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President's Message

The winter has slipped by and the Chapter's activities have been very busy. Since the last report, the Chapter has hosted a PASSAR quarterly meeting in King of Prussia. Special thanks to Greg Shively, who organized so many of the functions over a Friday and Saturday and to Jim Willis, Dick Randolph and Guy Lisowski who helped in such extraordinary ways. The highlight was the luncheon talk by Benjamin Franklin (Ralph Archbold helping) who is a leading Philadelphia story-teller. And he told the stories to the delight of all, before the largest meeting in some years.

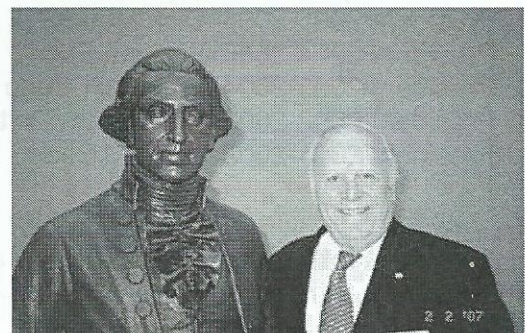
Our monthly meetings have featured, in January, Dr. Jack Covington with the story of General "Mad" Anthony Wayne; in February, Marquis de Lafayette, aided by Carl Hoben, joined us in full French uniform to tell us his life story; and His Excellency General George Washington, with aide Dean Malissa, was with us in March from his 275th birthday events in Mount Vernon, where he had been joined by the US President, the second George W. April featured Mrs. Cynthia Brewer discussing the tours and events at the Friends of Independence Historical Park for April and May, open to

For the 85th year the Chapter held wreath-laying ceremonies at Washington statues in Washington Square and at Independence Hall. It was bitter cold, not a cloud in the sky and a few inches of fresh white snow around as the Color Guard led by Captain James Sanborn provided an inspiring uniformed and flag-flying sight in its march through the Park. Our Compatriot Jack Sholl captivated the luncheon attendees with his stories and experiences as a volunteer guide at Independence Park over more than 20 years.

In May we will have the President of the Friends of Valley Forge speak on the developing plans for the Center of the American Revolution, a museum planned to cover the full story of the US War for Independence and sited in hallowed Valley Forge. Compatriots and guests are invited for the lunch and program.

Further ahead are the Picnic on June 3, the Radnor Memorial Day Parade where all can march or ride with the Chapter, Flag Day at Betsy Ross House, Allegiance Sunday on July 1 at 10 am services at Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, and further ahead the Constitution Week Luncheon on Saturday, September 15, held jointly with the SE District, DAR ladies.

All the above makes for plenty of activities to be attended. And the flag placement at RW cemeteries, done at your own pace in spring adds more you can do with your family. Make time for some of these events, and enjoy. We are blessed with our fine patriotic society and each of its Compatriots.



George Washington and Lanny Patten

Fraternally,
Lanny R. Patten