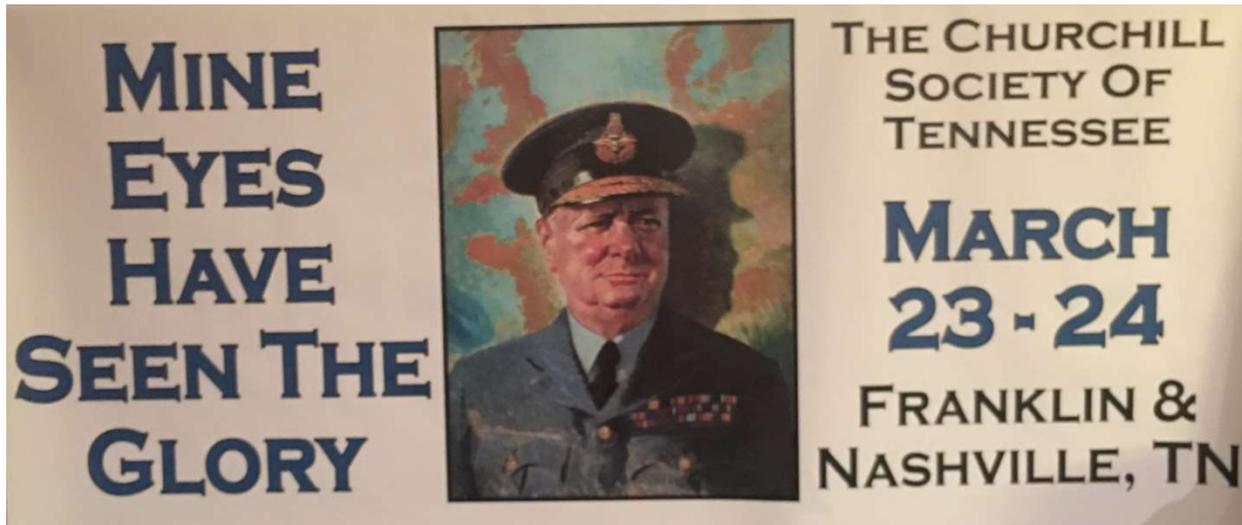


“Mine Eyes have seen the Glory”



Regional Conference sponsored by the Churchill Society of Tennessee (CSOT)

The Conference was held on Friday and Saturday, March 23 & 24, at the Historic Franklin Masonic Hall, base for the Hiram Masonic Lodge #7 in Franklin, Tennessee.

The theme of the Conference was “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” and featured leading Churchill scholars. Since Sir Winston Churchill had an intense interest in the American Civil War, there were sessions discussing the Churchill’s connection with the US Civil War.

Another theme of the Conference was “Churchill Didn’t Have a Tin Ear” and the Conductor of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra Giancarlo Guerrero was the featured speaker on this topic Friday morning. He was accompanied by Belmont University Professor Don Cusic who published a new book, *Winston Churchill’s Love of Music*, just in time for the conference. Later on in the conference Cusic spoke about the book and the CD given to all registrants of songs from WW2 in a “goodie” bag containing other items including a CSOT embossed pad, pen and pin.



Giancarlo, wife Shirley and Don Robinson.



Warren Kimball, Joseph Daily, Randolph Churchill and Lee Pollock

Perhaps the highlight of the conference for many attendees was Randolph Churchill delivering an abbreviated version of his great-grandfather's speech "we will fight them on the beaches" on Friday night at the Schermerhorn before the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Giancarlo Guerrero, performed at the "Violins of Hope" concert. The "Violins of Hope" is a collection of some 34 violins and other string instruments (viola, cello and base) owned by Jews who lived and died during the Holocaust.



Earlier that Friday others had spoken to subjects such as: "The Churchill Societies". [Knight], "Who was the sickest at Yalta and did it matter?" [Mather and Kimball], "Churchill and the Younger Churchills in painting." [Daily], "The Gestapo, Avoiding the Holocaust and Churchill." [Smith], and three presentations on the US Civil war and the battle of Franklin. (John Lee, Cartwright and Pollock.)



Inge Smith



Dick Knight

On the Saturday, presentations continued on Winston Churchill's Philosophy of Leadership [Mansfield], Winston and Jack Churchill [Celia Lee], Meeting Churchill in 1961 [Mather] and Churchill: Bricklayer and Mason ([Patterson]). See below for the full program.



John and Celia Lee with Tina Flaherty

Thomas Cartwright

Randolph Churchill was the key speaker at the Saturday night banquet, which was held at the University Club, Vanderbilt University. His talk about Sir Winston Churchill, his great grandfather, entitled: "From Darkest Hour to His Finest Hour", was most engaging. (Parenthetically, early arrivals to the Conference could attend a screening to the film, *The Darkest Hour*, about Churchill during the early days of World War II. This film garnered Academy Awards at the Oscars.



