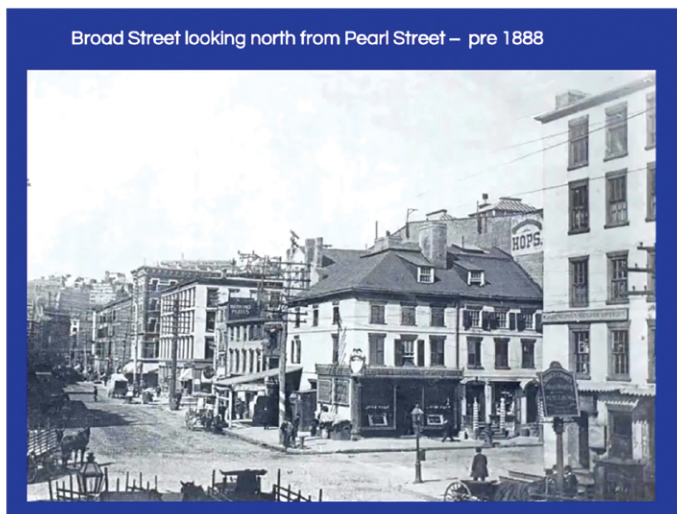


New Materials on the GSSR Website

Be sure to check out the new YouTube videos posted on the GSSR website, <http://www.sr1776.org>. From the home page, scroll down the right-side menu and click on Photos and Videos. The videos include a two-part presentation of the



Broad Street looking north from Pearl Street – pre 1888

early history of the Sons of the Revolution narrated by General President Laurence S. Simpson, DDS.

Dr. Simpson plunges into many historical details about Founder John Austin Stevens, the American Revolution, Fraunces Tavern and New York City. Part 1 is forty-one minutes, and Part 2 is fifty-five minutes in length. On YouTube, it is possible to stop the presentations at any point, take a break, and continue it later. Dr. Simpson advises taking breaks because the material is too much for just one sitting.

Originally, the presentations were Power Points. They were put into a video format through the generosity of William Burpee Richards and members of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Society.

The GSSR website also features a voiceless panoramic video of the surroundings of the Society's headquarters in Colonial Williamsburg. Viewers can also browse the album of still photos from the headquarters' opening reception on June 28, 2013.



2018 Triennial Awards Correction

Due to an editing error in the previous *Drumbeat* (Vol. 35, No. 4), incorrect winners were listed for the Modern Patriot Award, the Patrick Henry Award, and the Jay Harris Award presented at the 43rd Triennial in Franklin, Tennessee, Oct. 4-7, 2018.

Outgoing General President Mitchell Bush presented the Modern Patriot Award to author Patrick K. O'Donnell, the Patrick Henry Award to J. Robert Lunney, and the Jay Harris Award to Charles D. Carroll.

Patrick K. O'Donnell was the keynote speaker during the Saturday evening banquet. He is a combat historian and has written eleven published books. Mr. Lunney is a General President Emeritus and has held various other positions. Since 1993 he has regularly published a column in the *Drumbeat* on National Preparedness.

Meanwhile, Mr. Carroll has served on various Committees and is a generous benefactor of the GSSR. He organized the European Society and currently leads that Society as its President.



Roots of the Society of '83

By Laurence S. Simpson, DDS
General President

The Society of '83 is not a new name to the Sons of the Revolution. Although we have recently adopted its use in a novel way, via the present capital campaign, the name itself has deep roots—as deep as those of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York. It is my hope that by offering all members the chance to give and be recognized for their gifts, we can build a bridge from the present to the past and honor the man who started it all.

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Its stated mission was to "celebrate the regeneration of the City, to promote good feelings among ourselves, and to keep alive a pride in the City and the patriotic spirit of our fathers," as quoted from Reports and Proceedings 1909-1910, Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York.



N-Y Historical Society Photo. (c. 1856)

Limited to 250 members, its rosters showcased the surnames of mostly old Dutch and Anglo families that had resided in New York City prior to 1783. It had no President, only a Secretary and one committee, whose obligation was to maintain the roster and arrange the proceedings at the next annual anniversary dinner.

These occasions made headlines in The New York

Times. The 1883 dinner was featured in the January 2, 1884 issue. The 1884 dinner was covered more imme

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diately, making it into the November 26th issue that same year. By perusing these articles, you get a good flavor of the jollification and camaraderie that was felt by all who were present.

