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2003
"ANOTHER GOOD YEAR"

New Office Quarters

Membership Recruitment Continues

New Bylaws

New President, Leroy M. Lewis, III

Let Freedom Ring Grows

Successful Triennial

Color Guard Assists In Historic Liberty Bell Move

Governor Rendell Is 2004 National Let Freedom Ring Spokesman

More Little Patriots

Associate Justice Antonin Scalia Guest Speaker

Flag Returns From Bosnia

New Life Industries Let Freedom Ring T-Shirt

New Home For Rembrandt Peale Portrait

Society Becomes National Constitution Center Founding Delegate

Flag Sent To Afghanistan & Iraq

Website Development Grows

Temple Internships Continue

New Citizens Receptions Grow

And More.....

"Heavenly" Chocolate Croissants

If chocolate croissants are a piece of heaven then that is where the 2003 Triennial took place.

It all started Wednesday evening, October 8th, when members and guests were welcomed for the first time at the Wine and Cheese Reception hosted by the PA Society. After that, attendees were greeted with delicious pastries each morning at breakfast baked on the Sofitel Hotel premises. The agenda at breakfast each morning was definitely the chocolate croissants along with other pastries which attendees couldn't really pass up no matter how hard they tried.

The Sofitel Hotel (four diamonds) in Center City, Philadelphia, once the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, proved to be a real favorite amongst the members and guests registered for the Triennial. No matter what occurred, the staff was jolly on the spot to assist or advise. Digital signage throughout the hotel displayed that the Sons of the Revolution were indeed in town for the 2003 Triennial.

Before departing for the Triennial Church Service, guests of the Sofitel could be seen running for cameras to take pictures as the Color Guard assembled to prepare for the Parade of Colors to the church.

This year's Triennial was a new experience for the hotel that is used to a more corporate meeting arena. Tim Yabor and Jennifer Marshall, Sofitel managers, reported that the staff had a good time throughout the event also. Revolutionary Flags could be seen being carried in and out as well as inquisitive other guests asking "Who are the Sons of the Revolution?"

"Speaking of Chocolate"

One thing the office will definitely testify to is that the PA Sons do like to eat, and that means from soup to nuts. So, in planning this year's Triennial Ball menu, the committee knew that in picking dessert they had to cover two areas of concern. One being a dessert that everybody liked, and the other solving another problem with the Minuteman logo.

As all states are aware, the Minuteman appears on letterhead, invitations, websites, newsletters, flyers, and gravemarkers, to mention just a few. The PA Society has all of these areas covered in design for usage except one, and the Triennial Committee came through in solving it.

Pastry Chef Amy of the Sofitel was given a task not usually encountered by experts in baking cuisine. What is a pastry chef to do when handed a gravemarker and asked to create a Minuteman in chocolate? Answer: She sent it to a California firm that used a laser process to create a Minuteman in chocolate to be placed atop the evening's dessert of creme brulee in a tart. Chairman Johnson explained the process to the attendees at the Ball as the serving staff led by Chef Amy, waving the American Flag, marched out of the kitchen to serve dessert with the chocolate Minuteman delicately imprinted on it by this special process. Chef Amy, the Sons of the Revolution thank you!



Chef Amy and Staff

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Chocolate Minuteman

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2003 Triennial

The 2003 General Society Triennial Meeting was hosted by your Pennsylvania Society and the Color Guard on October 9-12, 2003 with headquarters at the Sofitel Hotel in Philadelphia.

The Triennial opened with a wine and cheese reception Wednesday evening at the Sofitel Hotel, with the first business meeting on Thursday at the Union League following lunch at the same venue. Spouses were treated to a tour of the Kimmel Center and a Mary Kay makeover in the afternoon. Thursday evening your Society hosted a cocktail reception at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Friday's meetings were held at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania with a luncheon for the delegates at the Philadelphia Club. Spouses, who wished, went on a tour of the Fairmount Park Mansions in the morning, lunched at the Acorn Club, and toured through Society Hill and Old Philadelphia in the afternoon.

