

# **Samuel Family Reunion 2020**

## **Cancellation**

### **Letter from VA Chapter**

Dear Family,

It is with great disappointment that we must announce that the 2020 Samuel Family Reunion hosted by the Virginia Chapter scheduled June 19 - June 21, is cancelled due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Executive Board and Chapter Presidents had a conference call on 3/29/20, and have agreed that this was the safest course of action and in the best interest of all family members and friends.

All chapter dues will be refunded back to their respective chapters and individuals.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to your chapter presidents or the national president, Tracey Beasley. The Executive Board will be sending out a letter in the next week or so as to how we can still participate this year as a family.

Please stay safe and continue to follow CDC guidelines by practicing social distancing. May God continue to bless us all with everlasting Grace and Peace.

The Virginia Chapter

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## **Amendment to the Samuel Family Reunion**

### **The Virginia Chapter 2020**

All breakfast and transportation to and from the MGM Casino and LOL Fun Stations are both included in your registration fee. Parking fees will remain the same price as they were listed in the packet. Please check out the National Harbor website [www.nationalharbor.com](http://www.nationalharbor.com) and review what this attraction has to offer.

I have 30 tickets available for the African American Museum located in Washington, D.C. Please be advised the first 30 individuals that sign up will get the tickets as this is on a first come first serve basis. Please let me know if you are interested by indicating that you wish to attend on the registration form that was emailed to you. Transportation will not be provided, however, there will be a metro map at the hotel for your assistance. I would recommend that you take the metro to and from the African American Museum as parking will be \$20.00 if you choose to drive.

Comfortable shoes are recommended for all these events, as there may be a lot of walking, the metro stop is 3 blocks away from the African American Museum.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ or contact \_\_\_\_\_ . My email will also be available for contact purposes,

### **Samuel Family Reunion 2020 Visitor's Guide**

Northern Virginia, the National Harbor, and Washington DC are filled with unique places and sites to see! Most of the destinations may require pre planning to accommodate transportation needs and tickets; please take the time to research the many monuments, memorials, and world class museums to build a memorable experience for yourself and your family!

#### **Transportation**

- Getting around the DMV takes planning! Your choices are Metro train, Uber/Lyft, or renting a car locally. Metro train is very safe and clean and is the preferred method to travel in this area, just plan your routes and times carefully. Uber/Lyft is also a popular option, but can get expensive. There are also multiple car rental locations near the hotel, and the closest airport is Ronald Reagan Airport (DCA). There is also a water taxi that leaves the Old Town Harbor and goes to the National Harbor and Georgetown, check it out!
- Metro <https://www.wmata.com/>
- Potomac Riverboat Water Taxi - <https://www.potomacriverboatco.com/water-taxi/>

## Northern VA

- Old Town Alexandria – Enjoy shopping at antique shops, endless restaurant options, and the charm of cobblestone streets and historic buildings dating back to 1749. Old Town is accessible by King Street Metro and is a five minute drive to Washington. [www.visitalexandria.com](http://www.visitalexandria.com)
- George Washington’s Mount Vernon – The first President’s estate is located only 15 minutes south of Old Town Alexandria. Visitors to the plantation are able to tour the mansion, explore a dozen outbuildings, and view live recreations of the story of George Washington’s life like never before. [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)

## National Harbor, MD

- National Harbor – This waterfront retreat offers shopping with top brands, local boutiques, and restaurants from celebrated chefs. The Harbor is great for the family or a couple’s evening. <https://www.nationalharbor.com/>
- MGM, National Harbor – Luxury casino which includes retail, dining, entertainment, and resort amenities <https://mgmnationalharbor.mgmresorts.com>
- Tanger Outlets – A short drive from the National Harbor, Tanger Outlets boasts 84 stores in an outdoor mall. <https://www.tangeroutlet.com/nationalharbor/stores>

## Washington, DC

- National Mall – Visit the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial, and Jefferson Memorial. Very little parking but there are several local tour services that will drive you around, some operating at night! [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)
- National Zoo – One of the world’s best zoos and home to app. 2,000 animals representing 400 species <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/>
- Museums to checkout: African Art Museum, Air and Space Museum, American Art Museum, National History Museum, Portrait Gallery, The International Spy Museum

Or you can pay by Pay Pal. [PayPAL Account Here](#)

Sincerely,

**34<sup>th</sup> SAMUEL FAMILY REUNION**  
**June 26, 2020 – June 28, 2020**  
**Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria**  
**801 North Asaph St.**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22314**  
**(703) 836-4700**

Dear Family and Friends:

The 34<sup>th</sup> Samuel Family Reunion will be hosted by the Virginia Chapter. This year we will travel to Old Town Alexandria for a fun filled weekend full of entertainment and activities for everyone. The lodging and banquet will be **held June 26-28, 2020** at the Sheraton Suites in Old Town Alexandria. The cost of the room is **\$139 plus tax per night**. Please make your reservation as soon as possible, no later than **May 1, 2020**. Rooms are also available for Thursday night. Garage parking is \$10 per night and street parking is free.

Please use the code **SAMUEL FAMILY REUNION** when reserving your room. The reunion registration fee for adults (17 & older) is **\$130**. The registration fee for ages 5 to 16 is **\$60**, age 4 & under are free. Please fill out the enclosed forms and mail them back on time. Just a reminder, your **\$200** fees are due to the Hosting Charter from each Chapter. The Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial Scholarship Application packet needs to be submitted to **Sheila Thomas by June 1, 2020**.