The inaugural dinner consisted of twelve courses paired with seven different wines. Members and guests joined in thirteen ceremonial toasts, starting off with a silent toast to the memory of George Washington. The last in the group was to, "The day we celebrate (November 25)." There was even an extra toast for the ladies!

By Next Triennial

Your General President discovered an original 1883 Dinner Program of the Society of '83 while researching in the New-York Historical Society. The program was printed by Tiffany of New York, the same firm that did all of the Society's formal printings. That year, the festivities were held at the old Hotel Brunswick (26th Street and 5th Avenue).

The dinner had 13 toasts to celebrate the evening starting with a silent one to The memory of Washington, and ending with The day we celebrate. My thoughts are to possibly honor the members of our new Society of '83 by repeating these toasts at the Friday night dinner of the next Triennial.

My thoughts are that we should honor all our members who decide to become a part of the Society of '83 by having them stand to repeat these same historical toasts at an appropriate moment during the formal banquet dinner of the next Triennial Meeting.

For the curious-minded, a quick look at the attendees of that first dinner included a very august group. The first name is none other than John Jacob Astor, followed by the Delancys, Depeysers, Duers, Gracie, Jay and the list goes on and on. Moreover, they were all friends, neighbors, associates, and acquaintances of John Austin Stevens. As the only requirement in those days was for your family to have resided in New York City in 1783, there were some Tory names in the mix. Stay tuned for more early SR history in coming publications.

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"It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity; but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn."

—George Washington, to the Pennsylvania Legislature 12 September 1789

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- Creation of a Revolutionary War media app intended for school students.
- Creation and distribution of Revolutionary War educational programs to schools.
 - Promotion of scholarship through speakers, publications and awards.
- Implementation of a more active website with regular updates of content, links to important events, a Revolutionary War calendar, a members-only section, etc.
- Acquisition and preservation of artifacts concerning the Revolution and our own history.
 - Provision of funds to assist State Societies with recruiting new members.
 - Provision of funds to start new State Societies where we are not currently represented.
- Provision of funds for GSSR Society Regional Vice Presidents and other GSSR Society General Officers to travel to the various State Societies to bring all of our members closer and encourage them to be more involved.

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**The amounts do not have to be given in one year to qualify you for the Society of '83. They may be given over a period of up to ten years. For example, if you pledge to give \$1,000 to the Society each year for the next ten years (a total gift of \$10,000), you would qualify for the Captain level and would receive the blue rosette jacket.*

To recognize recent generous gifts, membership in the Society of '83 will be recognized retroactively. All of your donations to the annual campaign since July 1, 2015, will count towards your total donations to determine your gifting level.

Please do not forget to inquire whether your employer matches charitable gifts. The General Society qualifies for support from most companies. The General Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Gifts to the General Society are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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Board of Managers Meeting October 4th-6th, 2019



**The Westin Richmond
6631 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230
(804) 282-8444 - (888) 627-7786**

Room Rates: Standard King \$145/night

Friday Oct. 4th:

**Check-In
Registration 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Cocktail Reception**

Saturday Oct. 5th:

**Registration 8:00am - 9:00am
Continental Breakfast 8:00am - 9:00am
Meeting 9:00am - 3:00pm
Lunch Provided
Buckhead's Coat & Tie Dinner 6:00pm
Sat. Activity for Wives & Guests TBA**

Sunday Oct. 6th:

Church Service followed by Sherry 8:30am

General Society Sons of the Revolution

Board of Managers Meeting Registration Form 10/4 -10/6/2019

Name _____ Wife/Guest _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone Number _____ E-mail _____
 State Society _____ Position held _____

**Registration Fee for a delegate is \$300, and for a Ladies tour participant is \$285
 (Includes Saturday Continental Breakfast, lunch, and Buckhead's dinner for both)**

| Friday: | Yes | No |
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| Transport to VASR reception at member's home | _____ | _____ |
| Evening VASR reception with refreshments and heavy hors d'oeuvres | _____ | _____ |
| Return transport from reception to host hotel | _____ | _____ |
| Saturday: | | |
| Attending delegate activities Saturday AM and afternoon | _____ | _____ |
| Attending ladies tour activities Saturday AM and early afternoon | _____ | _____ |
| Transportation to Evening event at Buckhead's Restaurant | _____ | _____ |
| Evening event at Buckhead's Restaurant | _____ | _____ |
| Sunday: | | |
| Morning service at host hotel | _____ | _____ |
| Farewell Sherry at host hotel | _____ | _____ |

Make out your registration fee check to The General Society of the Sons of the Revolution and mail to:

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 Board of Managers Meeting Registration
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