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George Washington, shown here, celebrates his last birthday at Mt. Vernon with the wedding of his step-granddaughter, Nellie Custis. Washington's birthday will be honored at the Metropolitan Club on February 18th.

Above: *The Marriage of Nellie Custis/Washington's Last Birthday* by John Ward Dunsmore. Gift of George A. Zabriskie Memorial, 1936. Collection of Fraunces Tavern Museum, New York City.

## **Last Chance to Purchase George Washington Ball Tickets!**

The 133rd Annual George Washington Ball will be held Thursday the 18th of February at the elegant Metropolitan Club in New York City. The Ball is in honor of the birthday of George Washington and is being sponsored by the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and the Knickerbocker Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

This white tie/black tie with decorations event will benefit Fraunces Tavern Museum. SRNY will honor Dr. John Templeton, Jr. of the Templeton Foundation with the Patriot of the Year Award. This award is given annually by SRNY to an individual who has shown extraordinary dedication to promoting American History education. Additionally, Ambassador John Loeb and Stanley Deforest Scott will be recognized as Honorary Presidents of SRNY.

The evening will once again feature lots of dancing to the music of the Paul Errico Orchestra.

Seating is limited, so please make your reservations soon.

Patron tickets are \$500 and Benefit tickets are \$375. Regular tickets are available at \$300.

For more information, please contact:  
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We hope to see you for what will be a very special evening!

## **The SRNY Annual Church Service**

The One Hundred Twentieth Annual Church Service commemorating the birth of George Washington and in loving memory of SRNY members who have died during the past year will be held at Chapel of St. George, 4 Rutherford Avenue, New York City, on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. The Chapel is east of 3rd Avenue between East 16 and East 17 Streets. All are invited to attend.

The Roll of Members of Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York who have died since the last Annual Service:

J. Taylor Bigbie  
George Bissell  
Judson Gooding  
Dr. Walter Hausheer  
Richard Farmer Hess  
Albert Morey  
William T. Pate  
Richard G. Sanders  
Ralph B. Stever, Past President, SRNY  
Howard Allen Stonesifer

## SRNY Honors the Life of Frederick S. Tallmadge



Noted journalist and author Gerald M. Carbone was the guest speaker at SRNY's Tallmadge Day Dinner on January 25, 2010 at Fraunces Tavern..  
Photo by Charles C. Lucas, Jr.

The Tallmadge Day Stated Meeting Dinner was held on Monday, January 25th in Fraunces Tavern. This dinner meeting commemorates the birthday of Frederick Samuel Tallmadge, the former President of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York whose generosity enabled the Society to acquire Fraunces Tavern in 1904.

Mr. Tallmadge was one of the 13 founders and incorporators of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and served as its second President from 1884 to 1904. From the beginning, Mr. Tallmadge had an ambition that SRNY should own Fraunces Tavern and it was his generosity that made it possible for the Society to acquire it. Mr. Tallmadge's last official act as President of the Society was to affix his signature to the contract for the purchase of Fraunces Tavern. SRNY and, in turn, Fraunces Tavern Museum are everlastingly indebted to him and his memory is honored annually on this occasion.

The guest speaker for the evening was Gerald

M. Carbone. Mr. Carbone is the author of *Nathaniel Greene* and was a journalist for twenty-five years, mostly for the *Providence Journal*. He has won two of American journalism's most prestigious prizes- -the American Society of Newspaper Editors Distinguished Writing Award and a John S. Knight Fellowship at Stanford University. Mr. Carbone spoke on his latest book *Washington: Lessons in Leadership*.

## **February Happenings!**

*Lectures, Exhibits and more!*

We're thrilled to report that the January 21st lecture at Fraunces Tavern Museum, presented by Thomas Fleming on the *Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers*, was very well attended. In case you missed it, the lecture was filmed by C-Span and can be viewed online at <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/291671-1>. The Museum posts links to all of its C-Span filmed lectures on the [Fraunces Tavern Museum Facebook Fan Page](#).

Please note that our February lecture will occur on a **Wednesday** this month (as opposed to our usual Thursday schedule):

### **Fatal Journey**

*The Final Expedition of Henry Hudson Presented by Peter Mancall†*

**Wednesday, February 10th, 2010 at 6:30 PM at Fraunces Tavern Museum**

After a year of celebrating the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's European discovery of New York, 2010 finds us remembering another one of his journeys – his final voyage. In April of 1610, Hudson set sail on the *Discovery* with a crew of 22 (including his teenaged son) on his 4th expedition in search of a shorter route to the Far East. Rather than return to England as winter approached, Hudson set anchor in the bay named for him and the *Discovery* became stuck in ice for seven months. With their provisions dwindling, the crew finally mutinied in the spring, forcing Hudson, his son, and seven other sailors in a skiff to float in the bay, and headed home to England. This story of adventure, desperation, and tragedy reveals that the resolute will which served Hudson so well in exploration also led to his demise.

Lecture takes place at 6:30PM in the Nichols Room on the 2nd floor of Fraunces Tavern Restaurant. Tickets are \$8 at the door (members are free) and there will be light refreshments before and after the lecture. Please note that due to security regulations, the Museum is closed to the public after 5PM. Admission to the lecture does not include entrance into the Museum at this time.

*† Books will be available for purchase -discounts apply for Museum members*

**For a list of all of our Spring 2010 lectures, please visit:**

[http://www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/mus\\_cal.html](http://www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/mus_cal.html)

## ***Foundations of Freedom Exhibit Extended!***

*Magna Carta and the Foundations of Freedom* which was open from September 15-December 15, 2009 proved to be a success for Fraunces Tavern Museum. Our yearly attendance more than doubled and we're grateful to have made so many new friends. The 1215 Magna Carta document has safely returned to its home at Lincoln Cathedral in England, but you can still view the accompanying exhibit *The Foundations of Freedom* until June 1, 2010!

The exhibit follows the evolution of civil rights and liberties from the 1215 signing of Magna Carta through America's beginnings, to 20th century American milestones in civil rights. You can still view a rare anastatic copy of the Declaration of Independence (shown at left) and the diary of Emma Lazarus, plus newly loaned artifacts such as letters from George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.

Tickets are on sale at the Museum. Our hours are Monday through Saturday 12:00PM until 5:00PM.



A rare 1846 anastatic copy made directly from the 1776 Declaration of Independence is one of the many treasures still on view at Fraunces Tavern Museum. Photo by Dominic Quintana

## ***SAR to Host Period Musician Linda Russell***

The First New York Continental Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution invites you to a reception and concert celebrating American musical heritage on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010 at the Coffee House, 20 West 44th Street, (6th Floor) [Between 5th and 6th Aves.]. 6:30-8:30PM. Cocktails (Open Bar) and Hors D'Oeuvres will be served.

Famed balladeer Linda Russell who brings to life the popular music of the 18th Century will perform at the event. Accompanying herself on hammered and mountain dulcimers, guitar, and penny whistle, Linda will sing and play the broadsides, love songs, ballads, marches, drinking songs and dance tunes of the Colonial and Revolutionary War eras.

To RSVP: \$50 per person; checks can be made payable to "1st New York Continental Chapter, SAR" by February 20th and mailed to:

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