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"THEY KEEP COMING IN ALL SIZES"

The Admissions Committee has no doubts in their minds when they tell you 2001 was a very good recruitment year for the Society membership; and now in 2002 the momentum continues.

Our member fathers, grandfathers, and uncles are on the move to keep the traditions going by proposing a new generation of junior members in their families; and don't forget the mothers and grandmothers in the recruitment. The office lately has also received calls from female family members, who are assisting in the paperwork process for their sons, grandsons, and nephews.

The loyalty and dedication of the Pennsylvania Society members continues to enrich our Society's missions.



2002 LET FREEDOM RING BELL TAPPERS



James (top, PSSR Junior Member),
Christopher (left, PSSR Junior Member),
and sister, Elizabeth Burke (right)



Ian Garcia-Grant

See page 5 for stories on this year's
Let Freedom Ring Bell Tappers

LITTLE PATRIOTS



Dad, Monty Harris with Samuel
Montgomery Harris, new Junior Life
Member



Ian Kegler
"Newest Junior Member Proposal"
Uncle, George Kegler, and Dad, John
Kegler recently elected PSSR members
propose Ian for membership

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Nanny Service & Magician Available

Last year the Independence Day Luncheon Committee decided to host a separate luncheon for our members' children and guests under the supervision of a professional, bonded nanny service and entertainment was provided by a magician. Due to the popularity of this service and its giving parent members a chance to attend and enjoy the Independence Day Luncheon without the worry of finding a holiday babysitter, the Let Freedom Ring committee is providing this service again to the membership.

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## New Page for Website Under Construction

### "Shopping Made Easier"

The Society Office often gets requests for Society merchandise available to the membership, but in addition the office reports that sometimes the membership, especially new members, don't know what some of the featured merchandise is or what it looks like in appearance. What to do? The Information Systems & Technologies Committee along with Shirley Sadak, Editor of the Website and Scott Sharadin, PSSR member and Webmaster, went to work to make it more convenient for our member's purchases and for wives, mothers, and grandmothers who sometimes call to buy surprise gifts for our male membership.

Under construction on the Society website under the Membership Button is the new color Merchandise Page to be available shortly for easier shopping.

Please refer purchase questions to the Society Office (215-545-1888)

## Standards and Colors of the American Revolution



Pennsylvania members recently received a brochure with the Annual Meeting mailing regarding what the Society believes to be one of its best published projects, the Standards and Colors of the American Revolution book by Edward W. Richardson.

Recently discovered in the Sons' archives is the overrun supply of this comprehensive volume which includes color photographs of all known surviving original flags, together with the artist's reconstructions from fragments that emphasizes the thoughtful artistry and meticulous craftsmanship found in the era's flag design and fabrication.

Members and interested persons desiring to obtain a copy for their collection should send checks to:

PSSR  
The Racquet Club  
215 S. 16th Street, Suite 27  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Members: \$39.95 each  
Non-Members: \$49.95 each  
(\$3.95 S&H)

For Questions:  
Phone: (215) 545-1888  
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## 2003 TRIENNIAL

The Triennial Committee, chaired by Vice President Harland W. Johnson, is already at work planning the 2003 Triennial to be held at the Sofitel Hotel in Philadelphia, which opened in May 2000. The hotel was awarded the prestigious AAA Four-Diamond Rating for its superior level of quality and service. The hotel features elegant guestrooms, junior suites, executive suites, and a Presidential suite along with state-of-the-art meeting rooms, and is fully equipped with internet capabilities, a lovely ballroom, and convenient to the historical area and shopping in downtown Philadelphia.

Mark you calendars now for October 9, 10, 11, 12, 2003 to visit one of our nation's most historic cities and enjoy a fun filled few days in Philadelphia. Updates will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

**Don't forget!!!**

**Mark your calendars now!  
October 9-12, 2003**

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PSSR Logo

Did you ever have one of those days when you thought something was going to be easy and it turned into one of those projects we've all had to deal with at times?

Recently, the Society printer informed the office that the logo was "kind of losing its detail" from constant use, and so what was believed to be a simple project turned into a much larger effort to preserve our logo for the future by using today's technology. The Information Technology Committee, Society printer, Webmaster, Shirley, and Registrar Moak went to work to get the problem solved in what appeared to be three areas of need: the website, printing, and duplicating for outside projects such as signage that the Society contributes funds to in various areas. As we all know, we are in the age of digitalization and thus the story begins.

