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The President's Perspective



President Cheney

Mark Twain said it best when he wrote: "Whoever has lived long enough to find out what life is, knows how deep a debt of gratitude we owe to those who went before us." On Independence Day, Philadelphians and neighboring Pennsylvanians have the opportunity to acknowledge their debt of gratitude by participating in the "Let Freedom Ring" celebration. This annual event honors

the American patriots who gave or risked their own lives, liberty and property to wrest our nation's freedom from the world's then most powerful nation.

The "Let Freedom Ring" celebration will be held at Independence National Historical Park in the heart of the City of Philadelphia. For a number of reasons it is a most fitting place for such a celebration. In addition to Independence Hall, the park itself has been set aside for peaceful reflection on the events surrounding the birth of our nation. The park is also adjacent to the consecrated grounds of Washington Square. Beneath the Square's towering elms and sycamores (and its slate gray slabs of recently restored flagstone paths) rest the remains of men who made the ultimate and complete sacrifice so that independence could be a reality. They offered their lives to establish a fledg-

ling nation, and protect their native city from an adversary whose full and awesome power was pitted against Philadelphia's mere colonial defenses. During the gallant defense of Philadelphia, Washington Square became the final resting place for those who died in battle as well as those who languished, and later succumbed after mortal wounds or as prisoners of war. Intrepid and undaunted, they died never knowing that their defense of the city would be remembered, or that an English General named Cornwallis would later surrender after an epic battle at Yorktown. Nor could they know that, through their gallant struggle a new (and experimental) democratic governing system would survive as a lasting government "of, by, and for the people" - a system which would become the model for free institutions and emerging democracies in the far-flung corners of the world.

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***** **2001 Annual Meeting**



Thomas Jefferson, President Curtis P. Cheney, III, Vice President Harland W. Johnson and Ben Franklin at this year's Annual Meeting

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New Citizens Welcomed

On Thursday, April 19th, the Society sponsored the New Citizens Reception outside the Ceremonial Court Room at Philadelphia's Federal Court House where 30 new candidates from 18 countries were welcomed and received into citizenship.

The Society provides packets that contain copies of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. A leaflet is also provided about the American Flag, its history and how to treat it, a description of voter rights and responsibilities, and a small lapel flag, as well as general tourist information about Philadelphia's historic areas. These are handed directly to each new citizen just after they receive their citizenship certificate from one of the Federal Judges. This ceremony's presiding judge was the Honorable Franklin S. Van Antwerpen.

The countries represented were Canada,

the Dominican Republic, Gambia, Germany, Haiti, India, Iran, Israel, Kampuchea, Korea, Liberia, Nigeria, Philippines, P.R. China, Sierra Leon, Taiwan, Ukraine, and Vietnam.

A reception was held just outside the Court Room, with fresh fruit, cheese, a "red, white and blue" frosted cake and fruit punch. A festive addition to the ceremony was "Banjo Joe" singing Revolutionary War songs.

Naturalization ceremonies are open to the public. Members of the Society are encouraged to attend to show their support and welcome the new citizens.

For an additional listing of the naturalization ceremonies, please refer to the Calendar of Events (pg 10) or contact the Society office at 215-545-1888.



New Citizens Reception



Steve Hoyt (PSSR), Banjo Joe and Aida Ayala (Court Clerk) after a job well done.

2001 ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting at the Union League of Philadelphia hosted a large attendance at both the meeting and the reception and dinner following. As is tradition, our Color Guard presented the Society's flags to the President and members before Officers' reports to the assemblage.

Guest speakers for the meeting included Ben Franklin (Ralph Archbald) and Thomas Jefferson (J. Bazzel) who presented "A Wry Look at the Revolution."

As is always the tradition, 50 year members were recognized as well as new members with congratulations being extended by the President on behalf of the Society.

An added treat was the presence of the Trent Trophy on display to the membership for the highest aggregate score in larger Society activities kindly delivered by the North Carolina

Society for the meeting.

President Cheney extended his personal thanks to the Officers, Board of Managers, and various members of the Society for their special efforts during the year to attain the Society goals.

In addition, a new recruitment video, with some humorous excerpts consolidating the past year's Society events, was introduced to the membership in attendance with applause and approval. It will soon be added to the website.