Saturday was a free day with no meetings, and a tour for all was made to Valley Forge National Park, with a viewing of the Valley Forge Film that was commissioned by your Society. Following the tour, attendees traveled by bus to the Corinthian Yacht Club in Essington for a luncheon and a return to the hotel mid-afternoon with the rest of the day free. Saturday evening a gala formal cocktail and dinner ball was held at the Sofitel Grand Ballroom. Guest of Honor and recipient of the Modern Patriot Award was Vice Admiral Timothy Keating who because of the conflict in Iraq was unable to attend, but sent as his representative Captain Harry Harris, USN, who made very appropriate remarks on behalf of the Admiral. One of the highlights of the Ball was the appearance of Governor Ed Rendell, who made some brief remarks about the PA Society and the Let Freedom Ring ceremony, and remained for some photo opportunities with our out of town guests.

Sunday saw the Parade of Colors to Holy Trinity Church on Rittenhouse Square, with a communion service and sermon hosted by the Reverend Terrence Roper. After parading the colors back to the Sofitel Hotel a farewell collation was served to all and the events were concluded.

The 2003 Triennial was represented by 20 state societies, which included delegates, members and spouses, and special guests.

"Thank You"

Vice President Harland W. Johnson, Chairman of the 2003 Triennial Committee, wishes to thank the Officers and the Color Guard, and especially the Staff of your Society who all performed yeoman duty in planning and executing the myriad tasks, which made the 2003 Triennial successful.



In the beginning.....
Triennial Committee



Trent Trophy
New York and Pennsylvania Tied



So far, so good.....
Vice President Harland W. Johnson
Triennial Chairman

Moving of the Liberty Bell



Getting Ready



Liberty Bell



Looking Good

Through the years the Society and the Color Guard have been involved in the Liberty Bell's history in one aspect or another. The Color Guard was deeply honored to be part of the Liberty Bell's move to its new home on October 9th, 2003, in yet another historic moment in the Guard's history and the Bell's.



The Color Guard

The Guard waits for the unveiling of the Liberty Bell

Message From

M. Hall Worthington Newly Elected GSSR President

As your new General President, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Pennsylvania Society and the Color Guard for hosting the 2003 Triennial. It was an outstanding event. The results of their long and hard work resulted in a wonderful event that was enjoyed by all.

I wish to request all Societies and Chapters to follow the Pennsylvania Society's lead on July 4th, and promote active participation in a Let Freedom Ring celebration in each of their areas. This is a wonderful patriotic event in which the Sons of the Revolution takes the lead. I encourage all members to participate. I plan to be in Philadelphia on July 4, 2004, and to take an active role in the ceremony, now in its 36th year.

Since the last Triennial, we increased our state societies by two, one in Connecticut and one in Mexico. Hopefully we will increase by two within the year, in Europe and Ohio. We must continue our efforts in each of our state societies to attract new members.

Our Board of Managers meeting next year will be held in Kansas City, October 15-17, 2004. Plan to come and visit our new headquarters in Independence. Harry Truman's membership application will be on display in the office and his home is three blocks from the GSSR office.

I plan to visit all state societies during my term of office. I consider it a great honor to serve as your General President and am looking forward to meeting all of you over the next three years.



M. Hall Worthington
GSSR President

Governor Edward G. Rendell Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



2004 Let Freedom Ring National Spokesman

The Triennial Ball attendees were surprised when Governor Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania walked in to pay a visit to the states assembled for the night's festivities. As the Society knows, Governor Rendell has been an avid supporter of Let Freedom Ring for many years, and he conveyed his appreciation to the PA Society when he addressed the audience present at the Triennial and encouraged others to take part in the 2004 ceremony.

A few weeks later Society representatives, Winchell Carroll (Vice President), Curtis P. Cheyney, III (President Emeritus), and Shirley Sadak (Executive Director) met with the Governor to discuss plans for Let Freedom Ring and he accepted PSSR's invitation to serve as the 2004 National Spokesman for the Let Freedom Ring Ceremony.