Randolph Churchill

Pat McMahon and Gift of a Quilt

The attendees at the Banquet were entertained by WW2 music played by Will Berger, a new composition for the bagpipes; "LTC Churchill 6th. RSF (1916)". The evening wrapped up with Harrow School Songs let by Donna Stokes-Rogers who had earlier sung the National Anthems.



Piper Jim Drury



Harrow School Songs. Donna Stokes-Rogers

Sunday morning was notable for a Brunch sponsored by Jamey and Jennifer Parker where Randolph and Conference attendees were able to relax and exchange stories.



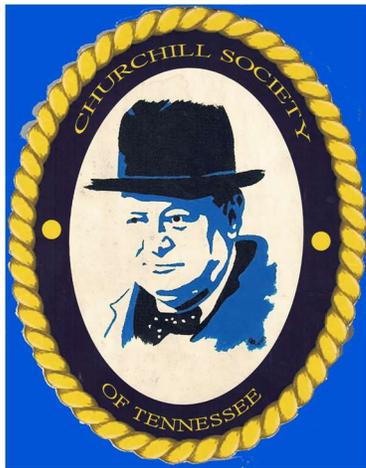
Randolph Churchill and the Parker family



Great Food



Splendid Company



By all accounts everyone enjoyed the variety of presentations as well as converse with new friends about “Who was Churchill anyway?”



ADDITIONAL RANDOM PICTURES



John Lee



Lee Pollock



Nashville Symphony Orchestra



Violins of Hope



The Southern Ladies



Honor Guard



Martin & Beth Fisher



**Drs. John Mather and
Dr. Karen Rhea**



**Dr. John Mather and
Lord Hugh Montgomerie**



Laura and Rev. Rusty McCown



Raffle Winner

THE CHURCHILL SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE

[An Affiliate of the International Churchill Society.]

Presents a Regional Conference (ICS-USA) on and about Sir Winston Churchill

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory.”

March 23 and 24, 2018. Venue: Franklin Tennessee.

Conference Themes: Winston Churchill’s appreciation for all kinds of music; classical, marches, bands hymns and songs of Harrow School and the World Wars, **AND**, his fascination with the Civil War fought in many cities, towns and regions of the United States of America

Headquarters Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Nashville TN

Thursday March 22nd 2018 at the Hyatt Hotel

- 3:00 Arrive and Register at the Hotel.
- 5:30 – 7:00 Registration and socializing
- 7:00 onwards Free time to browse the Exhibits [Nashville Dolphins, O’More College of Design and so forth.] and purchase books, bow ties, CSOT cigars and WSC portraits. Cash bar.
- Registrants on their own for supper in Nashville
- 7:00 to 9:15 Viewing of “Darkest Hour”

Friday March 23rd Venue: The Historic Franklin Masonic Hall

- 8:00 Buses leave Hyatt Hotel for Franklin
- 8:00-9:00 Further Registration for meeting: Franklin Historic Masonic Hall

Morning Session

- 9:00-9:15 Convene for the Opening Session
- Welcoming remarks:** **John Mather.MD** President CSOT-ICS
- Attendance with Introductory Remarks:
- TN State Representative. **Col (Retr.) Sam Whitson**
- 9:15 – 10:00 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. John Mather MD**

Keynote address: "Churchill did **NOT** have a Tin ear."

Conductor Giancarlo Guerrero

10:00 to 10:15 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Joel Tomlin**

"The Churchill Societies: Overview and Personal Reflections"

Richard Knight Esq.

10:15 to 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 to 11:15 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Joel Tomlin**

"Who was the Sickest at Yalta and did it Matter?"

Protagonist: **John Mather MD**

Antagonist: **Warren Kimball PhD**

11:15 to 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 to 12:15 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Suzanne Iler**

"Churchill and the Younger Churchills in Painting."

Joseph Q. Daily

12:15 to 1:15 pm Break for Boxed Lunch Luncheon

Afternoon Session

1:15 to 1:55 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Suzanne Iler**

"The Gestapo, Avoiding the Holocaust and Churchill."

Inge Smith

1:55 to 2:30 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Rachael Finch**

"The 'Full' context of the Civil War."

John Lee

2:30 to 2:45 Tea Break

2:45 to 3:20 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Rachael Finch**

"The Meaning of the Civil War in Franklin."

Thomas Y. Cartwright

3:20 to 3:55 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR.** **Rachael Finch**

“Churchill and the US Civil War.”

Lee Pollock

3:55 to 4:15 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR.** **Rachael Finch**

General Discussion and Summary

4:30 Load buses to the Hyatt Hotel

5:30 Dinner on own somewhere close by the Schermerhorn.