Jefferson and Shirley started to research the logo in the Society Office to discover that through the years subtle differences had occurred. Now the question was: *Which logo do we digitalize?* Upon further investigation, it was discovered that not much is known about our logos historical background. Jefferson and Shirley started searching through various Proceedings and books the Society has in its possession to see how far back they could obtain a print of the Society logo when behold, the Register of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution dated 1893, there appeared a specially printed page in color of the logo. Two members, President Curt Cheyney and Coleman Sellers even produced very old ribbon insignias for comparison.

The 1893 picture was presented to the Board at the 2002 May meeting where the managers voted to make the 1893 logo the official logo of the Pennsylvania Society and digitalization has begun to preserve its use for the future.

Flag Day and the Sons

The Fourth of July is traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as "Flag Birthday". In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as "Flag Birthday or Flag Day".

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J. Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as "Flag Day", and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered. (Taken from www.usflag.org)

General Anthony Wayne

Membership attending the 2002 Annual Meeting had the first opportunity to view the model of the General Anthony Wayne statue, which is a miniature replica of the statue donated by the Sons to the city in 1934.

Artist, Chris Ward, was commissioned by President Curtis P. Cheyney, III to sculpt in miniature a copy of the original statue that can be seen gleaming in the sunshine to the left at the top of the Philadelphia Art Museum steps, where Chris has spent many days sketching and working on the miniature replica for its debut.

The medium and base for the statue has been decided upon and will be left a surprise for its final debut to the membership.

The statue, when completed, will be used for award presentations to very special honored guests and speakers and will also be available to the membership for individual purchase.



**Anthony, Artistic Work
In Progress**



**Members David Ermine, Chris Ward
(artist), and Managers Eric Werner and
Richard Walkup discuss Anthony Wayne**

Website Updates

Members and applicants can now visit the website at:

www.amrev.org

for more extensive information and instructions, suggestions from the verifying genealogist Bob Barnes and our Registrar, Jefferson Monroe Moak, in addition to accessing the forms necessary to make their proposal and application process easier.

As an added feature, for those members and applicants in the area, Shirley, in our Society Office, is available to notarize any necessary paperwork an applicant may need for the application free of charge. If this service is needed, please call her at 215-545-1888 to set up an appointment.

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## New Members Attend 2002 Annual Meeting



Eight new members attended the 2002 Annual Meeting and were presented rosettes and welcomed by the membership. Forty-eight new members have been admitted into the Society over the past year along with other applications still in process, inquiries arriving weekly, and a rise in junior membership applications.

**Welcome To All New Members!!!**

## 2002 Annual Meeting

The Society's 2002 Annual Meeting, held on April 11, 2002, moved to its new setting in Lincoln Hall in the Union League to provide ample space for its largest attendance in years, thus providing ample room for the meeting, reception, and dinner to take place in one location.

The traditional reports of the officers detailed the Society's many achievements over the past year, and because of the newly formed Audit Committee, the Treasurer was able to report fully audited figures for year 2001. In his remarks, President Cheney shifted the focus to future goals of the Society and summoning the energy and dedication to achieve them.

Rosettes were presented to the new members by the President and 50 year members were also recognized. The Society's membership reached 1100 just in time for the meeting.

Highlights of the meeting included a new video covering last year's events, the unveiling of a prototype miniature of the General Wayne statue, which the Society may elect to use as its signature gift, and a presentation by our Society's and the Society of the Cincinnati's Dissertation Fellow, Martha E. Rojas, entitled "Insults Unpunished: Barbary Captives and the Negotiation of Liberty".

After the business meeting, the members enjoyed a reception and dinner and the chance to meet new members, discuss the Society's achievements, see old friends, and look forward to this year's activities.

## Next Annual Meeting

**April 10th, 2003**

**The Union League of Philadelphia**



*New member Budd Hallberg and wife Diana are welcomed by Rick DiStefano and wife Dawn at the 2002 George Washington Birthday Celebration*

## ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE

The Society had the privilege this year to hold the Annual Church Service, conducted by William Preston Proctor - Society Chaplain - at Christ Church in Philadelphia, one of the most historic churches in the nation and most certainly in Philadelphia, to honor the Valley Forge Encampment and this past year's deceased members.