A nationwide effort is being made to promote the ceremony as a centerpiece for community celebrations of Independence Day. Governor Rendell will appear in TV and radio spots to encourage participation in the ceremony in Pennsylvania and at sites throughout the country. This is the only ceremony of its kind that calls our nation together on one date and at one time to remember our nation's freedoms and those who fought for them and continue to do so daily.

A project to develop a Let Freedom Ring website has begun with the purpose of enhancing public accessibility to the ceremony. Enrollment and ceremony instructions will be readily available for the future.

Please contact the Society Office, 215-545-1888, if you have an interest in working with this committee on behalf of our Society.

Let Freedom Ring
July 4, 2004
2:00 p.m.

George Washington's Birthday Party
Join the Society In Celebrating the
100th Anniversary

Saturday, February 21, 2004

6:30 p.m.

Union League of Philadelphia

(Discounted Parking In Union League Lot)



**PA Regiment Leading the Color Guard to the
 Triennial Church Service**



The Dutchers and the Maidens at the Triennial Ball



Other State Members, Wives, and Guests Enjoying the Ball

Washington's Birthday
Then - Now

Some things change and some things remain the same. It seems that even one hundred years ago event committee chairmen were grappling with how to interest and involve the PSSR membership in "the proper celebration of the anniversaries of the birthday of Washington, and of prominent events connected with the War of the Revolution." Within the Society archives is preserved a greater than one hundred year history not only of which anniversaries we chose to celebrate, but also how the Sons have celebrated these occasions. Reports and correspondence pertaining to the early years of the Society have recently come to light, and among these papers are documents pertaining to Washington's Birthday celebrations of the past century.

In January 1904, letters were posted to Board members asking them each to contact and invite ten other PSSR members to a dinner in honor of George Washington's Birthday. Committee chairman Francis von Albade Cabeen reported, "The Annual Dinner of this Society was held Monday, February 22, 1904, at the Halls of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania at 7:00 p.m. and 125 in all sat down to the dinner, five being guests of the Society, who were the 3 orators of the occasion, Honorable George F. Baer, President of the Reading Railroad, Reverend Kerr Boyce Tupper and Honorable Hampton L. Carson, the Chaplain of the Society, and at the request of the President of our Society, the Chairman of the Building Committee of the Historical Society. Subscription to this dinner cost, \$6.

By contrast, the following year's event took on an entirely different character. The gathering was held on a Wednesday afternoon at the Bellevue Stratford. Chairman Richard Cadwalader reported, "It was so successful that we suggest a reception for 1906, and perhaps a permanent entertainment for the future. There were present 363 persons, many of whom were ladies." Guests paid one dollar each and were served tea and punch.

Once again your Society's George Washington's Birthday Committee is making preparations for our mid-winter dinner dance that is the 100th such celebration by the Society. We expect to make it a very special and memorable occasion. The Lincoln Ballroom in the Union League of Philadelphia has been reserved for Saturday, February 21, 2004. Jon Lewis and his Orchestra will return and set the mood for this anniversary event.

Pictures....



Vice Admiral Timothy Keating, USN
Modern Patriot Award Recipient



Mona and Andrew Salisbury take time to chat with a compatriot



Flags Hanging At National Constitution Center



"Going Up"
Coleman Sellers Meets Fellow Compatriots



National Constitution Center Triennial Reception
George Wood, Mary and Jim Marvin, Steve Mark



Vice President Rob Van Gulick and wife Amy
Enjoying Triennial Ball

I AM ON A COMMITTEE

Usually once in everyone's lifetime, you are asked to serve on a committee, whether it be school, church, political, community service, or a membership organization. We thought you might like to share the following with other committee members you know.

Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee,
Which means that from morning to night
We attend and amend and contend and defend
without a conclusion in sight;
We confer and concur and defer and demur and
reiterate all of our thoughts;
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda
and consider a load of reports.
We compose and propose, we suppose and
oppose and the points of procedure are fun
But though various notions are brought up as
motions, there's terrible little gets done.
We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve
since it's out of the question for us;
What a shattering pity to end our committee;
where else could we make such a fuss?