Following the meeting, a reception and dinner was held in the South Marble Room of the Union League where members had a chance to relax from the year's activities, get to know the new members, offer congratulations to the newly elected members of the Board of Managers, and spend some time in fellowship with one another while Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson mingled and conversed with Society members in attendance.

CAMP SECURITY Revolutionary War POW Camp

Camp Security, established in 1781, to hold British and Canadian prisoners captured at Yorktown, is under threat of development. The site covers approximately 40 acres of farmland. Local preservationists, Historic York, Inc., and various lineage societies have been fighting the plan with limited success. On May 24th, Herbert R. McIlvaine, Jr., Michael E. Freeland, and Winchell S. Carroll attended and spoke at a township supervisors meeting in opposition to the developer's plans. The opponents to the proposed development will organize a group "A Friend of Camp Security" to initiate a plan for its preservation. If you are interested in helping to preserve this unique site, please email the PSSR office and your interest in participation will be forwarded to the group's contact person - pssr@compuserve.com.

The President's Perspective cont'd

The ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the parade of colors by the famous Color Guard of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unfurling approximately 40 Revolutionary War flags. Following the inspiring display of colonial colors, the celebration will continue with the readings of the Declaration of Independence and the 1963 Concurrent Congressional Resolution - the latter urging the American people to honor the "Let Freedom Ring" celebration.

The reading of our founding principles will be followed by brief remarks about the significance of Independence Day. There will also be remarks from the Mayor of Philadelphia and a succession of distinguished guests. At precisely 2:00 p.m. young descendants of the original Signers of the Declaration of Independence will, with gloved hands, lightly tap the Liberty Bell, setting in motion a national cascade of bell ringing and patriotic celebrations.

The program will also include eighteenth-century music, provided by at least two different fife and drum corps, as well as more contemporary pieces, with splendid soloists, marvelous choirs, and stirring marching bands. The celebration will close with the haunting sound of bagpipes, the staccato burst of a cannon fusillade from Washington Square, and ending with the appropriately plaintive sounding of taps (while low-flying military aircraft offer their salute to America's colonial heroes).

"Let Freedom Ring" is a marvelous opportunity for American mothers and fathers to lead their young children - past the impressions of the hoopla, hot dogs

and fireworks -- into a patriotic remembrance designed to connect them to their proud American heritage and the principles for which it stands. I hope all Pennsylvanians - young and old - will join the members of our Society and Sunoco Welcome America, as sponsors of Welcome America 2001, in acknowledging gratitude to those Colonial and Revolutionary War heroes to whom we owe not only our liberty, but also the basic principles of our democratic heritage - principles which still endure today. Near the close of the ceremony, special honor will be paid to the heroes of the American Revolutionary War who died here by placing a wreath at the final resting place at Washington Square.

At the close of the ceremony, we of the Society will encourage each observer to pause for a few minutes of personal tribute at the grave site in Washington Square. We will ask those in attendance to read the historic inscriptions on the monument and, with heartfelt thanks, remember those soldiers who fought for and helped to win the freedom of our nation - a nation that has become the model, the arsenal, and staunch defender of democracy throughout the world - a nation which we and our children must continue to revere and protect.

- Little Known Fact -

Benedict Arnold was the best general in the Continental Army! "Without Arnold in the first three years of the war," says historian George Neumann, "we would probably have lost the Revolution." In 1776, he built a fleet and fought a bigger British fleet to a standstill on Lake Champlain. At Saratoga in 1777, his brilliant battlefield leadership forced the British army to surrender. The victory persuaded the French to join the war on the American side. Ironically, Arnold switched sides in 1780 partly because he disapproved of the French alliance.

ALAN KEYES & Let Freedom Ring



The Society is happy to announce that Ambassador Alan Keyes will be our guest speaker for the 2001 Let Freedom Ring Celebration.

A former Reagan administration official, Alan L. Keyes was born in New York, NY, and is the son of a U.S. Army Sergeant; he received his Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University. He and his wife Jocelyn have three children and reside in Maryland. He is recognized as a leader in the Conservative movement and one of today's most demanded orators.

