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Application Fees	\$625.00
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Insignia Income	\$1,440.20
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EXPENSES

Postage	\$43.99
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Annual Filing Fee for Incorporation	\$25.00
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Website & Domain Name Fees for 2018 & 2019	\$305.90
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Room Deposit for the 2020 Annual Event	\$125.00
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Insignia Expense	\$1,287.00
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Ending Balance	\$13,975.13
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Life Membership Fund	\$17,750.00
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Operating Funds	(\$3,774.87)
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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Beginning Balance	\$13,975.13
INCOME	
Life Memberships	\$5,000.00
Application Fees	\$500.00
Insignia Income	\$3,499.80
Donations	\$100.00
	<u>\$9,099.80</u>
EXPENSES	
Postage	\$52.00
Annual Filing Fee for Incorporation	\$25.00
Website & Domain Name Fees	\$180.85
Room Deposit for the 2020 Annual Event	\$0.00
Insignia Expense	\$3,184.70
Office Supplies - USB Drives	\$14.96
Order of the Kings & Queens in the Holy Lands Gala expense	\$162.67
	<u>\$3,620.18</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$19,454.75</u>
Life Membership Fund	<u>\$22,750.00</u>
Operating Funds	<u><u>(\$3,295.25)</u></u>

Treasurer Swisher moved that the Treasurer General's report be adopted as reviewed and presented. The motion was seconded and the Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented.

### GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

Genealogist Partin reported the Order has 96 members with 14 new members effective 4 March 2021. The Genealogist's report was adopted as presented.

All other reports received have been filed.

### UNFNISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business reported.

### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Swisher reported on the progress on the recent adoption by the Executive Board of Officers for Sanding Rule #5 and the plans for presentation of the Order of the Houser of Wessex Award.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In 2020 Founder and President General Poland invoked what may be defined as *Force Majeure* and kept the Founding officers and chairman in place for this past year. Last summer members were notified of this decision in the Inaugural Issue of the *Anglo Saxon Chronicle*. At that time he stated the upcoming term of office would begin in 2021 with a term of (only) one year until 2022 to keep the terms office within the procedures in the Order's Bylaws.

Second Vice President Odom, Chaplain Wilson and Secretary Garner were appointed to the Nominating Committee for a one year term of office. The Nominating Committee appointed the following officers to the slate. An electronic election was held in March in two parts with the first week to offer possible nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. The second week of the electronic election was held for the purpose of electing the slate. On March 10, 2021 Secretary General Garner certified the votes and notified the following officers-elect.

President General	Carla Whitehurst Odom
First Vice-President General	Ann Scott Garner
Second Vice-President General	Paul Ashley Walden
Chaplain General	Dr. Grace Bliss Smith
Treasurer General	Michael Scott Swisher
Secretary General	Rev. Rodney Dean Wilson
Registrar General	<i>Vacant (the appointed Genealogist James Partin has agreed to continue to serve)</i>
Chancellor	<i>Vacant</i>
Historian	Stephen Amandus Arter
Councilor	Sharon Kaufelt Stine

## INSTALLATION

Outgoing Chaplain General Rev. Wilson conducted a virtual installation.

## NEW NOMINATING COMMITTEE (for the term 2022-2024)

President General Odom appointed First Vice President General Garner Chairman, to serve with Second Vice President-General Walden and Secretary General, former Chaplain General Reverend Wilson to bring a slate of nominees for the 2022-2024 administration to the Fifth Gathering in 2022.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was moved and seconded that Founder and President General Poland status be changed so that he should be designated as Founder and Inaugural Honorary President General of the Order of the House of Wessex for life. The motion was adopted.

The Founding Board of Officers pooled personal contributions to purchase a sterling star and neck ribbon for our founder and leader Charles Bryan Poland. The insignia was presented to Mr. Poland virtually. It is to be mailed to him immediately following the Fourth Annual Gathering.

The 2022 Fifth Annual Gathering is scheduled to be held jointly with the Royal Seven in the Grand Ballroom at The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC. beginning at four o'clock in the afternoon with one Order's business meeting immediately following another. Business would conclude with a time of fellowship, a Gala Dinner and brief program. Invitations will be extended late next winter. Please plan to attend.