## Christ Church of Philadelphia

Following the service a reception was held at Lemon Hill Mansion in Fairmount Park where members and guests were served a buffet luncheon and had time to socialize with other members and guests of the Society.



## 2002 Let Freedom Ring Bell Tappers

### James, Christopher and Elizabeth Burke

James, Christopher and Elizabeth are the children of PSSR Vice President James Bradley Burke and wife Kathleen, and also happen to be triplets born on May 6th, 1994, one minute apart with James first (5 lbs. 14 ozs.), Elizabeth second (5 lbs. 8 ozs.), and Chris third (4 lbs. 14 ozs.).

The boys are Junior Life members of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution and all are members of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, descended from Signer John Hart of New Jersey.

They are all in separate second grade classes at Worcester Elementary School where they are each reported to be doing well. One of their favorite past-times is swimming and skiing. In addition, James likes to read and play on the computer, Chris enjoys all sports, especially baseball and hockey, and Liz enjoys horseback riding and soccer.



### Ian Garcia-Grant

Ian (age 11) was born in Los Angeles, California. He just finished sixth grade with honors at Seneca Middle School in Seneca, South Carolina where he plays soccer and tennis and also attends the Christian Science Sunday School. Besides playing sports, Ian keeps a part-time job as a busboy in his chef mom's restaurant.

His hobbies include taking care of his pet dog Mia, an all-American mongrel according to Ian's mother, and his two cats, Bob and Peggy. Favorite subjects in school are science and math and hobbies include electronic games, in addition to attending summer camp.

Ian is the seventh great grandson of Benjamin Morris, Signer of the Declaration of Independence from the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as a seventh generation first cousin of Thomas Jefferson.

Ian spends his summers in a small village in the Rioja region of Spain where he is surrounded by loving relatives and immersed in the Spanish language and culture. Sarah, Ian's mother, relates that Ian only knows fireworks to be associated with New Year's.

This will be Ian's first Fourth of July spent in the United States and his mother reports that Ian and the family are looking forward to this being his most significant one ever in his life.

## 2002 LET FREEDOM RING

Responding again to the 1963 Joint Resolution of Congress, the PSSR will sponsor Let Freedom Ring (recently trademarked by the Society) - the nationwide ringing of bells on Independence Day, July 4th, 2002 honoring the Patriots of the 13 original states. Thousands of bell locations around the world will ring bells at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Famous bells, such as the bell of the USS Arizona and Old North Church, will be joined by many smaller bell locations having ceremonies in satellite locations such as Wayne and Sellersville and other locations across the United States as well as abroad.

The day's festivities begins with the Independence Day luncheon at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel in Philadelphia at 11:00 a.m. followed by the luncheon along with a special room including a nanny service and entertainment for the children, which was highly successful at last year's luncheon. This year's luncheon will begin with the presentation of the flags by Captain Smith and the Color Guard and the opportunity to honor the young bell tappers and their families as well as our special guests, which we hope will include the commanding officer of the USS Cole.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, the Second PA Regiment of 1777 of the Continental Line will lead attendees to Washington Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution for the public ceremony.

The public ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m. when the Crusaders for Christ Choir and the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drums will entertain the crowd until the Color Guard led by the PA Regiment arrives for the formal program at 1:30 p.m. The Master of Ceremonies this year will be Vice President Leroy M. Lewis, III. Richard D. Smith, Sr., Captain of the Color Guard will present our display of Revolutionary War flags to President Cheyney. After some opening remarks by President Cheyney the invocation will follow along with the introduction of the children bell tappers who shortly thereafter will be transported to the Liberty Bell Pavilion for the tapping of the Liberty Bell. Guest speakers include Dr. Peter Lillback of the Providence Forum and Ambassador Edward Finch. Also on site will be the replica Liberty Bell from Providence Forum, the same bell used at the Olympic Torch Run, which will be tapped four times in remembrance of the four planes hijacked on September 11th, 2001, in addition to various clergy in representation for the ceremony.

The main speaker for the event will be Joseph Torsella, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center, which opens on Independence Day 2002.

At the close of the ceremony, the Flags will be retired along with the bagpiper playing Amazing Grace, an artillery salute and taps, ending with the benediction.