Information and forms can also be found on: [www.samuefamilyreunion.com](http://www.samuefamilyreunion.com)  
Registration and Family Information Forms and fees/dues should be mailed to:

(Please make checks payable to: Samuel Family Reunion)

A **Schedule of Activities** is enclosed. The Virginia Chapter looks forward to seeing you and your family.

Sincerely,

President of the Virginia Chapter

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June 26, 2020 – June 28, 2020

Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria

<b>Schedule of Events</b>		
<b>Friday June 26, 2020</b>		
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Hotel check-in/ Light refreshments (Registration, Meet & Greet, Relaxation & Rest)	Hotel Lobby
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Family Banquet	Potomac Room
<b>Saturday June 27, 2020</b>		
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast Alternatives: Royal Restaurant across the street from the Sheraton	Finnand Restaurant (Hotel Restaurant)
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Executive Board Meeting	Private Dining Room
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	MGM CASINO (National Harbor)	101 MGM National Ave. Oxon Hill, MD 20745
11:30 AM – 5:00 PM	LOL Fun Stations <a href="http://www.lolstations.com">www.lolstations.com</a>	Beltway Plaza 6250 Greenbelt Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20777
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Enjoy a walk to Potomac Waterfront to visit historic sites and attractions, stroll king street in Alexandria, and/or just relax	
<b>Sunday June 28, 2020</b>		
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet	Finnand Restaurant (Hotel Restaurant)
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Worship Service	Private Dining Room
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hotel check-out	Hugs & Goodbyes

### Directions from MGM to LOL Stations: (I-495 N)

Turn right to merge onto I-95 N toward Baltimore. Take exit 23 onto Kenilworth Avenue, MD-201 towards Bladensburg. Turn left onto Kenilworth Avenue toward Greenbelt Rd, Bladensburg. Take a slight right turn onto Greenbelt Rd toward Greenbelt park, NASA. Keep right onto Greenbelt Rd. Keep left onto Greenbelt Rd. The destination is on your right.

Enjoy a day filled with laser tag, roller skating, rides, food, and much more! If you are attending LOL Stations please complete waiver form (following the link above) and return it to Deloris Lawrence on Friday June 26, 2020.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (17 and older)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$130.00 (excludes breakfast and garage parking)

\_\_\_\_\_ with breakfast (per person) and garage parking (per car): \$40.00/ 2 nights

\_\_\_\_\_ with breakfast (per person) and street parking (per car): \$20.00/ 2 nights

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (5-16)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$60.00 (excludes breakfast)

\_\_\_\_\_ with breakfast (per person): \$20.00/2 nights

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (4 and under)

\_\_\_\_\_ x Free (excludes breakfast)

\_\_\_\_\_ with breakfast (per person): FREE

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed for Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Adults

Name of Children

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T-Shirt Sizes: Adults: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Children: S (7-8), M (10 -12), L (14-16)

Cost:

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 (Adults) Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 (Children) Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed for T-Shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Aaron & Charlie Samuel Memorial Scholarship Fund Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you are attending one of these excursions, please check below:

\_\_\_\_\_ MGM Casino

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ Laugh out Loud Station

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**June 26, 2020 – June 28, 2020**

**Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria**

**801 North Asaph St. Alexandria, VA**

<b>High School Graduate Name</b>	<b>Date Graduated</b>	<b>Name of High School</b>
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<b>College Graduate Name</b>	<b>Date Graduated</b>	<b>Name of College</b>
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**Academic, Honors, & Achievements**

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**Marriages**

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**Births [include name(s) of parent(s)]**

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<b>Memorials</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**The Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial Scholarship Fund Application**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

All applicants must submit a 350 – 500 word essay on the importance of knowing your family history and how this knowledge has impacted your life and chosen path. What does the family reunion mean to you?

You must submit your grades and the letter of acceptance from the college of higher learning institute. Please submit the application packet to **Sheila Thomas by June 1, 2020.**

**The Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Eligibility Requirements and Application Guidelines**

**Eligibility for this scholarship requires that the applicant:**

- **Must be a legitimate heir of the Samuel Family, and descendants and relatives of "Grandpa Charlie Samuel."**
- **Must be currently accepted or enrolled in a program of study leading to a post-secondary certificate or professional degree from a two-year or four-year college, university, or technical institution of higher learning.**
- **You must be enrolled as a full-time student. All applicants may re-apply up to age 25.**
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- **Must submit verification of academic standing by a letter of acceptance from the institution of higher learning or the most recent transcript of grades.**
- **Must have a current grade point average of 2.0 or better on a 4– point academic scale or a 3.0 or better on 5–point academic scale.**
- **Must be sponsored by a local chapter of the Samuel Family Reunion.**
- **Must have attended a family reunion at least 3 years of the 5 years prior to the application year.**
- **Must submit a 350-500 word original essay on the importance of knowing your family history and how this knowledge has impacted your life and chosen career path. Please include how your attendance at the reunions has influenced your attitudes and values.**
- **Must submit a completed application form with the signature of the President or designee of the sponsoring chapter.**
  
- **The amount of scholarships awarded will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the available funds. Applications are evaluated based on eligibility requirements and adherence to application guidelines. Essays are judged based on a common writing rubric established by the Scholarship Committee.**



*The Aaron and Charlie Samuel Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Application Form*

**Due: June 1, 2020**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Reunions Attended in the Last 5 Years:	Year	Location
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

Name of College, University, or Technical School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Sponsoring Chapter President or Designee**

**Send Completed Application Packet to:**

**Sheila Thomas  
1016 East Cliveden Street  
Philadelphia, PA 119  
Or email to: [stthomas966@verizon.net](mailto:stthomas966@verizon.net)**