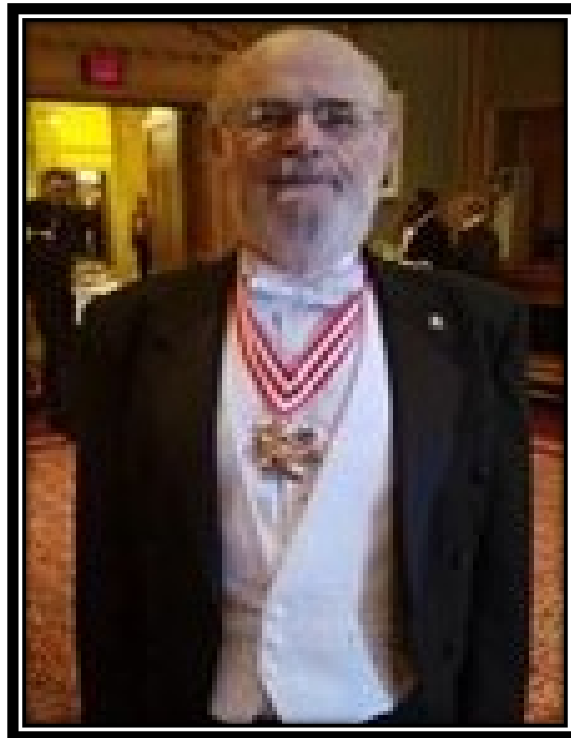




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"Worthy is the man who appreciates his heritage."



Founder and President General Charles Bryan Poland
Hereditary Society Community Honorary Member of the Class of 2020

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The National Gavel Society

From the President General

Greetings to all of you. I hope you and your families are all doing well in these trying times. Since we were unable to meet this year for the existing officers will continue to serve until next year's meeting, when we will conduct elections for a one year term, to put us back on the normal schedule in 2022. I'd like to thank Carla Odom for her excellent work in preparing this issue of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. I think you'll find it quite interesting.

I hope to see many of you in 2021 in DC.

Chuck Poland

Introduction for Charles Bryan Poland for the Hereditary Society Community, Honorary Member Class of 2020 (Gala cancelled due to the COVID pandemic)

Charles Bryan Poland was born in San Diego, California, the eldest of four sons, to Clarence Beauregard Poland III and Margaret Albertine White Poland. Chuck resides in Roanoke, Virginia. He is the widower of Karen Iola Milner Poland whom he married in 1965. His son Carl Bryan Poland lives in Washington, DC. His daughter Jeanette Marie Poland is deceased

He attended schools in California, Washington, and New York. Mr. Poland was Valedictorian of his class at Leigh High School in San Jose, California, He graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science, with honor.

Chuck Poland was employed by IBM for 30 years, in New York, Maryland, England, France and Japan. He began his career in large systems hardware and software development, and later shifted to technical support and marketing.

Mr. Poland is the Founder and Inaugural President General of two royal orders, Order of Alba, established for lineal descendants of the monarchs of independent Scotland, and Order of the House of Wessex, established for lineal descendants of the old Anglo-Saxon Kings (prior to the Norman Conquest). He was appointed as a Founder and Inaugural Officer of four additional orders

Memberships:

- * Baronial Order of Magna Charta
- * Clan MacFarlane (Director; Treasurer)
- * Descendants of Brian Boru
- * Descendants of Early Postmasters 1607-1900

- * Descendants of the Templar Knights
- * Families of Antebellum Missouri
- * First Families of the Alabama Territory
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- * Military Order of the Stars & Bars (Commander, Virginia HQ Chapter)
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- * Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry
- * Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters
- * Order of Indian Wars of the United States
- * Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United States of America
- * Order of the Descendants of the Justiciars
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- * Order of the Founders of North America
- * Order of the House of Wessex (Founder; Inaugural President General)
- * Order of the Kings and Queens in the Holy Lands (Founder; 2nd Lt. Governor)
- * Order of the Merovingian Dynasty
- * Order of the Monarch of Rheims
- * Order of the Norman Conquest
- * Order of the Steel Magnolia
- * Order of the Sovereigns of Ancient Scandinavia (Founder; Inaugural Treasurer)
- * Order of Washington
- * Scotch-Irish Society of the USA
- * Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
- * Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva, (Duke, Virginia State Society)
- * Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy:
- * Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar 1565-1861
- * Sons of Confederate Veterans, 28th Virginia Infantry Camp
- * Sons of Spanish American War Veterans
- * Sons of the American Revolution, (President, Fincastle Resolutions Chapter)
- * Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge

