

The Patriot



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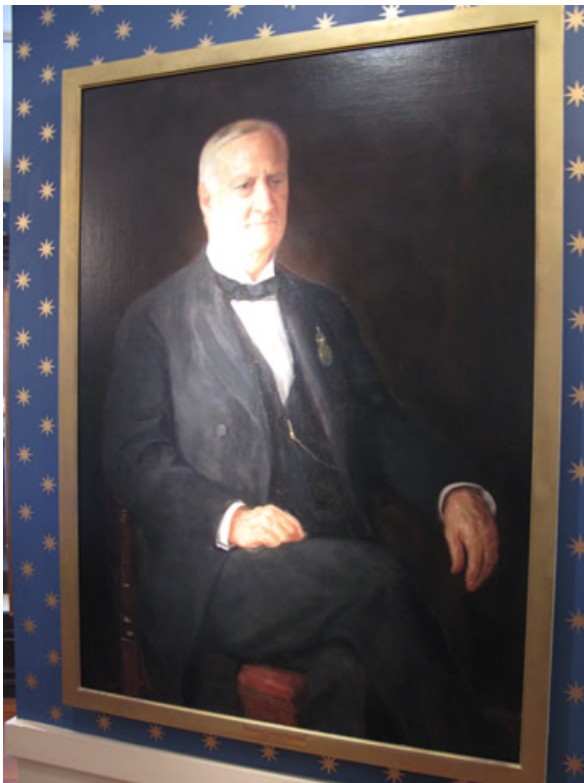
Lincoln Cathedral is the permanent home of the Magna Carta which will travel to Fraunces Tavern Museum.
Photo courtesy of Lincoln Cathedral, United Kingdom.

Magna Carta Update

The Magna Carta will be on display at the Fraunces Tavern Museum September 15 through December 15, 2009. The Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York are working together with Lincoln Cathedral in England to bring the historic document to the U.S. The exhibition, *Foundations of Freedom*, is generously being sponsored by AIG. It will focus on the Magna Carta's influence on the American Constitution and Bill of Rights.

A unique replica of King John's' Great Seal will be one of the highlights of the exhibition. The seal, carved from Lincoln limestone, is mounted in a frame made of oak taken from the 13th Century cathedral's roof. The carving will be auctioned off after the close of the exhibit. Bids can be sent to Executive Director Richard Gregory no later than the 15th of December. To bid or inquire on the bidding process, please email ExecutiveDirector@SonsoftheRevolution.org or call 212-475-1776. All proceeds will go to support conservation efforts at Lincoln Cathedral.

Tallmadge Day at Fraunces Tavern



Portrait of Frederick Samuel Tallmadge, President of SRY from 1884-1904 as displayed in the Fraunces Tavern Museum's SRY Gallery. Collection of Fraunces Tavern Museum, New York City

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to attend our Tallmadge Day Stated Meeting to be held on **Monday, January 26, 2009**, at 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.

We are pleased to inform you that our guest speaker for the evening will be the award-winning author, Arthur S. Lefkowitz. His award-winning titles include *Bushnell's Submarine: The Best Kept Secret of the American Revolution*, *George Washington's Indispensable Men* and *The Long Retreat: The Clamitous American Defense of New Jersey, 1776*.

Mr. Lefkowitz currently serves on the Board of Governors of the American Revolution Round Table and he lectures extensively for The New Jersey Council for the Humanities on the subject of the American Revolution.

Mr. Lefkowitz will also present a slide presentation of some of the artwork created during the Revolutionary War.

The evening will begin with a reception in the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Educational Center for American History in Fraunces Tavern Museum at 6:30 P.M. and dinner will follow at 7:30 P.M. The cost of dinner is \$65 per person and reservations must be received by January 21st. For reservations, please return the subscription stub below with your check as soon as possible to:

Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York
54 Pearl St.
New York, NY 10004

We hope you will join us for what promises to be an enjoyable and interesting evening.