## George Washington's Birthday Party February 16th, 2002

### "A Gala Event and Big Hit"

A dozen couples reluctantly left the dance floor as the Rich Posmontier Ensemble played its last note, bringing George Washington's 270th birthday celebration at the Union League to a close. Several hours earlier, President Curtis Paul Cheyney, III, greeted the society's members and their guests at the head of the grand mahogany staircase under Sully's equestrian portrait of the country's first Commander-in-Chief. Following cocktails served in the Banquet Room to a keyboard and trumpet duo, newly appointed Color Guard Captain Richard Dana Smith, Sr., led the Presentation of the Colors to introduce the evening's formal program. After the assembled guests joined in the National Anthem, the invocation was offered by the Reverend William Preston Proctor, Society Chaplain.

Tradition dictates that, for this one evening of the year, Abraham Lincoln surrenders his place on the wall of the Lincoln Ballroom to Peale's portrait of Washington. Inspired by the event's proximity to Valentine's Day, the room was resplendent in red tablecloths and centerpieces of white flowers. The traditional toasts to General Washington and his forces were offered by the Officers. An after-dinner program presented by Committee Chairman James Boote Congdon, M.D. focused on Washington's advice to family on love and marriage as gleaned from his letters ([www.virginia.edu/gwpapers/marriage](http://www.virginia.edu/gwpapers/marriage)).

With arrangements for next year's party already underway, the George Washington Birthday Party Committee is interested in membership feedback and suggestions. The committee encourages you to put next year's date on your calendars now. Plan to attend and bring friends to help us celebrate this patriotic occasion.

Washington's 271st birthday party will take place on February 23rd, 2003 at the Union League of Philadelphia. Don't forget to mark your calendars!



Sandy Stromberg (new PSSR member and DSDI President-General) and wife Marsha dancing the night away at the 2002 George Washington Birthday Celebration with other PSSR members and guests!

## Books Available For Purchase

The following books are available for purchase from the Society Office.

### STANDARDS AND COLORS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Edward W. Richardson See Article on Page 2

FORT MIFFLIN OF PHILADELPHIA

Jeffrey M. Dorwart

\$35.00

Battle of Paoli

Thomas J. McGuire

\$25.00

Your request and check can be sent to the PSSR Office, 215 S. 16th Street, Suite 27, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Checks should be made payable to PSSR.

### YOUNGER MEMBERS COMMITTEE TAILGATE PARTY AT RADNOR RACES

The Younger Members Committee planned to host its annual tailgate party at the Radnor Races, which were scheduled to be run at the Radnor Hunt on Saturday, May 18th, 2002. Invitations had been mailed to the Younger Members, tickets and parking passes had been distributed, and refreshments had been purchased. However, Philadelphia woke on the morning of the 18th to a torrential downpour. The tailgate party appeared doomed. Not so! The dauntless Younger Members donned boots and Barbour jackets and braved the mud and chilly winds to make the tailgate a great success. The rain eventually ceased and the sun tried to break through the clouds, albeit vainly.

The overall theme for the tailgating this year was "Capitols of the World". The Younger Members hosted its party jointly with the Junior Committee of the Radnor Races, which is chaired by Younger Member Harvard Wood, IV, and Lisa Gresh, wife of the PSSR Assistant Secretary and Younger Member Perry C. Gresh. The joint committee chose as their theme "Daytona Beach - Spring Break Capital of the World". Guests enjoyed margaritas and simple, but tasty, hors d'oeuvres.

### Protocol for Wearing Flag Lapel Pins

Flag lapel pins should be worn on the left lapel, closest to the heart.

# Declaration of Independence

Do we really know the explanations of sections of the Declaration of Independence?

Number 1 in the Series of selected lines:

*When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the owners of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

This section gives the justification for the Declaration of independence's existence. It basically says that when a nation is created it owes world opinion an explanation why it is rejecting its former system of governance. This document is such a declaration of causes. In the course of this announcement, the opening sentence makes several points: 1) The phrase "it becomes necessary" is the first of countless contentions that the colonies have no choice but to separate; 2) People, not a government, are ending the relationship with the British and the will of the people is being asserted here, not the will of Continental Congress or the colonial governments; 3) When a people form a new nation, that nation (specifically the United States) is entitled to the same respect and authority ("separate and equal station") as any other national power.

## Suggested Books For Reading

Title: Vindicating the Founders  
Author: Thomas West

Title: Revolutionary Brotherhood  
Author: Stephen J Bullock

Title: Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation  
Author: Joseph J. Ellis

Note: Members are invited to submit book titles that they have found to be interesting and informative to the Society Office for publication in the newsletter. Please phone, fax, or email your suggestions. Thank you.



