

Remembering Charles Duane Carroll

October 5, 1933 – January 30, 2020

The Sons of the Revolution has lost one of its biggest supporters in the death of Charles D. Carroll, and the world has lost one of its kindest of men. Mr. Carroll passed away at the end of January. He was 86.

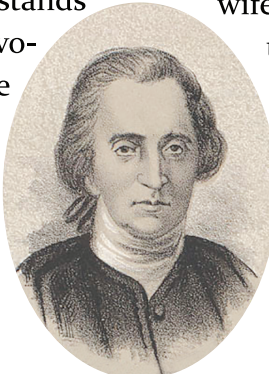
Many in our Society will recall Mr. Carroll's very generous contributions to the Society of '83. Additionally, Charles supported the Sons by having founded the European Society and serving as its President and by having served on numerous committees.

He was passionate about what the Sons stands for: Remembering the sacrifices of the Revolutionary generation and appreciating the achievement of American independence. Mr. Carroll, a Roman Catholic and Navy veteran, hailed from a distinguished family in American history:

- Daniel Carroll (1730-1796), a signer of the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution;
- Charles Carroll of Carrollton (1737-1832), signer of the Declaration of Independence (the only Catholic signer) and Maryland's first senator;
- John Carroll (1735-1815), America's first Catholic Bishop and founder of Georgetown University;
- John Lee Carroll (1830-1911), 37th Governor of Maryland and first General President of the Sons of the Revolution.



Charles Duane Carroll



Charles, the Settler

Of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, his biographer, Lewis A. Leonard, reported that he was “the wealthiest man to sign the Declaration of Independence, the first to sign it, the only Catholic to sign it, and the last one to die of all those who signed it.”

They all descended from Charles Carroll the Settler (1661-1720), an Irish lawyer who emigrated from England to escape religious discrimination and received a commission from Charles Calvert as Colonial Maryland's Attorney General on July 18, 1688. He arrived in St. Mary's City in 1689. By 1691, he had been stripped of his position and imprisoned for his religion.

One of Charles D. Carroll's closest friends, General President Emeritus J. Robert Lunney, and his wife, Joan, left the following words online for the Carroll family: “Our sincere condolences to the family of Charles D. Carroll, a man of outstanding ability and friendship. But above all a wonderful human being with a very keen mind well focused on doing good things.

“Among his many important activities was his strong support of the Sons of the Revolution. We will miss him greatly, especially his business leadership and his most enjoyable personality. May his soul rest in peace.”

All the Carrolls are remembered for their patriotism and their humanity. Charles frequently split his time between France and his home in East Tennessee, where he was buried. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard. Together, the frères Carroll advocated tirelessly for the Sons of the Revolution.



General President Honored at NYC Metropolitan Club



L-R: SRNY President Mr. Peter C. Hein, General President Laurence S. Simpson, and Fraunces Tavern Director Mr. Scott M. Dwyer at the George Washington Birthday Ball held Feb. 21, 2020. Courtesy SRNY.

The New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution (SRNY) held its 143rd Annual George Washington's Birthday Ball at the Metropolitan Club in New York City on February 21, 2020, and presented the 143rd Distinguished Patriot Award to General President Laurence S. Simpson, DDS.

Dr. Simpson is a longstanding member of the SRNY and Past President of the Society (1999 – 2001). He led the SRNY during the trying times of 9-11, and he oversaw the installation of a new director of Fraunces Tavern Museum and a new tenant at the Fraunces Tavern Restaurant. In October 2018, Larry was named General President of the Sons of the Revolution and will finish his term in 2021.



SRNY President Peter C. Hein escorts into the ballroom Mrs. Anne Farley, National Treasurer and NY State President of the United States Daughters of 1812. Courtesy SRNY.

He joins a list of illustrious recipients of the Distinguished Patriot Award. Some of the names include Senator Barry Goldwater, General William Westmoreland, Astronaut Col. Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, and more recently, Ambassador John Loeb, General James Jones, Joint Chief of Staff, and SRNY benefactors Elizabeth and Stanley DeForest Scott.

“I am well aware of the significance of this award and am truly honored to receive it. It means a lot to me,” Dr. Simpson said.

This year's event reflected the ceremony and pageantry of the days of old. It was led by SRNY President Peter Hein, who welcomed the members of the Society and honored guests. The emcee, George Whipple, an SRNY member and local NY1 cable television personality, kept the program moving along on time.

The George Washington's Birthday Ball is held each year in recognition of our nation's first President and as a benefit for the Fraunces Tavern Museum, which is owned by the New York Society. It is the highlight of the social season for the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and is held in conjunction with a church service on the Sunday following to honor those of the Society who have died that year.

The Society's first celebration of Washington's Birthday occurred in the latter half on the nineteenth century at Delmonico's Restaurant, when it was located on 26th Street off Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. The modern version is held every year at the Metropolitan Club.

Metropolitan Club, chosen venue of the Society's annual ball, located at 5th Avenue and East 60th Street, Manhattan.





Smithsonian Museum of American Art

Shipping artwork to a Smithsonian Institution Art Exhibit

In the last *Drumbeat*, the California Society reported that its portrait of John C. Frémont was placed on loan to the Smithsonian American Art Museum for an upcoming exhibition and published catalogue on Alexander von Humboldt, the Prussian naturalist and explorer. Shipping

the painting was a more involved process than one might expect. The materials used to enclose the art included a standard museum style crate, bolt and plate closures, gasketed, with an ester foam lined interi-



or (4": solid 2" with 2" bumpers), 1/2" foam core tray, and cover sheet (lid) with etha foam bumpers.