I will attend the Tallmadge Day Stated Meeting on **Monday, January 26, 2009** at Fraunces Tavern and enclose my check, payable to Sons of the Revolution, in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ reservations at \$65 per person.

Name (please print) _____ Telephone _____

Guest(s) _____

Salmungundi Exhibitions

In celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Dutch foundation of Manhattan, the Fraunces Tavern Museum will host two very special exhibitions starting next month. *Contemporary Harbor of Manhattan: Salmangundians Celebrate Manhattan's Bustling and Historic Waterways* will be on display from mid-February until March 16. *History Panorama: Salmangundians Illustrate Manhattan's 400-Year Founding by the Dutch* will run from mid-March through July 31, 2009.

The Salmangundi Club was founded in 1871 as a center to showcase the works of artists from New York and elsewhere. The club's Art Committee chose the Fraunces Tavern Museum as the final stop before these two exhibitions travel to the Netherlands for display.

For more information, please email ExecutiveDirector@SonsofTheRevolution.org or call 212-425-1776. Please also look for more information coming soon on our website, www.sonsoftherevolution.org.

Book Re-Launch!

Celebrate the Bicentennial of Washington Irving's *A History of New York!* In 1809, Dutch historian Diedrich Knickerbocker published a history of 17th Century Dutch rule in New York City. Little did

readers know, author Washington Irving had penned the popular book and invented Knickerbocker altogether. Just Steps away from Irving's birthplace, the Fraunces Tavern Museum along with Penguin Classics will host a re-launching of Irving's *A History of New York*. Elizabeth Bradley, author of *Knickerbocker: The Man Behind the Myth*, will discuss the book's wild popularity among New Yorkers at its original publication date and how it propelled Irving to literary stardom

The event will be held **Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 6:30pm** in the Flag Gallery. Tickets are \$6 (members are free) and there will be a wine and cheese reception.

SRNY Celebrates 225th Anniversary of Evacuation Day



John Mauk Hilliard speaking in the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Educational Center for American History in Fraunces Tavern Museum during Evacuation Day Festivities with members of SRNY in attendance. Photo courtesy of SRNY

SRNY Hosts 225th Anniversary Evacuation Day Parade

On November 25th 1783, the War of the American Revolution effectively came to an end when, according to a carefully negotiated agreement, the British Army under the command of General Sir Guy Carlton, evacuated the City on the heels of which closely followed the ragged but triumphant Continental Army at the head of which rode General George Washington. For many years thereafter an annual parade was held by the City of New York on or near this holiday. The practice was discontinued in 1916 when the US and Great Britain formally allied to pursue WW1. The Sons of the Revolution through the 20th Century continued to celebrate the event with an annual banquet, and in 1983, a great Bi-Centennial Parade.

On a bright, cold Saturday, November 22, 2008 the 225th Anniversary Evacuation Day Parade smartly stepped off at Noon from the southern tip of City Hall Park and proceeded down Broadway to Bowling Green Park. At the reviewing stand at Bowling Green Park, SRNY President John Mauk Hilliard presided as Master of Ceremonies and announced the name and historical and patriotic significance of each of the thirty-five participating units. Three hundred-plus marchers participated. Among the distinguished guests on the reviewing stand were US Congressman Jerold Nadler who read the US Congressional Proclamation commemorating the Parade, His Excellency Gaius Scheltma, Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr. and Mrs. John Herzog of the Museum of American Financial History, Arthur Piccolo of the Bowling Green Association and Captain George Chall, Old Guard of NY, who also represented the Soldiers and Sailors Monument Restoration Committee. Proclamations were also received and read from NY State Governor David Paterson and NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The van of the Parade was led by SRNY First Vice President Col. Charles Clement Lucas, Jr., Commandant of the Veteran Corps. of Artillery, accompanied by the Color Guard and Firing Battery of the VCA, founded in 1790 by veterans of the Continental Army and thus NY's oldest military unit. Following was the Color Guard of the US Military Academy at West Point. Among the participating units, all bearing the bright colors of their institutions, were the SRNY's sister lineage and patriotic societies including the NY & NJ SAR, several chapters of NYC DAR, the Old Guard of NY, the St. Andrew's Society, the St. George's Society, the St. David's Society, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the Holland Society, the Huguenot Society, the NY Caledonian Club and many others.