Waynesborough Visit

## GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR PAOLI BATTLEFIELD

On April 18th, the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund held a ground breaking ceremony at the Paoli Battlefield. Richard Dana Smith, Sr., Captain of the PSSR Color Guard and Win Carroll represented the Society and the Color Guard. Local news coverage was available for the event.

The Society recently announced a grant of \$15,000 for 15 interpretive signs that will be installed during construction. Previously the Society contributed \$15,000 which was used to publish Tom McGuire's book on the Paoli massacre.

Various phases of the project are planned until completion. On Friday, September 20th, a fund raiser and reenactment will be held at Waynesborough Country Club. On Saturday, September 21st, the 225th anniversary of the Paoli Massacre, the battlefield will be opened to the public with a twilight reenactment of the massacre.



2002 Annual Meeting Attendees



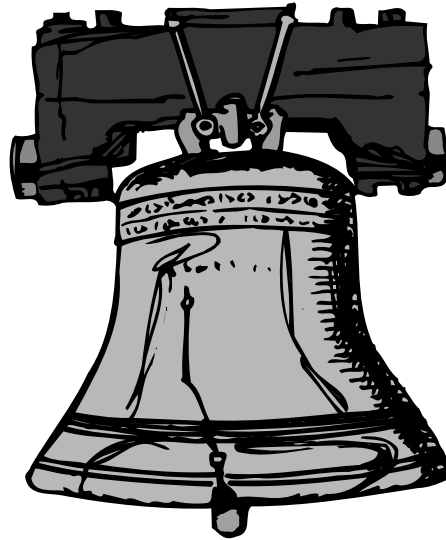
# *Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution*

***Bell Ringer  
Recruiters  
Needed!***

*United States Senate  
&  
The House of Representatives*

*Let Freedom Ring*

"Whereas the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and



Whereas the adoption of this historic document marked the birth of our country as a free and independent nation; and

Whereas it is fitting that the anniversary of this great event should be appropriately observed in each year at the same moment throughout the United States;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Congress hereby (1) declares that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at the hour of 2 o'clock, eastern daylight time, in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, or at such other time on that day as may be determined by local authority, and (2) call upon civic and other community leaders to take appropriate steps to encourage public participation in such observance."

*Let Freedom Ring (TM) is a nationwide celebration honoring those who helped to achieve our nation's independence during the American Revolution.*

*In 1969 the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution began the stewardship to this event. Although this celebration is initiated in Philadelphia, the birthplace of our nation, it is truly a nationwide event.*

*Bells across the country are rung thirteen times at exactly 2 p.m. E.D.S.T. in honor of the thirteen original colonies that the signers of the Declaration of Independence represented.*

*Joining Let Freedom Ring's "Grass Recruiting Army" is another great way to help us increase 2002 participation.*

*To participate call*

***1- 800-330-1776***

*or visit*

***www.amrev.org***

***Ringers & Recruiters***

*Call or visit the above and enroll as a 2002 bell ringer and receive a National Bell Ringing Roll of Honor Certificate suitable for framing.*

***Let Freedom Ring  
Ceremony  
July 4, 2002***

***Ceremony Begins At  
Washington Square  
1:30 p.m.***

***Tapping of Liberty Bell  
Liberty Bell Pavilion  
2:00 p.m.***

## Sofitel

### 2003 Triennial Hotel



### New Membership/Events Video Debuted at 2002 Annual Meeting

Part of the successful recruitment process in the year 2001 has been the video produced last year and added to the website providing our membership and interested applicants a preview of some of the Society's activities and events over the year. A new video overviewing this past year's activities and events was debuted at the 2002 Annual Meeting and will shortly be added to the Society webpage - [www.amrev.org](http://www.amrev.org).

### A Visit To Waynesborough

President Cheyney along with Manager Fred Peltier attended a demonstration of activities at the Waynesborough homestead in Easton Township on April 7th. Anthony Wayne started his career as a surveyor and was employed as a land agent by Ben Franklin for land ventures in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Donald Dostie, P.L.S., the guest lecturer, demonstrated surveying methods that would have been employed by Wayne using instruments that belong to the Society's collection of historic artifacts. The surveyor's compass, semi-circumferentor along with rods and chain and other decorative objects are on loan to Waynesborough.