He has served our country in a variety of ways: U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Social and Economic Council, Assistant Secretary of State of International Organizations, Republican candidate for President 1996 and 2000, twice Republican nominee to the U.S. Senate for the state of Maryland, 1992 featured speaker at Republican National Convention, Houston, Texas, former and newly-elected President of the Ronald Reagan Alumni Association, former President of Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW), founder of National Taxpayer Action Day, Founder and Chairman of the Declaration Foundation, author, interim President of Alabama A&M University, and a television and radio commentator.

2001 Membership Updates

Chairman of the Admissions Committee, Richard R. P. Di Stefano, reports that the following gentlemen have been elected to the Pennsylvania Society since the last Newsletter. He knows that Society members will warmly welcome its new members into the ranks and greet them at Society functions.

Regular Membership

Name	Town	State	Ancestor	Proposer	Second
Lawrence J. Field	Flourtown	PA	Jessie Owen	Thomas C. Smith	John H. Bowman
Charles E. Arnold, Jr.	Lancaster	PA	Philip Klugh	Andrew R. Sullivan	Dean R. Thompson
Edward J. Reynolds, Jr.	Lancaster	PA	Israel R. Hayter	John H. Bowman	John S. Shirk
Jeffrey James Wood	Norristown	PA	Alexander Kelly	Andrew R. Sullivan	John R. Timmons

Please note that due to computer problems in the PSSR Office, the application process was temporarily delayed. However, the problems have been rectified and applications in process are being handled in an expediant manner. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Trent Trophy



Awarded to largest society with highest aggregate score in overall activities.

Dr. James Ebert, President of the North Carolina Society was kind enough to ship the Trent Trophy for display at the Annual Meeting. Thank you to the North Carolina Society.

Candidates Proposed for Membership

The following gentlemen have been proposed for membership in the Society since January 2001. They are presently in the process of gathering the required proofs necessary for verifying heredity.

Candidate	Town	Proposer
James W. Beall	Wilmington	William B. Neal
Peter L.H. Byrne	Lancaster	John S. Shirk
John L. Chapin, III	Wynnewood	Michael W. Freeland
Albert S. Feather III	Ft. Washington	Curtis P. Cheyney, III
Albert E. Feather, Jr.	Ft. Washington	Curtis P. Cheyney, III
Kevin M. Feather	Ft. Washington	Curtis P. Cheyney, III
Budd J. Hallberg	Gettysburg	Richard D. Smith, Sr.
Peter C. Loux	Huntsville	William J. Thomas
Eric J. Reinholt	Ardmore	Andrew R. Sullivan
William R. Richardson	Charlottesville	Robert N. Ferrer, Jr.
John Shirk	Lititz	John S. Shirk
Eric G Werner	Philadelphia	Peter F. Cooke, Jr.
Guy C. Woodruff	Bryn Mawr	Montgomery Harris, III
Jeffrey G. Wrightson	Rumson	Charles G. Miller

2001 Lancaster Annual Meeting

On Sunday, May 6th, the Annual Meeting of the Lancaster Chapter was held at the Lancaster Country Club. A total of 72 members, wives and guests were in attendance. The guests present included PSSR President Curtis Paul Cheyney, III and wife Barbara, Past President Mark Frazier Lloyd, Past General Society President Thomas C. Etter and wife Sue, and Harland W. Johnson and wife Hetsy.

Following a delightful luncheon, President Cheyney delivered an inspiring speech entitled "The Pursuit of Happiness."

The business portion of the meeting was concluded by the nominating committee listing a slate of officers for the coming year, which was unanimously accepted by the membership. Elected were John H. Bowman - Regent, Herbert R. McIlvaine, Jr. - Vice President, Arthur Doniphan Old - Secretary, John W.W. Loose - Treasurer, Ronald C. Carpenter - Registrar, Geroge M. Kent, Sr. - Chaplain, and Samuel C. Slaymaker III - Solicitor.

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The Board of Managers extends their sincere thank you to John Harlan Moore for his service to the Society as Regent of the Lancaster County Chapter and welcomes new Regent, John Herman Bowman to the position and the newly elected officers of the Lancaster Chapter.

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"The Pursuit of Happiness"



What a nice place to have a meeting!



Thank you John Moore!

"George's Wisdom"

"In all changes to which you may be invited, remember that time and habit are at least as necessary to fix the true character of governments as of other human institutions."

Farewell Address, 9/19/1798

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#### Editorial Corrections

Name correction - 2001 Membership Updates - Life Membership: The name of Howard Burnet Landreth should have appeared as "Charles B. Landreth" in the last newsletter.