(Author Unknown)

Membership Committee Needs Your Help

As the Pennsylvania Society grows over the years, so do we lose members due to death. We are asking you to recommend a friend to be a preserver of history and to take their place with you as a member of this historical organization.

It is of great importance that our organization continues to grow and flourish. With your aid, we can build this Society with members who cherish our heritage and share in our desire to preserve the historical treasures that speak of the sacrifice of our ancestors.

When conversing with friends, colleagues, family and acquaintances, mention all the wonderful events in which to participate: Washington's Birthday Party, Let Freedom Ring, and the Musket Ball. Active first hand participation may be the pivotal interaction needed to begin having fun.

If you have an eligible candidate, go to the Society website, www.amrev.org, for instructions and an application for membership, or call the Society Office and the staff will be happy to assist.

2004 Board Nominations

nominations @amrev.org

In December, the Board of Managers adopted "Guidelines" for the operation of the Nominating Committee that is designed to complement the current By-laws and open up the process to the membership at large. The Guidelines adopted are:

1. Committee members shall transact no official business unless there is a quorum of at least 2/3's of the appointed members present and the results of any meeting shall be published for any Committee members unable to attend. Meetings may be held in person or via teleconference, but all members of the Committee shall receive any handouts or written materials in advance of the called meeting.
2. The establishment and composition of the Committee shall be announced in the Society's Winter newsletter. In that announcement, Society members shall be encouraged to propose members for Committee consideration and shall be given a convenient method for so doing.
3. As a courtesy, the President shall be invited to the first meeting of the Committee.
4. All incumbents shall be interviewed by one or more members of the Committee and their desires and suggestions shall be given due consideration. In particular, the Committee shall ensure that each candidate nominated: (1) Is willing to chair or serve on at least two event or activity committees, and, (2) understands that attendance at 50% of the Board meetings is the minimum requirement.
5. Incumbents not being retained on the Board shall be informed before the Committee's slate is published, preferably in the form of a phone call from the Committee Chairman.
6. Position offers shall be confirmed by the Committee Chairman in writing and accepted in writing for both incumbents and new candidates. The Chairman's letter shall include a clear statement of what is expected from the candidate based on the Committee's discussions with that incumbent.
7. All deliberations shall be considered confidential and shall not be discussed outside the committee meeting with anyone not an appointed member of the Committee.
8. As a courtesy to the Board of Managers, the Committee shall provide an advance copy of its report to the Secretary no later than the regularly scheduled March Board of Managers meeting.
9. The President shall write a letter to each departing Officer or Manager thanking them for their service to the Society.

In accordance with these Guidelines, the members of the Nominating Committee, duly approved by the Board of Managers at the meeting held on November 13, 2003 are:

Curtis P. Cheyney, III, Esq., Chairman	
Joseph L. Loughran, Esq.	John S. Shirk
W. Jeffrey Maiden	Andrew J. Salisbury, II
Richard D. Smith, Sr.	Montgomery Harris, III

Submitting Candidates to the Nominations Committee

Anyone wishing to put their own name or that of another member into consideration by the Nominating Committee may send a letter to the office addressed:

Nominations Committee
c/o PSSR
North American Building
121 South Broad Street, Suite 1910
Philadelphia, PA 19107

For those preferring to use e-mail, you may address your suggestion/s to:

nominations@amrev.org

In all letters, please make sure to include the full name of the person you are nominating, the reason why you believe the candidate should be considered, a phone number for the candidate and the phone number for the person making the nomination so the Committee can make contact.

When nominating another person, please ask them first and make sure that they are willing to serve if called.

All correspondence will be held in the strictest confidence and only members of the Nominating Committee will see your letters and emails.