The Special Projects Committee is in the process of assessing and verifying the inventory of the Society's collection. Pieces of the Society's collection are on loan to American Revolutionary groups and house museums for tourists and visitors to better see and understand our nation's history.

*(Pictures on page 7)*

## 2002 Let Freedom Ring T-Shirt and New Life Industries

The Let Freedom Ring committee in an effort to nationalize the Let Freedom Ring ceremony has worked with Harold Megargel, Director of Marketing at New Life Industries of Somerset, Kentucky, to create the first Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing Ceremony t-shirt available to bell tappers, members, or interested persons to promote this patriotic ceremony, which was started in 1969.



If you would like to order a t-shirt to help the Society promote the ceremony or wear it during your own participation in a bell tapping ceremony, please visit the Society website at [www.amrev.org](http://www.amrev.org) and go to "Join the Bell Tappers" under the Let Freedom Ring button. A direct link to the manufacturer has been created for convenience to the membership to place orders and the bell tappers. The Pennsylvania Society thanks all those who place orders to get the word out nationally and internationally promoting patriotism and honoring our forefathers who fought so bravely for this nation and the freedoms we have today.

New Life Industries has been in the production of T-shirts for twenty-two years and is owned and operated by Richard and Sandy Humble. Marketing Director Harold Megargel thanks the Pennsylvania Society for giving their company the opportunity to promote this national patriotic event in honor of our great nation and its forefathers.

**REMEMBER!!!**

**Order Your  
Let Freedom Ring T-Shirt  
Today!**

[www.amrev.org](http://www.amrev.org)

The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, the Board of Managers, and the Let Freedom Ring Committee thanks  
New Life Industries!

## LANCASTER COUNTY CHAPTER

### April Naturalization Ceremony

Regent John H. Bowman, M.D., John S. Shirk, and Paul Harnish Ripple, M.D. greeted 71 new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony in Lancaster on April 12th. Each new citizen was given a packet containing the Constitution Booklet and other patriotic materials.

### PSSR 2002 Annual Meeting

Fourteen Lancaster County Chapter members attended the 2002 Annual Meeting on April 28th adding to one of the largest meeting turnouts in years. The Chapter, along with other members of the Society, had the opportunity to see the new events video where the Chapter was featured in last year's Capitol Day flagpole dedication ceremony.

### Re-Dedication of the Ephrata Monument

A re-dedication ceremony was held on May 3rd at the monument dedicated to the memory of the Revolutionary Soldiers who died at Brandywine on September 11, 1777, which was erected on Zion Hill on Ephrata Cloister land on May 1, 1902. Zion Hill Cemetery, adjacent to the monument, contains the bodies of 50 Revolutionary War soldiers who died at the Ephrata Cloister Hospital. PSSR representative and Lancaster County Chapter Regent John H. Bowman, M.D. was in attendance at the ceremony.

### Photo Presented to Lancaster City Mayor

On May 6th, the Honorable Charles Smithgall, Mayor of the City of Lancaster, in a belated presentation, received a photo of the Mayor firing his cannon as part of the Capital Cay Celebration on September 27th, 2001. It was at this ceremony that the flagpole and flag, presented to the City of Lancaster by the PSSR and its Color Guard, was dedicated.



Arthur D. Old, Regent John H. Bowman, M.D., Paul H. Ripple, M.D., and Mayor Charles Smithgall

### Lancaster County Chapter 2002 Annual Meeting

The Lancaster County Chapter's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 5th, held at the Lancaster County Country Club yielded an excellent turnout. The 66 members and guests were honored to have President Curtis P. Cheyney, III and wife Barbara, Color Guard Captain Richard D. Smith, Sr., and Executive Secretary Shirley Sadak join them for the day. The guest speaker for the meeting was The Honorable Leslie Gorbey, Judge of the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas, assigned to Family and Juvenile Dependency Court.

Chapter officers and executive committee members were elected during the business portion of the meeting. In addition, the recent events video debuted at the Society's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, was available for the Chapter's membership to view the past year's events of the Society and the Lancaster Chapter.