The Society Office is requesting members to please complete the attached Information Card and return it to the office. Your cooperation in helping us to update the membership database is very much appreciated.

Members can also call the office at 215-545-1888 or fax - 215-545-1777 with updates.

**THANK YOU**

**Board of Managers**

#### Change of Information Card

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

2001 Board of Managers



First Row: William P. Proctor, Chaplain, George J. Lincoln, III, Ronald W. Fenstermacher, Jr., Robert B. Krogstadt, II, George S. Wood, III, Joseph L. Loughran, Curtis P. Cheyney, III, Andrew J. Salisbury, II, Theodore Clattenburg, Jr., John H. Bowman; Second Row: Howard R. Morgan, Perry C. Gresh, W. Gordon Murray, Authur D. Old, John S. Shirk, Richard R.P. DiStefano, James Congdon, Robert R. Van Gulick, Jr., Harvard C. Wood, IV, Benjamin C. Frick, Francis Peltier. Unavailable: James B. Burke, Charles Coyne, Robert M. Flood, Jr., Lewis S. Graham, Jr., Stephen P. Hoyt, Harland W. Johnson, Leroy M. Lewis, III, William F. Marvin, Jefferson Moak, Richard L. Walkup.

Delaware County Historical Society's Revolutionary War Lecture

On Saturday afternoon, May 19th, PSSR President Cheyney gave a brief presentation on the Pennsylvania Society, its numerous public projects, publications, and activities that have been undertaken over the years to the Delaware County Historical Society and gave some insightful family input to the lecture entitled "Squire Cheyney's Historic Ride" as part of the lecture series being conducted. The lecture series is hosted by the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology.

The Board of Managers would appreciate if you would return this information in an envelope to the Society office at:

Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution  
215 South 16th Street - Suite 27  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Books Available

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

STANDARDS AND COLORS  
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
Edward W. Richardson  
\$40.00

FORT MIFFLIN OF PHILADELPHIA  
Jeffrey M. Dorwart  
\$35.00

Battle of Paoli  
Thomas J. McGuire  
\$25.00

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



RAISE YOUR MUSKETS AND SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Musket Ball is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2001. It will take place at the Jimmy Duffy's facility in Daylesford, PA (near Paoli).

Long known for their fine catering cuisine, Duffy's location should be central to a majority of the membership and provide a festive evening of dining and dancing.

The Big Band Sound of the Moonlighters will flow freely throughout the spacious hall.

More news in the next issue to follow, but save the date - November 3!

The Newsletter Committee wishes to thank all those contributing to the quarterly Newsletter publication. Suggestions and articles welcomed from the membership.

**PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION**

**Member Participation and Satisfaction Survey**

Please complete this form based upon your personal experience with the Society's Programs, the office staff and the web site. Mark the box next to each question that best reflects your experience. If you have had no personal experience with programs, office staff or web site put a check in the last box. Please add any constructive comments you may have on a separate sheet of paper and return it, along with this survey, to: PSSR, The Racquet Club, Suite. 27, 215 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Thank you for participating.

Use the following criteria to rate your response:

**1 = Superior**                      **2 = Satisfactory**  
**3 = Unsatisfactory**            **4 = Unable to Rate**

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| <b>Section I</b>    | <b>Washington's Birthday Party</b>        | <b>1</b>                 | <b>2</b>                 | <b>3</b>                 | <b>4</b>                 |
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| <b>Section V</b>    | <b>Musket Ball</b>                        |                          |                          |                          |                          |
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| <b>Section VI</b>   | <b>A Younger Member Event</b>             |                          |                          |                          |                          |
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| <b>Section VII</b>  | <b>Administration</b>                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|                     | a) Contact with office staff              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                     | b) Phone manner and attitude              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                     | c) The response to any request            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                     | d) My web site contact was                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                     | e) Membership admissions process          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Section VIII</b> | <b>Overall satisfaction with PSSR</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Section IX</b>   | <b>Overall satisfaction with Programs</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you did not attend any Society event in 2000, please indicate why. (Check all that apply)

- Cost     Distance     Disinterest  
 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate your awareness and understanding of the following Society Programs using the following criteria.