A Message From the President Leroy M. Lewis, III

It is hard to believe that it has been only eight months since I became the President of your Society. In the intervening months, we've been through the Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing Ceremony on July 4th at which Associate Justice Antonin Scalia was our featured speaker, and the 2003 Triennial where we hosted nearly all the other State Societies. I cannot thank enough the Chairmen of these committees - especially Vice President Win Carroll, Lanny Patten, Adam Flint, and Leif Zetterberg who led and chaired the Let Freedom Ring ceremony, and Vice President Harland Johnson and his committee who orchestrated the Triennial. These gentlemen were ably backed up by our Office Staff, Shirley Sadak, Executive Director, Barbara Witlin, Secretary, and Ridhima Gupta, Temple Student Intern. To everyone who has made the past eight months a success, you all have my eternal gratitude.

Now, to the future. We are very much looking forward to the George Washington Birthday Ball. This will be the 100th Anniversary of this event. The Committee is planning some special activities in connection with this anniversary. As you will read in the Chairman's article, the current affair has come a long way from its beginnings, but in one thing the Sons has remained constant...our ability to celebrate with a good party. We hope that as many of you as possible will join us.

I would also like to highlight the 2004 Let Freedom Ring Ceremony. This year, we divided the event into three committees: Independence Day Luncheon Committee, Philadelphia, Let Freedom Ring Ceremony Committee, and the National Let Freedom Ring Publicity Committee. This gives the Board an opportunity to apportion resources better and define goals. As you will read in this newsletter, all committees are running, and execution for the 2004 ceremony has begun much earlier than in the past. My hat is off to Vice President Carroll, the Committee Chairmen, and Executive Director Shirley Sadak for getting this work underway.

New membership in 2003 was reasonably strong. However, the pace slowed down as the Office's attention switched from efforts at recruiting and shepherding prospective members through the process to conducting the Triennial this fall and getting things underway for Let Freedom Ring 2004. The recruitment pace will be picked up through the 2004 winter months.

We have also appointed the Development Committee and have begun work on raising funds through foundations and through the general membership for the public service activities of the Society. The premier event in which the PA Society has a leadership role is the Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing Ceremony. Accordingly, we are focusing our efforts on bringing in other like-minded foundations to support this worthwhile cause. In addition, we are asking our membership to consider a donation to the Society expressly designated to support this important event. When the 2004 dues notice is sent, there will be a way for you to contribute directly to this cause. We hope you will take this opportunity to help the Society increase the reach of this celebration of our country's independence.

Again, to all of those who have helped make these past eight months a real success, thank you.

2004 Dues Notices

The 2004 Dues Notices are in the mail to Society Members. Please remember to return your dues to the Society's new address. Thank you.



**GSSR President Lunney and Capt. Harry Harris, USN
Accepts Modern Patriot Award for Adm. Keating**



Visit from the Governor Edward G. Rendell



**Capt. Harry Harris and wife, Commander Bruni Bradley, USN
greeted by Governor Rendell**



**The Reverend W. Ramsey Richardson
Retires from years of service as GSSR General Chaplain**



**Flag Returns Home to PSSR
First City Troop returns flag sent to Bosnia**



Newly Sworn In General Society Representatives



Flag Immediately Leaves PSSR to Bahrain



**J. Robert Lunney
General Society President Emeritus**

The Rorer Trust

Many of you may not know of the debt of gratitude that our Society owes to Herbert C. Rorer, Past Captain of the Color Guard upon his death, he left 1/14th of his estate to the Society and 1/14th to the Color Guard. The trust that administers the assets of his estate began as a bequest of several thousand dollars and today provides an income of approximately \$140,000 per year to the Society and the Color Guard. It is this income which has enabled your Society to undertake as many public interest activities as it has over the years. A brief reading of the Proceedings section on "Monuments, Collections and Preservation Projects" tells the story of how the Society is working "to collect and secure for preservation the rolls, records and other documents relating to the period."

In 2003, the Board of Managers committed the Society and its Color Guard to supporting the National Constitution Center (NCC) with a historic gift of \$50,000 over the next two years. Adding this gift to others that the Society had granted in previous years made the Society a \$100,000+ contributor to the NCC. President Emeritus Curtis P. Cheyney, III, will serve as our first representative on the Interpretations Advisory Committee. There is no other patriotic society in the City of Philadelphia with this honor.