SYMPHONY CONCERT. Venue: Schermerhorn Symphony Hall, Nashville. TN

6:30 to 7:00 **VIP's** “private” meeting with the Conductor

Giancarlo Guerrero along with Randolph Churchill

7:00 – 7:45 Conductor **Giancarlo Guerrero:** Attend Program Introduction

8:00 – 8:15 Opening of Concert with **Randolph Churchill** oration of a WSC speech

8:00 Attend the concert on the “Holocaust” theme
with Violins of Hope

Schindler’s List & Symphny No. 4 “Heichalot”
composed by Jonathan Lehsnoff.

Saturday March 24th Venue: The Historic Franklin Masonic Hall,

8:00 Buses from Hyatt Hotel to Franklin, TN.

VENUE: Historic Franklin Masonic Hall, TN

(Hiram Masonic Lodge #7)

Morning Session

9:15 to 9:45 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR.** **Jamey Parker**

“We Learn We Are Spirits: Winston Churchill’s Philosophy of Leadership”

Stephen Mansfield

9:45 to 10:15 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR.** **Jamey Parker**

“Winston and Jack Churchill”

Celia Lee

10:15 to 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 to 10:45 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Jamey Parker**

“Meeting Churchill at Harrow School Songs: 1961.”

John H. Mather MD

10:45 to 11:15 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Jamey Parker**

“Churchill: The Bricklayer and The Mason.”

Jim Patterson

11:15 to 11:45 **CONVENOR & FACILITATOR. Jamey Parker**

Introduction to Booklet and CD for the Conference.]

Don Cusic

11:45 to 1200 **Wrap up of Conference and Announcements.**

John Mather MD

12:00 to 1:30 Registrants on own in Franklin for lunch

Afternoon

OPTIONS # 1 Nashville

1:30 Load buses and return the Hyatt Hotel, Nashville

2:15 to 4:30 Visits to the various Country Music Hall of Fame Museum, Johnny Cash Museum and so forth [2 ¼ hours.]

OPTION # 2 Franklin

1:30 to 3:30 Walking Tours of the Franklin Civil War sites: Loetz House, Carter House and the Battle sites. **Thomas Cartwright**

OR

1:30 to 3:45 Unscheduled time.

Opportunity to continue small group discussions at the Historic Franklin Masonic Hall on any topics including Civil War issues.

OR

Visit Landmark Bookstore and Antique Stores in Franklin

OR

Special Bus to Cheekwood Mansion and Gardens nr. Franklin, TN

3:45

Load buses from Franklin and potentially other venues, such as Cheekwood Mansion and Gardens.

Return to the Hosting Hyatt Hotel to change

5:45

Coaches to the **University Club from Hyatt Place Hotel for VIPs and Patrons.**

6:15

Coaches to the **University Club from Hyatt Place Hotel**

BANQUET

Venue: University Club, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

6:00 to 6:30

VIP and Patron's "private" meeting with **Randolph Churchill** and the **Conference Faculty**

6:30 to 7:00

Registrants convene for drinks and conversation

Piano Music of the two Great Wars: **Will Berger**

Piped into Dinner: **Jim Drury**

7:00 –7:15

Banquet: Black Tie, Dark Suites & Kilts.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES. **Robin Sinclair**

Honor Guard. **THP Honor Guard**

Pledge of Allegiance. **Robin Sinclair**

National Anthems. **Donna Stokes Rogers**

Invocation. **Rev. Rusty McCown**

7:15 – 8:15

Meal is Served

8:15- 8:20

Loyal Toasts:

HM The Queen

Lord Hugh Montgomerie

The President of the USA

Joel Tomlin

Sir Winston Churchill

John H. Mather MD

8:20 -8:25

Playing of “LTC Churchill 6th. RSF (1916)”

Piper Jim Drury

8:25 – 8:30

Retirement of the Colors

8:30 – 8:35

INTRODUCTION OF KEY NOTE SPEAKER.

Dick Knight Esq.

8:35 – 8:55

Key Note Speaker: Mr. Randolph Churchill

Title: From Darkest Hour to His Finest Hour.

8:55 – 9:00

RESPONDENT and PRESENTATION

Lord Hugh Montgomerie

9:00 – 9:15

ENTERTAINMENT

Harrow School Songs with Harrovians

Leader and Director **Donna Stokes-Rogers**

Pianist: Will Berger

Songs: Forty Years On, Stet Fortuna Domus, October and When Raleigh Rose. [Sheet Music to be provided.]

9:15-9:20

WRAP –UP & ADIEUS. John Mather

9:30 to 11:00

Aprés: Cigars and Whisky (as interested)

9:40

Buses return to the Hyatt Hotel

Sunday March 25th 2018

MORNING

7:30 Check out of the Hotel and Disperse.

8:45 Buses from Hyatt Hotel to Franklin, TN.

BRUNCH **Venue: 1210 Echo Lane, Franklin TN 37069**

9:30 to 11:30 Breakfast in Franklin TN with Randolph Churchill in an informal format with brief Introductory remarks and Q & As.

Chez Jamey and Jennifer Parker's house.

Pipe Major Jim Drury



THE END