- 1 = Know it well  
2 = Familiar with it  
3 = Remember hearing something about it  
4 = Never heard of it  
5 = None, but would like to learn more

| <b>Special Programs</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>1</b>                 | <b>2</b>                 | <b>3</b>                 | <b>4</b>                 | <b>5</b>                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. <i>Let Freedom Ring</i> , the national bell ringing celebration on July 4 <sup>th</sup> .                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Printing and distribution to school children of pocket-size Constitution and Declaration of Independence booklets                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Antique artifacts on loan and display at Waynesborough Historic House, Valley Forge National Park and the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Scholarship for the Dissertation Fellowship at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Restoration and preservation of historical maps and genealogical data at the Valley Forge Historical Society and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Donation to the General Society for the publication of its history                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Donation to publish Thomas J. McGuire's book, <i>Battle of Paoli</i>                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

My membership is:     Local (50 miles of Philadelphia) or     Non-local  
My member class is:     Regular                       Life     Younger Member             Old Guard

I would like to recommend someone for membership. Please send me a Proposal for Membership form.

Optional:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ PA Soc ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## What Happened To Them?

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

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Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Ellery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed rabble-rousing ruffians; they were soft-spoken men of means and education.

They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the sup-

port of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British.

We were British subjects at the time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. Remember, freedom is never free!

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## FLAG HOLIDAYS

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially...

New Year's Day, January 1  
Inauguration Day, January 20  
Lincoln's Birthday, February 12  
Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February  
Easter Sunday, (variable)  
Patriot's Day, April 19  
Mother's Day, second Sunday in May  
Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May  
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May  
Flag Day, June 14  
Independence Day, July 4  
Labor Day, first Monday in September  
Constitution Day, September 17  
Columbus Day, Second Monday in October  
Navy Day, October 27  
Veterans Day, November 11  
Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November  
Christmas Day, December 25

...such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

**- BRITTANY & SHAWN CORSON -**

Brittany (10 years old) and Shawn (8 years old) are from Gold Hill, North Carolina where both attend Mount Pleasant Elementary School. They are both direct descendants of John Hart as well as direct descendants of John Bartram.

Both girls are softball team members at the Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department and love to ride their four-wheelers. In addition, they are members of the Mount Olive Lutheran Church and are active in the youth group, Young Messengers.

Their mother and father report that they are anxiously looking forward to their visit to Philadelphia and participating in the 2001 Let Freedom Ring Ceremony.

**"COLONIAL FAVORITE"**

At this year's George Washington Birthday Party there were many compliments on the dinner fare, with extra compliments going towards the "Colonial Bread Pudding" served for dessert. Pastry Chef Sheryl Frueh of the Union League was kind enough to give us the recipe so all could enjoy.

8 eggs  
1 C sugar  
3 C milk  
2 C light cream  
2 tbsps vanilla extract  
10 slices white bread (trimmed,  
cut in half and toasted)  
1/2 C raisins  
1/4 C melted butter

Beat eggs and sugar, add milk, cream and vanilla. Place toast in 9x9 bake pan and pour custard over. Sprinkle raisins over top and drizzle melted butter over top. Place pan in water bath. Bake until golden brown and puffy about 40-45 minutes. Remove from water bath and cool. 10 - 12 servings. Serve with vanilla sauce.

**"Vanilla Sauce"**

4 large egg yolks  
1 C milk  
1 C heavy cream  
1/4 C sugar  
1 tsp vanilla

Place yolks in bowl and whisk until pale. Bring milk, cream and sugar to a gentle boil in saucepan. Gradually whisk hot milk mixture into yolks till blended. Return mixture to the saucepan and cook while stirring until slightly thickened about 2-4 minutes. Strain into bowl and chill.

**ENJOY!!!**

**- VIRGINIA WILLIAMS -**

Virginia's home is in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, which is located southeast of Kansas City. She is a direct descendant of Thomas Nelson, Jr., of Yorktown, Virginia, one of the Virginia signers of the Declaration of Independence and has a brother and sister.

Virginia is in fourth grade at Pleasant Hill Elementary School. Prior to this school year she has been home schooled. She also leads an active life at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

She is currently very active in gymnastics and spends many hours at the gym where she can be found practicing five days a week. In March, she placed first in state competition at Level Seven and expects to compete at a higher level next year. Besides spending most of her free time at the gym she also enjoys swimming, but does not have time to compete, and enjoys having her family visit and taking them to the Arabia Steamboat Museum.

