

The James Monroe Memorial Foundation

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Re: James Monroe Birthplace House – October 2, 2021

Dear Lineage/Patriotic Society Leader/James Monroe Supporter,

Attached please find a **revised draft** program for the **Saturday, October 2 Grand Opening Ceremony** for the James Monroe Birthplace House in Westmoreland County (4460 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach – on Route 205 just south of Colonial Beach) **at 10:00 a.m.**

I have put in brackets the names of various societies and their representatives whose plans are still unconfirmed. If you see your name or your society's name in brackets, please confirm if your society will be present, and by whom it will be represented. I need these by **Friday, September 24** to be included in the program.

There will be tours of the Birthplace House after the ceremony. While there will continue to be further improvements made to the Birthplace House and its grounds, I think you will be pleased to see the finished interior of the House and preliminary furnishings.

Please remember that President Monroe was the only President besides George Washington to have actively served in the regular army during the Revolutionary War, participating in six major battles (as well as wintering at Valley Forge, crossing the Delaware with George Washington, being seriously wounded at Trenton and cited for conspicuous bravery) and subsequently served simultaneously as Secretary of War and Secretary of State (during the War of 1812, when he helped coordinate American defenses against the British). He was also an active participant in our first American lineage society, the Society of the Cincinnati.

Please RSVP to me (pbroadbent@cblaw.com, 804-697-4109) by September 24 if your Society's name is in brackets, or if you want to be added to the program or have changes.

We hope that you will be able to participate with us in this commemoration to celebrate the reconstruction of the 1758 Birthplace House and to emphasize the role of this great Virginian and Founding Father in establishing our country, and its system of government and values.

Thank you for the many ways you have helped us over the years. We appreciate your steadfast support, more than we are able to tell you.

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Please pass this letter along to any of your current state or local Society representatives who may be able to attend.

Sincerely,



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