## ADJOURN

Hearing of no further business President General Odom adjourned the Fourth Annual Gathering of the Order of the House of Wessex at 6:13 pm

Submitted by Constance Paradiso for Secretary General Garner  
4/20/21

# Order of the House of Wessex



Be it known that

**James Edward Conway**

was granted membership in this Order by virtue of proven descent from

**Anne Couvent**

a Descendant of

**Alfred the Great**

King of the House of Wessex

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

25 June 2021

DATE OF ADMISSION

*Carla Whitehurst Odom*

PRESIDENT GENERAL



*Alfred "the Great" featured on the stained glass window at the South Transcript of Bristol Cathedral.  
(Courtesy of Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.)*

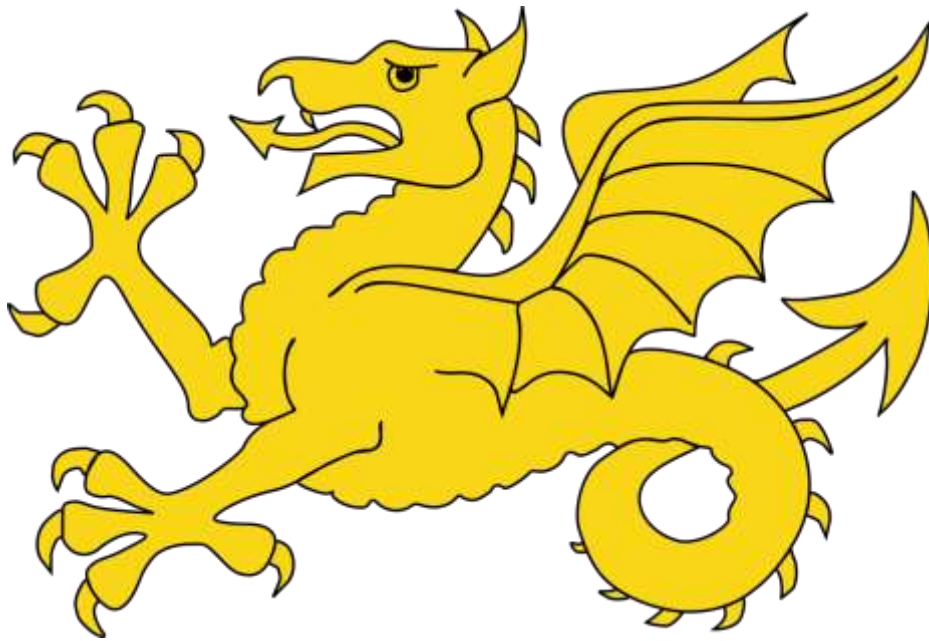
## NEW FACES, NEW SPACES, NEW PLACES

The Fifth Edition of The Register was published and distributed to the membership. Please advise President General Odom if your copy has not arrived so a copy may be mailed to you.

In review the following are noted. Several Kings "fell off" notably on p. 10, for Mr. Blackwell; p. 15 for king spelling for Mrs. Hougher; p. 17 Mrs. McGirr at Milolii Rd, and Colonel McRoberts; p. 19 for Mrs. Pogoloff; p. 21 for Messers Rybolt and Smith. and p. 22 for Mrs. Stapleton. On p. 13 Mr. Dickey's name is corrected, and p. 20 Andrew Quick's new telephone is 919-717-9649 and Christian Quick has new email, [christian@pinnaclefundinginc.com](mailto:christian@pinnaclefundinginc.com). On p. 27 Mrs. Stephanie Smith Throne is added to ancestor ABELL and on p. 31 Mr. John Throckmorton is added to ancestor STRATTON. Please keep all the new persons, and places coming to **First Vice President General Ann Garner** for the next edition!



The **House of Wessex**, also known as the **House of Cerdic** (*Cerdicingas* in Old English<sup>[2]</sup>), refers to the family that initially ruled a kingdom in southwest England known as Wessex, from the 6th century under Cerdic of Wessex until the unification of the Kingdoms of England by Alfred the Great and his successors.