Virginia's grandmother reports that she is looking forward to her participation in the 2001 Let Freedom Ring Ceremony this year and hopes to visit all the sites connected with the Signers and the Declaration of Independence.

**TRIVIA CORNER*****"DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER?"***

**Who wrote the American Constitution?**  
(Answer will appear in the next Newsletter)

Previous Newsletter's Question!!!

Question: Besides sewing the first American flag, what else did Betsy Ross contribute to the American Revolution?

Answer: Betsy's other contribution was running a munitions factory in her basement.

## ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Each year the Society takes time to commemorate the encampment at Valley Forge and honor those ancestors and members of the Society who are no longer with us. This year's event was held on Sunday, May 20th, at St. George's Episcopal Church in Ardmore.

The service commenced at 5:00 p.m. to the sounds of a trumpet prelude by the "Harmony Trumpeters," led by Society member Harry Yutzler. This was followed by an inspiring display of our Color Guard with the procession of flags and congregation singing the National Anthem. An Evensong Order of Service followed, led by the Reverend William Duffey - Rector of St. George's. The service included beautiful selections by the St. George's choir, the day's Lessons read by Benjamin C. Frick - Society Vice President, and Curtis P. Cheyney, III - Society President; the Society's necrology read by Jonathan Fitzgerald; and the sermon lesson delivered by the Society Chaplain, the Reverend William P. Proctor.

A wonderful reception was held on the lovely, outdoor patio under a very large tent adjacent to the main clubhouse of the Merion Golf Club. Members and guests socialized and enjoyed scenic views of the verdant fairway while dining on a plentiful and varied buffet of delicious food at tables set with lovely flower arrangements giving the event a warm ambience. Many children were present and could be seen romping in the fairway bunkers and dancing in the fairway rough, led by our two pied pipers, Robert R. Van Gulick and Richard R.P. DiStefano.

Appreciation is extended to Chairman George S. Wood, III and his committee whose efforts were appreciated by the many members, guests and children in attendance. The Annual Church Service for 2002 will be announced in the upcoming Fall Newsletter.

Those members announced in the necrology were the following:



Ernest G.. Abell  
Halsey A. Frederick, Jr.  
Chandler Gillespie  
Dale Linton Herndon  
Ezekiel Cooper S. Highly  
C. Edgar Hires  
David Swope, II

Corland Van Dyke Hubbard  
David H. Kollock, III  
Clifford Lewis, III  
Robert Middleton Melville  
Orville Anderson Petty, III  
George Redsecker Rohrer

*"May the souls of our departed members rest in peace  
and live on in the heritage of their ancestors!"*



Captain Andrew J. Salisbury, II, leading the Color Guard Procession



Benjamin C. Frick (Vice President), Rev. William P. Proctor (Chaplain), Father William Duffey (St. George's), Curtis P. Cheyney, III (President), and George J. Lincoln, III, enjoying the reception.



Lancaster Chapter attend Annual Church Service and Reception

- IN MEMORIAM -  
2001

*BELATED*

**Francis Shunk Brown, III (3676)**

Born January 3, 1919

Died March 8, 2000

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**2001 Calendar of Events**

- 28 June New Citizens' Reception - 10:00 a.m.
- 15 November United States District Court  
601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
- 4 July Let Freedom Ring Luncheon - 11:00 a.m.  
Society Hill Sheraton  
Let Freedom Ring Ceremony - 12:30 p.m.  
Independence Historical National Park  
Philadelphia, PA
- 14 September Fall Naturalization Day  
Lancaster County Court House
- 20 September Newsletter Committee Meeting  
Ardmore Presbyterian Church, Ardmore, PA
- 27 September Dedication of Flag in Lancaster Square -  
Capitol Day (Lancaster Chapter)
- 3 November Musket Ball - Jimmy Duffy's  
1456 Lancaster Avenue  
Berwyn, PA
- 13 November Lancaster Chapter Fall Meeting  
Stauffer Mansion  
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- 2nd Thursday Each Month  
Board of Managers Meeting  
The Union League of Philadelphia
- 3rd Monday Each Month  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Acorn Club of Philadelphia

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