The etha foam bumpers were carved out to accommodate the decorative elements of the gold-leaf frame, and the bumpers measured the depth of the painting plus roughly one inch to accommodate the soft Tyvek wrapped ester foam pads on the back of the lid to protect the raised decorative elements of the frame. The piece was wrapped in Dartek first, before being packed into the foamcore tray to prevent rubbing of the gold-leaf frame. The related photos were taken by Richard Breithaupt, Jr., Past President of the California Society and Director of the American Heritage Library and Museum.





Dr. Laurence S. Simpson

Q & A on the Orlando Meeting

Here are the most common questions asked about the GSSR Board of Managers meeting in late September at *Walt Disney World Resort*® in Lake Buena Vista, Florida (Orlando area).

Q: How has the Coronavirus affected the Meeting plans or SR headquarters?

A: Our Meeting plans have not changed. We are still scheduled to have our 2020 Annual Meeting in late September at *Walt Disney World Resort*® in Florida. It is hoped all our members stay healthy and that this crisis will be behind us by then. The headquarters in Williamsburg is open and taking your calls. In the worst-case scenario, staff can work remotely, if necessary, to answer your questions and take care of any necessary State Society needs.

Q: As an SR member or guest, what meeting events can I attend?

A: All paid registrants, including guests, may join us at the Thursday evening reception, the Friday morning breakfast, the Friday evening *Epcot*® gathering, the Saturday breakfast, and the Saturday evening dinner at *Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resort*. Friday and Saturday lunches and afternoons are on your own. All SR members are encouraged to attend the Friday and Saturday morning Business Meetings.

Q: What is the dress code?

A: Think warm. It's Florida. The dress code for all our scheduled events will be "resort casual." That means a nice collared knit shirt and either slacks or nice shorts for all the events. If you wish to wear a blazer and tie, etc., to the business meetings, you are welcome to but it is not required. For Florida evenings in late summer, you may wish to pack a light sweater or light jacket. Don't forget to pack a bathing suit for Friday and Saturday afternoon. The *Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resort* has a superb swimming pool. Remember, we encourage younger people and all family members to attend and enjoy themselves in the ambiance of this magnificent venue.

Q: Can I come a day early and/or stay a few days later at the same discounted rate?

A: The short answer is yes. If you and your guests would like to extend your stay beyond the three days of the meeting (Thursday thru Saturday evenings), you need to contact Dr. Simpson via email (laurencesimpson@msn.com) or cellphone (917 921-0450) to get a special contact number to do this. The amount of rooms available for extended stays is limited, so act early or be left out. If you plan to stay only for the meeting only, book your room by calling (407) 939-5277 or by visiting <https://mydisneygroup.com/gssr2020>.

Q: Are special convention discounts to *Walt Disney World Resort*® attractions available for SR members and guests?

A: Yes, on the website (listed above). There are even additional discounts available to Florida residents.

Q: I have never been to *Walt Disney World Resort*® or I was there many years ago. What is there available to do now?

A: We strongly recommend your purchasing a guide book to learn all you can about the resort. *The Official Guide to Walt Disney World* and *The Unofficial Guide to Disney World* are the best ones. Read how to take full advantage of all the permutations and combinations that are available. To get the most benefit and bang for your buck, you should do some preplanning. It's fun to do, and you will be amazed at the breath of things available.

Q: When can I book extra dining or FastPasses?

A: Tickets to attractions are available at any time. But for dining reservations and FastPasses, you need to wait. Dining reservations are available to SR members attending the meeting from about 3/28/20 (180 days out), and FastPasses are available from about 6/30/20 (90 days out). To reserve dining space as a SR member, you must have a room confirmation # and online account to do this. By reserving your dinner space as soon as it is allowed, you can get a jump over the general public by a few days. But don't wait! Keep in mind, the premier dining venues book out months in advance. If you wait too long, you lose!!

General Society Sons of the Revolution
Board of Managers Meeting Registration Form 9/24 – 9/27/2020
Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resort

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

*Registration Fee for a delegate is \$ 395.00 per person.
 Registration Fee for wives and guests is \$370 per person.

Fee costs are almost all for food and beverage, and include Thursday evening reception, a continental breakfast on Friday and Saturday AM, the Friday PM reception at Epcot®, and Saturday PM dinner at Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resort.

	Yes	No
Thursday, September 24, 2020		
6 P.M. Executive Committee (only) meeting at Ale and Compass in the hotel.	_____	_____
7:30 – 8:30 P.M. Open bar reception in the Convention area	_____	_____
Friday, September 25, 2020		
7:30 – 8:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast in Convention area	_____	_____
8:30 A.M. – Noon GSSR delegate meeting in A & B Cape Cod Hall	_____	_____
7:30 P.M. GSSR reception at Eau de Paris in Epcot®	_____	_____
Saturday, September 26, 2020		
7:30 – 8:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast in Yacht Club Convention area	_____	_____
8:30 A.M. – Noon GSSR meeting/memorial service in A & B Cape Cod Hall	_____	_____
6:30 P.M. GSSR Dinner in A & B Asbury Hall	_____	_____
Sunday, September 27, 2020		
8:30 A.M. GSSR Church Service and Parting Sherry in the Convention Space	_____	_____
Total \$ _____		

Make out your Registration Fee check to the GSSR and mail to:
General Society of the Sons of the Revolution
Board of Managers Meeting Registration
412 West Francis Street
Williamsburg, VA 23185

The host hotel is Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resort located in Walt Disney World Resort® at 1700 Epcot Resorts Blvd., Orlando, FL 32830. Call (407) 924-7000 or visit <https://mydisneygroup.com/gssr2020> to get convention room rate of \$275 per night.

** NOTE: All activities will be "resort casual." No need for blazer, tie, etc. Nice collared knit shirt and slacks or shorts will do. Don't forget to pack your bathing suit for the fabulous pool complex.