However, the Rorer Trust ends in 2022 and by that time, the Society must have so organized its finances to be self-sufficient or it will not be able to continue to support these kinds of landmark gifts to worthy causes. Your Board, the Finance Committee chaired by Vice President Harland Johnson, and the Budget Committee, chaired by Treasurer Stephen Holt spent considerable time this fall focusing on what had to be done to meet this goal.

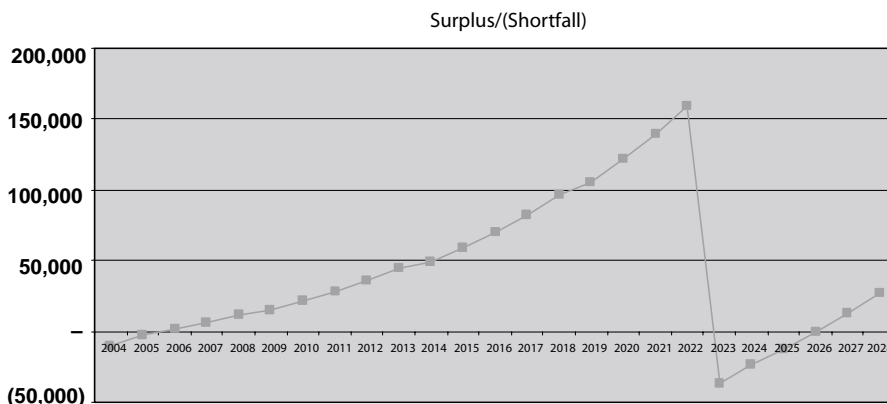
Based on what we know today, the chart below shows what we anticipate will happen over the next 19 years as we work towards that goal. Implicit in this projection are some assumptions shown following.

Stock Market Rate of Return	9.000%
Inflation Rate for Expenses	2.500%
Maximum Available Withdrawal Rate	4.200%
Growth Rate for Income	6.000%
General Society Dues Increase Rate	4.00%

In particular, we have based our rate of return projection on the average 20 year rate of return for equity investments. The Society portfolio is nearly 100% invested in stocks and is invested to maximize the total return on those assets. We have assumed a fairly low rate of inflation for expenses as our activity expenses are pretty much all of a particular type; office supplies, salaries, and services that do not experience as rapid a rate of inflation as some other types. The General Society dues increase rate was fixed at the Triennial at 4% annum. Therefore, we have no choice about this increase. Finally, our big challenge is to increase the rate of growth of our income from other sources. These other sources are dues (regular only), fees to defray membership expenses and merchandise. This is just one more reason why it is critical for all members to ask a friend to join the Society!

Another important aspect of this forecast is the starting point for our expenses. The 2004 budget just passed by the Board of Managers includes some significant decreases (up to 25% in some cases) in the subsidy provided to the events that we hold each year. The implication for the membership is that the prices of the tickets for these events will increase unless the Committees responsible get creative about keeping our standards up while at the same time working to get the most we can for our membership.

If everyone does their part, the Society is on a conservatively mapped trajectory towards being self-sufficient in 2022. Now comes the hard part - making that projection happen!



REMINDER
Remember to check the calendar on page 12 for your Society's 2004 upcoming events and plan to attend.

- IN MEMORIAM -

2003



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.

2004 Calendar of Events

- 21 February George Washington Birthday Party
Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

- 8 April Annual Business Meeting
Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

- 25 April Annual Church Service
Old Zion Lutheran Church
Philadelphia, PA

- 4 July Independence Day Luncheon
Society Hill Sheraton
Philadelphia, PA

- Let Freedom Ring Ceremony
Independence Hall
Philadelphia, PA

- 3 May New Citizens Reception
- 15 November US District Court, Ceremonial Courtroom
- 15 December Philadelphia, PA

- 23 October Saratoga - Yorktown Anniversaries
Merion Cricket Club
Haverford, PA

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- 2nd Thursday of Each Month Board of Managers Meeting
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