Alfred and his successors would also be part of this dynasty, which would continue ruling in the main line all the way until Alfred's descendant, Æthelred the Unready, whose reign in the late 10th century and early 11th century saw a brief period of Danish occupation and following his and his son Edmund Ironside's death, kingship by the Danish Cnut the Great and his successors to 1042. The House of Wessex then briefly

regained its power for 24 years, but after the deposition of its last scion, Æthelred's great-grandson Edgar Ætheling, it faded into the annals of history. Edgar himself died after a long and adventurous life sometime after 1125. All kings of England and Great Britain since Henry II have nevertheless been descended from the House of Wessex through Henry I's wife Matilda of Scotland—a daughter of Edgar Ætheling's sister, Margaret of Wessex.

The House of Wessex became rulers of a unified English nation under the descendants of Alfred the Great (871–899). Edward the Elder, Alfred's son, united England under his rule by conquering the Viking occupied areas of Mercia and East Anglia. His son, Æthelstan, extended the kingdom into the northern lands of Northumbria, which lies above the Mersey and Humber, but this was not fully consolidated until after his nephew Edgar succeeded to the throne. This period of the English monarchy is known as the Anglo-Saxon period, due to the fact that the majority of settlers in England were Angles (in Mercia and East Anglia) or Saxons (in Wessex, Essex, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex and Northumbria); a smaller group of settlers, the Jutes in Kent, Wight and in parts of east Sussex, merged with the Saxons.

Their rule was often contested, notably by the Danish king Sweyn Forkbeard who invaded in 995 and occupied the united English throne from 1013 to 1014, during the reign of Æthelred the Unready and his son Edmund Ironside. Sweyn, his son Canute and his successors ruled until 1042. After Harthacnute,

there was a brief Anglo-Saxon restoration between 1042 and 1066 under Edward the Confessor, who was a son of Æthelred, who was later succeeded by Harold Godwinson, a member of the House of Godwin, possibly a side branch of the Cerdicings (see Ancestry of the Godwins).

After the Battle of Hastings, the victorious Duke of Normandy became William I of England. Anglo-Saxon attempts to restore native rule in the person of Edgar the Ætheling, a grandson of Edmund

Ironsides who had originally been passed over in favour of Harold, were unsuccessful and William's descendants secured their rule. Chroniclers describe conflicting stories about Edgar's later years, including a supposed involvement in the First Crusade; he is presumed to have died around 1126. A Northumberland pipe roll mentions an "Edgar Adeling" in 1158, and 1167, by which time Edgar would have been over 100 years old.<sup>[3]</sup> Beyond this, there is no existing evidence that the male line of the Cerdicings continued beyond Edgar Ætheling. Edgar's niece Matilda of Scotland later married William's son Henry I, forming a link between the two dynasties. Henry II was a descendant of the House of Wessex in the female line, something that contemporary English commentators noted with approval.