The crowd was thrilled by a mounted unit of the Connecticut Governor's Guard on splendid steeds. Additional mounted re-enactors also represented General Washington and others among his general officers. As the Parade halted at Bowling Green, the Color Guard of the VCA lowered the Union Jack from the Park's flagpole and briskly raised the US Continental Flag of 1776 to the cheers and delight of the crowd, many of whom were camera-toting tourists. As the Continental Flag reached the top of the flagpole, the Firing Battery of the VCA fired a 13-gun salute. The Union Jack was folded with great dignity and presented to Mrs. John Herzog, a British citizen representing the British People. At the conclusion of the Parade, the Museum of American Financial History hosted a bountiful reception for all parade participants. Following the reception, many of the marchers repaired to the warm and cozy quarters of Fraunces Tavern for additional Colonial Cheer!!! It was truly a day to remember, and a wonderful reprise of the Bicentennial Evacuation Day Parade which the SRNY hosted in 1983.

On Monday evening, Nov. 24th 2008, the Sons of the Revolution in New York hosted the 225th Anniversary Evacuation Day Dinner in a Fraunces Tavern ablaze with light, bountiful food and drink and good fellowship. One of the largest crowds ever assembled under the aegis of the SRNY filled every dining room and space on the ground floor of the Tavern including the bar. Some 175-plus SR compatriots and friends were in attendance. Special guests were His Excellency Sir Alan Collins, Consul General of Great Britain and Lady Anne Collins. Also in attendance was the Deputy General Consul General of the French Republic. Several Regents of the NYC DAR Chapters were present along with many of their members and friends and officers from many of our sister lineage societies. At the end of the evening over 100 guests assembled in the Flag Gallery to drink the thirteen traditional toasts which General Washington and Governor Clinton and their officers are known to have offered at the first evacuation day dinner held at Fraunces Tavern on the night of Evacuation Day in 1783. President Hilliard presided over the toasting ceremony and the toasts were given by several Past Presidents and Senior Officers of the SRNY. Special Guest was NYPD Commissioner Raymond Kelly through whose kind offices our parade permit for the November 22nd Parade was secured. Commissioner Kelly received the Patriots Award from the SRNY at its George Washington's Birthday Ball in 2005.

Centennial Celebration of the Martyrs Monument

The SRNY participated in the Centennial Commemoration of the famed Martyrs Monument in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn on Sunday November 16, 2008. The event was hosted by the Fort Greene Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution which was instrumental of the erection of this splendid monument in 1908. The monument was the last commission of famed NY architect and SRNY member, Stanford White and entombs the bones of thousands of patriots who died of appallingly cruel conditions and treatment in the British prison hulks in NY Harbor and in NY British prisons during the War of the Revolution. It has recently undergone a complete restoration by the NYC Parks Department. President Hilliard carried the Battle of Brooklyn Flag which was donated several years ago to the Society by Past President Dr. Laurence Simpson. A number of Brooklyn political and community leaders spoke at the event and President Hilliard delivered an address on the profile of the Continental Soldier. A crowd of 500 witnessed the commemoration. The SRNY is indebted to Regent Margaret Skinner of the Fort Greene Chapter DAR and her daughter Janet Skinner who spent an enormous amount of time organizing this grand event and hosted a wonderful reception at their historic 1790's-era Brooklyn mansion. The Skinner Family and the DAR are currently circulating a petition requesting that a 24-hour Federal Honor Guard be mounted year-round at the Monument since it has the same significance to many people as the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, DC.

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