- * Sons of the Revolution (Virginia Society)
- * Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Former Secretary/Treasurer, Department of the Chesapeake)
- * The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans
- * The Friends of St. George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter (UK)
- * Virginia Genealogical Society

Other Notes:

Mr. Poland is an Eagle Scout. He is Past President of the Glen Condo Home Owners Association.

Highlights of the Order of the House of Wessex

On April 17, 2017 at the Annual Gathering of the Order of Alba, Founder and President General Charles Bryan Poland announced the upcoming founding of this Order. He presented his appointed Officers of the Board to those present. The Order was formally organized on April 23, 2017. The Founder's son Carl Bryan Poland designed the emblem of the Order that is centered with the face of Alfred the Great and banners of kingdoms represented in the Order. Councilor General Sharon Kaufelt Stine initiated editing of the bylaws. Recording Secretary General Ann Scott Garner agreed to design a brochure for distribution. Founder, President General Poland secured an estimate for the casting of dies for standard and miniature insignia

The Order was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia on November 2, 2017 by Chancellor General Walter Jervis Sheffield, Esq. An EIN was secured by Founder, President General Poland. Treasurer General Michael Scott Swisher opened the Order's bank account, accepted reservations for the Inaugural Gathering, and kept all financial records. First Vice President General Carla Whitehurst Odom secured the Order's National Publication. Registrar General James Daryl Partin circulated applications to individuals appointed to the Board. He began accepting applications from other candidates and has kept members of the board up to date as new members were verified. Historian General Paul Ashley Walden designed the Order website, and face book. He also processed orders for insignia. First Vice President Odom compiled the Inaugural Edition of the Register for online distribution in late 2018. President General Poland obtained the 501(c)(3).

2018 Inaugural Gathering

Founder, President General Charles Bryan Poland presided at the Inaugural Gathering on April 10, 2018, at The Army and Navy Club, in Washington DC. First Vice President General Odom made reservations for the event held jointly with Order of Alba. She introduced program speaker Suzanna Ethridge Rawlins whose program featured *A Visit with Scottish Royalty*.

2019 Annual Gathering

Founder President General Poland chaired the 2019 Annual Gathering. First Vice President General Odom introduced Dr. Stefan Zimmers, Assistant Dean at Georgetown University, program speaker for the Annual Gathering held jointly as a Tea with Order of Alba on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the Washington Room of The Army and Navy Club. The bylaws proposed by the Board were adopted by the members.

2020 Annual Gathering (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

2021 Annual Gathering

The Inaugural Edition of *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* was edited and distributed online to the membership in the Summer of 2020. The next Annual Gathering is scheduled Monday afternoon, April 12, 2021 in the Main Ballroom of The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC, with Founder and President General Charles Bryan Poland presiding. Business of the day will include a report by the Nominating Committee, elections and installation. Due to the necessary cancellation of the 2020 Annual Gathering the next administration will conclude as a full term of office in 2022 in accordance with the Bylaws of the Order. The 2021 Annual Gathering will be followed by a time of fellowship and an Inaugural Gala with the Royal Seven.

For Your Information

MEMBERS" GATEWAY ANCESTORS AND KINGS

ABELL, Robert - Massachusetts

direct descendant:

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Alfred "The Great"

ALSOP, Elizabeth - Connecticut

direct descendant:

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Alfred "The Great"

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Alfred "The Great"

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Quick, Christian Douglas, OHW # 004

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Edward I, "The Elder"

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Dickey, Jonathan Cobb, OHW # 078

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 Hunnewell, Sumner Gary, OHW # 037 Edmund, I
 Idenden, John Edward, Jr., OHW # 032 Alfred "The Great"
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Young, Mark Edwin, Sr., Dr., OHW # 055