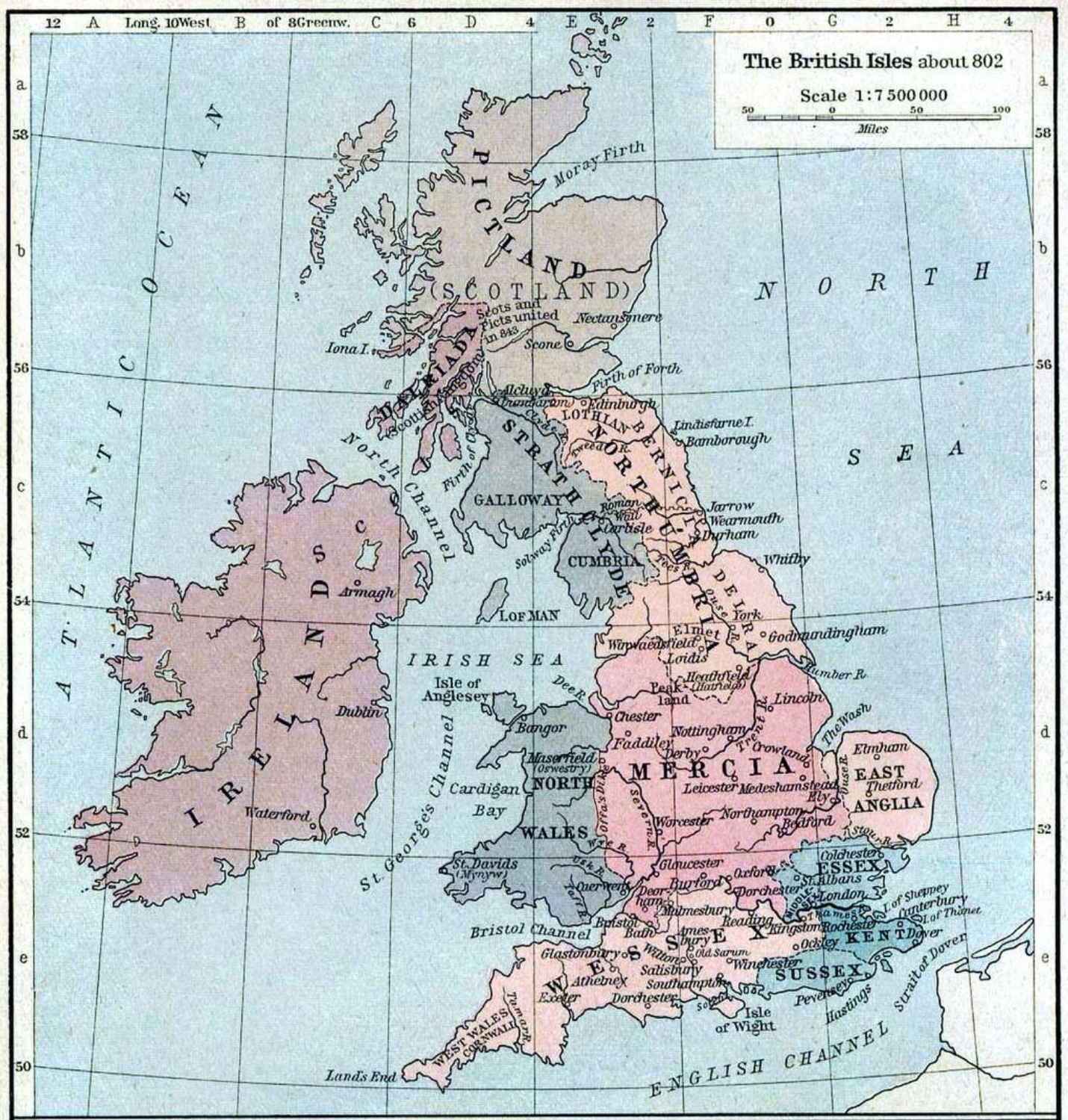
The House of Wessex predominantly ruled from Winchester (*Wintan-ceastre*). Going back to Cynegils, several kings and consorts of the dynasty were buried at the cathedral in Winchester, first in the Old Minster and then the New Minster. The remains of many of these rulers and others were vandalized during the English Civil War; currently the bones rest jumbled in different mortuary chests in the current cathedral.

Though London was already a prominent city in pre-Conquest England, only one king from the House of Wessex was buried there (Æthelred the Unready, at Old St. Paul's, now lost). Edward the Confessor favored Westminster as a residence, and his construction of a large Romanesque church there would lead to its later prominence. Other kings from the Wessex dynasty are buried at Sherborne, Wimborne, and Brookwood.

A coat of arms was attributed by medieval heralds to the Kings of Wessex. These arms appear in a manuscript of the thirteenth century, and are blazoned as *Azure, a cross patonce (sometimes a cross fleury or cross moline) between four martlets Or.*<sup>[5]</sup> The assigning of arms to the West Saxon kings is prochronistic, as heraldry did not develop in a form as we know it until the twelfth century. These arms continued to be used to represent the kingdom for centuries after their invention. They have been incorporated into heraldic charges of institutions that associate themselves with Wessex, especially Edward the Confessor, where they are used at Westminster Abbey and in the arms of the City of Westminster.<sup>[6]</sup> The arms attributed to Edward were probably based on the design of a type of coin minted during his reign. This silver penny, often called a 'cross/eagle' type, showed an equal-armed cross within a circle, with birds depicted in the spaces between the arms of the cross.







From Wikipedia  
 Submitted by Constance Paradiso