Luncheon In Progress



Judge Gorbey



Ten past regents, representing 19 years of leadership were in attendance. They are shown with Regent Bowman, President Curtis Cheyney, and Color Guard Captain Richard Smith

Front Row: Paul S. Lefever, Regent John H. Bowman, M.D., John S. Shirk, George M. Kent, Sr., M.D., John W.W. Loose, Robert L. Banta

Second Row: George F. Johnston, Paul H. Ripple, M.D., Fred A. Williams, Sr., John H. Moore, Sr., President Cheyney, James H. Martin, Captain Richard D. Smith, Sr.

**Captain's Corner**

The Color Guard has been very active since the last newsletter starting with the first public appearance the new captain, Richard D. Smith, Sr., and the other new leadership positions.

The second call to duty was the Annual Church Service conducted by Society Chaplain, William Preston Proctor, held at Christ Church, Philadelphia, in memory of the Encampment at Valley Forge where the Color Guard was accompanied by trumpeteers, which added fervor to the event.

A special invitation to attend the Pennsylvania Annual Meeting in April of the Children of the American Revolution (CARS) followed in Malvern, PA. Among those in attendance along with wives were Captain Smith, Lt. Steve Mark, Richard Di Stefano, Sgt. Lewis Graham, Robert Van Gulick, and PSSR President Curtis P. Cheyney, III, who was asked to speak on behalf of the Pennsylvania Society.

Later in April, the Captain had the privilege to represent the Society and the Color Guard at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Paoli Battlefield in Malvern where Chairman Collin Hanna of the Chester County Board of Supervisors personally thanked PSSR and the Color Guard for their contribution.

Early May brought an invitation to the Society's Lancaster Chapter Annual Meeting along with President Cheyney and wife Barbara and Shirley Sadak from the Society Office.

An invitation from Philadelphia's First City Troop with over 200 members and family present, gave us the privilege of presenting the Society Colors in honor of their deployment to Bosnia.

Spring was finished this year with our golf outing shad dinner held at Gulph Mills Country Club, which remembers the soldiers at Valley Forge and commemorates the shad that literally saved many of their lives. Joseph Castle was our host and also won the David Swope Award.

**THE COLOR GUARD**



**"First Call to Duty"**

**2002 George Washington Celebration**



**"Salute to First City Troop"**



**2002 Annual Church Service**



**First City Troop Prepare for Deployment**

**George Washington's Prayer For Salvation**



"Almighty God, and most merciful Father...since Thou art a God of pure eyes, and wilt be sanctified in all who draw near unto Thee, who dost not regard the sacrifice of fools, nor hear sinners who tread in Thy courts, pardon, I beseech Thee, my remove them from Thy presence, as far as the east is from the west, and accept me for the merits of Thy son, Jesus Christ; that when I come into Thy temple and compass Thine altar, my prayer may come before Thee as incense; and as Thou wouldst hear me calling upon Thee in my prayers and give me grace to hear Thee calling on me in Thy Word, that it may be wisdom, righteousness, reconciliation, and peace to the saving of my soul in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ."



**2002 Annual Meeting**



**Captain Smith at the Groundbreaking Ceremony Paoli Battlefield**

**- IN MEMORIAM -**  
2002



**James Monroe Anders (5779)**

Died March 19, 2002

**Frederick Strawbridge Claghorn (4021)**

Died April 3, 2002

**Kent Kitchel (5807)**

Died May 2, 2002

**John Stanwood Martin (5743)**

Died March 23, 2002

**Harvard Castle Wood, Jr. (5369)**

Died May 14, 2002

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Members are invited to submit articles for inclusion in the Membership Milestones column to the Society office. Photographs cannot be returned.

**2002 Calendar of Events**

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| 4 July                      | Independence Day Luncheon<br>Society Hill Sheraton Hotel<br>Philadelphia, PA          |
|                             | Let Freedom Ring Ceremony<br>Washington Square<br>Philadelphia, PA                    |
| 17 September                | New Citizens Reception<br>Constitution Center<br>Philadelphia, PA                     |
| 17 October                  | New Citizens Reception<br>US District Court, Ceremonial Courtroom<br>Philadelphia, PA |
| 2 November                  | The Musket Ball<br>Philadelphia Country Club<br>Gladwyne, PA                          |
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| 2nd Thursday of Each Month  | Board of Managers Meeting<br>Union League of Philadelphia                             |
| 3rd Monday of Each Month    | Finance Committee Meeting<br>Acorn Club of Philadelphia                               |
| 4th Wednesday of Each Month | Projects Committee Meeting<br>Acorn Club of Philadelphia                              |

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