Edmund II "Ironside"

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Erbes, William Tracy, OHW #048

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Steinberg, Steven Harry, OHW # 035

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Poland, Charles Bryan, OHW # 001

Poland, John Robert, OHW # 002

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LOVELACE, Anne Virginia

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Rybolt, William Clifford, OHW #024

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LOWELL, Percival - Massachusetts

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Davies, Carrolyn Ann Tryon, OHW # 064

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Butterworth, Jack James, Jr., OHW # 014

Walden, Paul Ashley, OHW # 007

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Hurrie, Robert Allen, OHW # 066

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MALLORY, Roger - Virginia

direct descendant:

Stine, Sharon Kaufelt, OHW # 015

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MARBURY, Anne - Massachusetts
direct descendant:
Reader, Christopher James, OHW # 072 Alfred ""The Great"

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direct descendant:
Dean, Elizabeth Diane Purcell, OHW # 063 Eagberht

OWSLEY, Thomas - Virginia
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Burnley, Staci-Jill Stanley, OHW # 016 Cerdic
Moreau, Lynda Paulette Aydelott, OHW # 061 Alfred "The Great"
Wilson, Betty Jo Tucker, OHW # 043 Alfred "The Great"

PALGRAVE, Dr. Richard - Massachusetts
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Teague, Barbara Elaine, OHW #049 Cerdic

RANDOLPH, William - Virginia
direct descendant:
Watkins, Lowry Rush, Jr., OHW #070 Cerdic

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direct descendants:
Krein, Marlene Jean, OHW # 021 Alfred "The Great"
Remple, Melanie Ann , OHW # 022 Alfred "The Great"

SKIPWITH, Diana - Virginia
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Esty, Sandra June, OHW # 047` Alfred "The Great"

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direct descendant:
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Berta, Lisa Schreiner, OHW # 025
Gray, Susan Bolton Young, OHW # 079

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direct descendants:

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Howell, Laura Nelle Clark, OHW # 030
Ennis, Lorraine Gaston, OHW # 034

Edgar "The Peaceful"
Cerdic
Edmund II "Ironsides"

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Cerdic

WORDEN, Peter - Massachusetts

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Swisher, Michael Scott, OHW # 074

Alfred "the Great"
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YATE, George - Maryland

direct descendant:

Prather, Samuel Cleo, OHW #056

Alfred "The Great"

SAVE THE DATE

The 2021 Annual Gathering is scheduled in the afternoon of Monday, April 12, 2021 at The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC. A fellowship hour and joint Inaugural Gala is planned in conjunction with The Royal Seven.



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

KING ALFRED THE GREAT EARLY YEARS AND MILITARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(First in the series about Order of the House of Wessex's most often verified ancestor)

Aelfred also known more familiarly as Alfred was born in 849 on the royal estate of Wantage, Berkshire in the area known as Berroc Wood where box trees grew. Today it is part of Oxfordshire. He was the fifth son and sixth child of the mighty warrior Aethelwulf and his wife Osburh. It has been noted by scholars Osburh was a descendant of the rulers of the Isle of Wight and a that she was noble in nature and birth. She offered a beautifully bound book of poems to the child who could memorize it first. Alfred won the book! Young Alfred was sent to Rome where he was confirmed by Pope Leo IV. After his mother's death Aethelwulf married Judith the daughter of King Charles the Bald of Francia.

Because of his ranking in the family it is likely neither he nor his family thought he would ever serve as king although Aethelwulf had made arrangements that upon his death his sons in succession would rule after him rather than for the kingdom to pass from father to son in the event the son of the ruler would be a child. The brothers Aethelbald, Aethelberht and Aethelred ruled before Aelfred/Alfred. At that time many battles were often fought thereby requiring that an apt king and seasoned military leader serve on the throne.

Over sixty years before Alfred's birth the Vikings had initiated lightening quick mobile forces in shallow boats to gain success in gaining lands, conquering people and extracting plunder. These incursions were over time creating permanent Danish settlements not unlike the ones established in the

Irish lands under Brian Boru. Some of the local residents fled as far as the Isle of Wight to keep their freedom. Before his reign as king, Alfred fought alongside his brothers for years.

