



The Patriot

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Message from the President

By: James Grayshaw, President

If you haven't been to Fraunces Tavern® in the past twelve months, I highly recommend you come and see the many changes that we have made. Fraunces Tavern® Restaurant is now operating under new management, and the physical layout of the Restaurant has been significantly renovated. The restaurant is proving to be quite successful, and a popular place for people to meet, to dine, or to have a drink. The Museum is now under the direction of our Museum Director, Jessica Baldwin, and she has updated the interesting exhibit, *Heroes of the Revolution*. Museum attendance has grown appreciably in the past twelve months.

We have plans in the works for the coming year, and hope that you can include a visit to Fraunces Tavern® in your schedule. As always, your support of the mission is gratefully appreciated.

“Fraunces Tavern® Museum’s mission is to educate the public about New York City history as it relates to Colonial America, the Revolutionary War, and the Early Republic. This mission is fulfilled through the preservation and interpretation of the Museum’s landmarked 1719 building along with varied exhibitions of art and artifacts as they relate to the historic site.”

Tallmadge Day - January 23rd, 2012

By: Dr. L. Simpson, Past President



Portrait of Frederick Samuel Tallmadge (1884-1904)
Artist Unknown, Oil on Canvas
Collection of Fraunces Tavern® Museum

Since 1905, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York have held the Tallmadge Night Stated Meeting. This annual affair honors a member of the Society, Frederick Samuel Tallmadge, versus an event related to the American Revolution.

Frederick Samuel Tallmadge was the second President of the SRNY and his term lasted over twenty years. It was under his leadership that the Society developed most of its traditions that are still honored and followed today.

Tallmadge's dream, and that of the other founders, was to have a permanent SRNY address at 54 Pearl Street, in the famous Fraunces Tavern. His last official act as the Society's President was to sign the document which allowed the Sons of the Revolution to take possession of the Fraunces Tavern building.

After his death in June 1904, he was extremely generous to the Society. His gift of a townhouse in Gramercy Park along with many other items provided the necessary monies to hire a historic architect to restore the Fraunces Tavern building, which reopened in 1907. The large bronze plaque on the exterior of the building reads, "Tallmadge Memorial". The plaque represents the building as the memorial to the memory and legacy of Frederick Samuel Tallmadge.

Officers and Members of the Board elected at the December 4, 2011 Annual Meeting

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Space can be had from as little as \$150 for a black and white quarter page up to \$1,000 for a prime position on the back cover in full color, or choose intermediate options. We will design your ad or you may supply it camera-ready.

The Journal is beautiful souvenir that many people keep for years to come. Be a part of it and be a part of history.

Act today, space is available on a first-come, first-served basis until January 15.

For more information contact the Sons of the Revolution office at 212-425-1776, ext. 10 or email our Administrator at 2Administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org.



Museum News

Long Room Gets a Fresh Start

By: Jessica Baldwin, Museum Director



Long Room pre-1981



Long Room 2012

Famous for visiting patrons, like George Washington, the historic Long Room at Fraunces Tavern has been providing Museum guests with an authentic 1770s tavern atmosphere since the early 1980s. Over the past thirty years thousands of school children, out-of-towners and history buffs have stared in awe at the historic artifacts strategically placed throughout the room. In this historic room it is easy to imagine George Washington standing by the fireplace offering an emotional farewell to his officers.



(Left to Right) Jessica Baldwin, Museum Director, cleaning the 1740-1750 Shaker table / Linsford Bennett, Museum Security/Maintenance cleaning the window blinds.

It is not hard to understand how, after all these years with thousands of visitors shuffling through and many seasons passing that the Long Room needed a thorough cleaning! The week before the New Year, the room received just that. It took seventeen hours to clean the entire space from end to end. The task was complicated as it involved the handling of a diverse group of historical object, such as powder horns, china and guns.

Stop by and see this amazing early American tavern interpretation today!

Evening Lecture Series

Thursday, January 19th at 6:30pm

Strict Observers of the Moral Law
Freemasonry's Ethics in Colonial Times
Presented by Jay Hochberg

Most people are aware that Freemasonry is a centuries-old society cloaked in mystique, its brethren ever present in the sweep of history, but what exactly do Masons profess? Did Freemasonry inspire the War of Independence? Were all the Founding Fathers members of the Masonic fraternity? Drawing from period literature and with an insider's understanding of how Masonic lessons are imparted, Jay Hochberg, an officer in New York City's only Masonic lodge of research and education, will define and contextualize the Colonial Freemason's bond to his neighbor, his government, and his god.

Cost: \$10/Free for Museum Members – includes light refreshments and access to all Museum spaces.
Doors open at 6pm.

Reservations available for [Members Only](#).

2012 Lectures Sneak Peek

Mark your calendars – you don't want to miss these events!

Thursday, February 9th

The Founding Fathers Reconsidered with R.B. Bernstein

Thursday, March 29th

Witches, Wife Beaters, & Whores: Common Law & Common Folk in Early America with Elaine Crane

Thursday, April 26th

Homesickness: An American History with Susan Matt

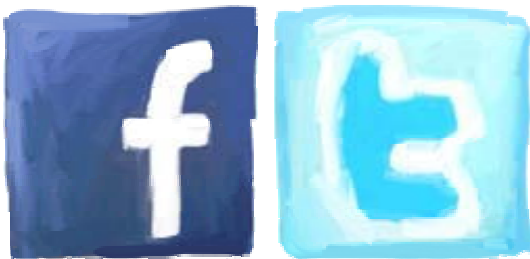
Full Event Descriptions for the Season can be found on [HERE](#)

Comment Book Quotes of the Month

140 comments were written in the month of December. Here are two you might enjoy:

12/2/2011 – “So glad we were able to dine here and enjoy this remarkable collection. I will look forward to bringing my children one day.” – The Hartsaws

12/26-/011 – “Awesome to stand where our story began.” – Kate D.



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