

# The Patriot



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Top row: Left, SRNY President Don Westervelt and Mrs. Emily Westervelt; Right, SRNY Color Guard; 2nd Row: President Don Westervelt presents FDNY Chief Kilduff with Patriot of the Year Award; 3rd Row: NSDAR Knickerbocker Chapter Regent Melissa Zack presents Vietnam Veterans of America President John Rowan with Distinguished Patriot Award; 3rd Row: Ambassador John L. Loeb, Jr. presents short film on the George Washington Institute for Religious Freedom; Bottom row: Left, Former SRNY President George G. Watson, Mrs. Susan Grayshaw and SRNY 1st Vice President Judge James R. Grayshaw; Right, Members of NSDAR Knickerbocker Chapter.  
Photos by James Higgins

## **134th George Washington Birthday Ball A Great Success**

### **Elegant Evening of Dining, Dancing And Ceremony**

The reports are coming in: People had a splendid time at the George Washington Birthday Ball held February 17 at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. “We are delighted to hear the feedback,” says Anthony Wellman, spokesman for the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and the Ball’s master of ceremonies, continuing, “After all, if people have fun they’ll be back next year and bring their friends, too. That’s the whole idea—a thoroughly enjoyable evening to salute General Washington and benefit a great cause—Fraunces Tavern Museum.” The Ball this year will also benefit projects of the Knickerbocker Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which co-hosted the evening.

The ceremonies included presentation of the National Colors by a West Point Color Guard followed by historic battle flags borne by the Color Guard of the Sons of the Revolution, ably joined in the procession by the dedicated young members of the Knickerbocker Greys. Pipe Major Patrick Duffy led diners into the ballroom where The Paul Errico Orchestra provided dance music all evening.

The New York City Fire Department and its Commissioner, Salvatore J. Cassano were honored as Distinguished Patriots of the Year by the Sons on this, the 10th anniversary year of 9/11. Sons President, Donald Westervelt bestowed the award “in grateful recognition to the New York City Fire Department and their fallen heroes.” Mr. Westervelt continued by noting, “Like our ancestors before us, they walked into the valley of death to protect the life and liberty of our citizens from acts of oppression. So too, their sacrifice should never be forgotten.” Chief Edward S. Kilduff accepted the award on behalf of his Department and his remarks were met with a standing ovation.

Ambassador John L. Loeb Jr. presented a brief, compelling video about the new George Washington Institute for Religious Freedom on a giant video screen. The Ambassador holds the title of Honorary President for Life at the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York.

Melissa S. Zack, Regent of the Knickerbocker Chapter of the DAR presented their Chapter’s Distinguished Patriot Award to John Rowan, National President, Vietnam Veterans of America. The Sons thanks the Knickerbocker Chapter for their enthusiastic support of the event.

The rest of the evening left attendees to happily table-hop, bid at the silent auction and dance the night away. Judging from the number of people who remained until the last dance, the Ball was a complete success.

## **SRNY Annual Church Service Honors Memory of Those Lost**

The 121st Annual Church Service was held on Sunday February 20th at the Church of the Incarnation on Madison Avenue in Manhattan. This annual service commemorates the birth of George Washington and is held in loving memory of our members who have died during the past year.

The roll of those members of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York who have

died since the last annual service are:

Leonard Brooks, Jr.  
Donald E. Cummings  
Thomas DeLong II  
Edward J. Donohue  
Benjamin McAlpin III  
Kenneth A. Menken  
George F.B. Owens, Jr.  
Clarkson G. Stevens, Jr.



Above: *Washington Triumphantly Entering New York City* by Hy. Hintermeister, Oil on canvas, 20th Century, Gift of Mrs. George Esty Doty, 1969.

## Funding for Conservation Begins: The Hintermeister Project

A big thank you to our first contributors to the Hintermeister Project at Fraunces Tavern Museum! As part of the museum's continuing collections care initiative, the paintings of Hy. Hintermeister in our collection have become a conservation priority. Prime examples of early 20th century illustration making regular appearances in our exhibits, the Hintermeister collection illustrates several important events in the American Revolution.

Father and son team John Henry Hintermeister and Henry Hintermeister produced a series of calendars chronicling American history from 1775-1787. Art calendar distribution became a trend among businesses in late 1800s through the early 20th century as a way of marketing. It also supplied American families with images by several illustrators and artists that they may not have seen otherwise. The originals of many of these images can be found in Fraunces Tavern Museum's collection, a number of which have been marked for conservation needs. Because the Hintermeister paintings are a valuable learning tool used to tell the story of the Revolution, they are central to our mission.

We currently need to raise \$13,000 to complete the first phase of this project. On average, the cost of sponsoring a painting plus its frame is \$3000. Complete sponsorship of a painting and frame will be recognized with a notation on the painting's title card whenever it is displayed as well as in publications that mention or discuss the painting in detail. Partial sponsorship of the project is noted on a donors' plaque in the gallery where the painting is being exhibited. The paintings also reach a wider audience when loaned out to other historical institutions or are reproduced in academic publications.

### **Hintermeister paintings currently available for sponsorship:**

[Retreat to Victory](#) chronicles Washington leading Continental Army's retreat from New York City in 1776.

[Washington Triumphantly Entering New York City](#) depicts Washington's return to reclaim the City at the very end of the War.

[George Washington Raising the First American Flag, Boston, 1776](#) is set at the end of the Siege of Boston.

[On the Eve of Victory, Mount Vernon](#) shows Washington on a visit home before the decisive Battle at Yorktown.

For more information and images of these works, please visit our [website](#). Please contact the Museum Curator at 212-425-1778, ext. 3 for further details, or email at: [curator@frauncestavernmuseum.org](mailto:curator@frauncestavernmuseum.org)

You can also send your tax-deductible donation, made out to "Sons of the Revolution NY" to: Sons of the Revolution, ATTN: Administrator, 54 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10004; donations can also be made online here: <http://frauncestavernmuseum.org/Henry-Hintermeister-project.html> .

## March Lecture!

### My Patron: The Friendship of Benjamin Franklin and James Parker†

As Benjamin Franklin moved into the role of statesman, he formed partnerships with promising young printers to spread printing throughout the colonies. Among these associations, historians note that his partnership with James Parker was extremely important. From the establishment of New Jersey's first permanent print shop to starting the first newspaper in Connecticut, Parker's trials and tribulations would help shape the concept of "freedom of the press" which would become so important to the foundation of a fledgling new nation.

The lecture will be held **Thursday, March 3rd, 2011 at 6:30pm** in Fraunces Tavern Museum's Flag Gallery. Tickets are \$10 - first come, first served. ([Members are free. Please join today!](#)) Admission includes light refreshments before and after the lecture.

†**Books available for purchase - discount applies for museum members.**

**For a list of all of our upcoming lectures and events, please visit:**

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



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**Correction: In last month's Patriot, we incorrectly identified members of the Knickerbocker Grays as West Point Cadets!**

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