Alfred became a battle hardened warrior in his early 20's. The king learned to study the tactics of his enemy and adapt to them. Over time he adopted some of them. After several naval losses he finally had boats built in the draught as well as in the heights of the sides more similar to the highly successful Viking ships. The change enabled the ships to travel faster and also to travel into rivers that flowed to the sea. He established a base at Atheling in the marshes where it is believed Alfred played as a child. On this familiar ground he assembled highly mobile troops to engage in what modern terminology identifies as guerrilla warfare. Alfred established a scout and messenger corps to aid in conflict. The Danelaw was defeated at the Battle of Evington in what became an eventual slaughter. The enemy troops were forced to suffer cold, hunger and fright after which time they finally sought peace. It was the turning point in Wessex's battle for survival. The king's eventual arrangements with the Vikings created Danelaw in northeastern England. Another accomplishment was the conversion of their leader Guthrum to Christianity following the Battle of Wedmore and his appointment as the King's "spiritual son". Alfred arranged marriages of a few subjects to Danish daughters. Some Vikings left East Anglia and Wessex to plunder the continent.

A period of greater peace followed although smaller Danish raids continued from time to time. Alfred reoccupied London. Plans were laid out to make it more livable. His son-in-law initiated a new plan for the streets and additional fortifications. Saxon people began to submit to Alfred. In the autumn of 893 the Vikings struck. Some of the invaders brought their families along for the voyage. This action indicated the Vikings' determination to make the transition a permanent one. Alfred's son Edward defeated them at Surrey. Once again the need for food caused the Danes to return to Essex. Additional Vikings returned to the continent.

Alfred realized that the Danes were waging quick battles from a defensible camp whereby they could return should there be unwinnable resistance. The King chose to restructure military defenses based upon the experiences of Carolingian kings. He established systems of taxation and defense. He built a standing mobile military with a network of garrisons and smaller ships that could travel the rivers and close to the coast. Taxation was based upon a tenant's landholdings. They were also provided hides upon units of productivity and a *fyrð*, also known as local militia whereby all freemen served or were fined. If they were landholders some of their land was seized.

The Danes focused upon easy targets at poorly defended locations. Alfred realized the enemy was selecting sure wins that deployed from bases chosen ahead from captured strongholds whereby the supplies and defenses were fortified ahead of the strikes. In 892 when the Viking raids broke out again they were met by small ships that could navigate the rivers and close waters, a network of fortified garrisons and a mobile field of militia.

A burghal system was comprised as *burghs* spaced about 19 miles apart allowing the military to address conflict anywhere in the kingdom within a day. Over time twenty-two developed into boroughs centered on former Roman sites. At Winchester repairs and additions added to the defenses of the area. Some *burghs* were tiny outposts and others evolved into sizable towns. A number of the

developments were located across a navigable river on both sides. Fortified bridges were built for transportation of troops and also for protection from the Vikings by the military who were armed with stones, spears and arrows. Some burgh were at or near fortified villas providing the king and citizens additional strongholds. Herepaths were laid to establish a road network for the army's use. The elements of surprise and conquer were greatly reduced by Alfred's military improvements leaving the enemy few advantages except to attempt to starve out the inhabitants of the *burghs*. The distance between the burghs and convenience of the road system were effective in greatly neutralizing the prior danger of the kingdom's fortifications, even the outposts.

King Alfred the Great's contributions to legal reform, foreign relations, religion and culture, education reform, a study of the effect of the Danish raids on education, establishment of a court school, the Alfred Jewel, and additional glimpses of his appearance and character together with information about his wife and family are planned features in a second article about England's hero. King Alfred died at age of 50 or 51. He was temporarily buried in the Old Minster at Winchester. Later he was interred at New Minster. The remains of King Alfred, his wife, and their descendants were removed to Hyde Abbey. During the reign of Henry VIII the abbey and other religious sites were stripped of their wealth during the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The bones of the royal family were scattered. By the time of the Reformation King Alfred was viewed as a mighty protector of the faith and as such is featured on numerous church windows as the illustration at the South Transcript of Bristol Cathedral. His feast day is celebrated October 26th.

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