



The Society of St. George  
PHILADELPHIA

1772 - 2022

ST. GEORGE'S DAY GALA  
APRIL 22, 2023



*To all to whom these presents  
shall come  
Greetings . . .  
know ye that we whose names  
are hereunto subscribed,  
being citizens of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
having associated for the purpose  
of establishing in Philadelphia,  
a society for the advice  
and assistance of Englishmen,  
in distress.*



St. George and the Dragon, ca. 1500 engraving by unknown German artist



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

In 1772, Philadelphia was the second largest city in the English-speaking world, bustling with English immigrants. Your society was founded to help Englishmen in need—its chaplains, physicians, and lawyers were there to offer support. Our first president was The Rev. Richard Peters, rector at Christ Church. Benjamin Franklin, Bishop William White, and Robert Morris were early members.

We are still committed to helping Englishmen and women in distress 250 years later, and our outreach efforts have expanded to assist a changing Philadelphia. Decades ago we began awarding scholarships to local college students wishing to study in England, but the pandemic prevented student travel and allowed us to redirect those funds to other worthy causes.

- We renewed our two and a half centuries-old relationship with Christ Church.
- We established a new partnership with the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Philadelphia Outward Bound School.
- We strengthened our support of our longtime partner St. James School, an Episcopal school for under-resourced students in the neighborhood of Allegheny West.

- And in cooperation with the Fairmount Park Conservancy, we have recently adopted our St. George and the Dragon statue, which sits on the west bank of the Schuylkill in Fairmount Park.

As we celebrate our founding and two and a half centuries of charitable good works with this 250th Anniversary Gala, let us wish the society another 250 years of strength, growth, prosperity, and many more good works.

Warm regards,



**Bill Thompson**  
President

**P.S.**

*If you're keen on the dates, you'll note that the timing of our event is slightly askew. Due to the lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the official 250th anniversary celebration was delayed one year . . . but that doesn't change how pleased we are to see you here!*

**Your contributions to the Society help us remain committed to education & community.**

**To make a donation, mail check to:**

The Tiger Building, 1221 Locust Street, Box 502, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
or contact Executive Director Judith Francis  
stgeorgephiladelphia@gmail.com 267.521.1774



# GALA COMMITTEE

George I. Tyndall, Jr. — Gala Chair

Charles D. Barber

Richard F. Booker

Gregory S. Cantwell

Judith K. Francis

Peter R. Hill

Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr.

Anne L. Peckham

William B. Thompson

# Schedule of Events

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## Church Service + 5:00p.m.

### Choral Evensong Service

Christ Church Philadelphia  
20 N. American Street

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### Participating Clergy

**The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez**

Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania  
Honorary Society Chaplain

**The Rev. W. Frank Allen, Rector**

St. David's Episcopal Church  
Wayne, PA, Society Chaplain

**The Rev. G. Clayton Ames III**

Pastor, Southwestern Presbyterian Church  
Philadelphia, PA, Society Chaplain

**The Rev. Andrew Kellner**

Priest in Charge, Church of St. Asaph  
Bala Cynwyd, PA, Society Chaplain

**The Rev. Timothy Steeves**

Associate Priest, Washington Memorial Chapel  
Valley Forge, PA, Society Chaplain

**The Rev. Anne Thatcher**

Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Morristown, NJ, Society Chaplain

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## Christ Church Participants

The Rev. Susan Richardson, Interim Rector  
Cecelia Wagner, Parish Administrator  
Parker Kitterman, Organist and Music Director  
Christ Church Choir  
Crucifer, Johannes DuToit  
Carol Smith, Archivist

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## Society Member Participants

**Piper** James Turner, Jr.

**Ushers** Renee Cantwell, Greg Cantwell,  
Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr., Ronna Tyndall

**Mace Bearer** Bruce Cooper Gill

**Banner Bearer** George Tyndall

*Please take note of the Historic Display in the rear  
of the church pertaining to The Society of St. George  
and its relationship with Christ Church.*

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## Procession + 6:00 p.m.

Christ Church to The Arch Street  
Meeting House, 320 Arch Street

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## Participating in the Procession

**Mace Bearer** Bruce Gill

**Banner Bearer** George Tyndall

**Flag Bearers** William Thompson,  
Richard Booker, and Will Forbes

**Pipes and Drum** William Watson, Frank Watson,  
Tom Conner, and Alison Watson



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## Cocktail Reception + 6:15 p.m.

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## Program + 7:00 p.m.

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**Welcome** *William Thompson*

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**Pennsylvania Governor's Proclamation**

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**City Council of Philadelphia Resolution**

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**Introduction of Society  
Leaders and Honored Guests**

**The Welsh Society of Philadelphia (1729)**

Jack R. Williams, Jr., President

**The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia (1747)**

Mark D. Lupke, President

**The German Society of Pennsylvania (1764)**

Hardy von Auenmueller,

Director and President Emeritus

**The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick (1771)**

Michael Maloney, President

**The Society of St. George (1772)**

The Rev. Frank Allen, Chaplain

The Rev. G. Clayton Ames III, Chaplain

The Rev. Andrew Kellner, Chaplain

The Rev. Timothy Steeves, Chaplain

The Rev. Anne Thatcher, Chaplain

**The English Speaking Union of The United States (1920)**

Deborah Smith Webster, President

**Daughters of the British Empire in PA (1920)**

Phyllis Fox, Member

**The British Officers Club of Philadelphia (1925)**

David Leslie Hughes, President

**The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez**

Honorary Chaplain of The Society of St. George, Philadelphia  
Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

**Hannah Young**

Patron of The Society of St. George  
Philadelphia British Deputy Consul General of New York

**Oliver St. Clair Franklin, CBE**

Deputy Patron of The Society of St. George, Philadelphia  
Honorary British Consul of Greater Philadelphia

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**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Honoree**

**Dr. R. Scott Stephenson**

President and CEO

Museum of the American Revolution

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**Invocation**

The Rev. G. Clayton Ames, III

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**Star Spangled Banner**

The Entire Assembly

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**Presidential Change Over**

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## Dinner + 8:00 p.m.

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### Grace

The Rev. Timothy Steeves

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### Traditional Toasts

**To** The President of The United States  
Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr.  
**America The Beautiful** The Entire Assembly

**To** His Majesty, The King  
S. Valence Sauri  
**God Save The King** The Entire Assembly

**To** The Patron Saint, St. George  
Richard F. Booker

**To** The Founders  
Anne L. Peckham

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### Greetings from Around the World

William B. Thompson

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### Necrology

The Rev. G. Clayton Ames, III

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### Benediction

The Rev. Anne Thatcher

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## Dancing

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**Music by The All Star Jazz Trio**

# Christ Church

## and The Society of St. George

Many of the founding members of the Society of the Sons of Saint George attended and served on the Vestry.

The rector of Christ Church, Rev. Richard Peters, was the first elected president of the society. Christ Church members served as first elected officers including, Robert Morris, Vice President, Daniel Rundle, Treasurer and Richard Footman, Steward.

Rev. Richard Peters <sup>†</sup>	Isaac Hazlehurst
Robert Morris	Captain John Hazlewood
Daniel Rundle	Thomas Murgatrod
Richard Footman*	George Rundle*
William Adcock*	Richard Rundle*
Richard Bache	Thomas Savadge
Dr. Robert Bass*	Dr. William Smith
Dr. Thomas Bond	Peter Turner, Sr.
Dr. Phineas Bond	Rev. William White <sup>†</sup>
Johnathan Brown*	Hon. Thomas Willing
Edward Cutbush	Richard Willing
Emanuel Eyres	Thomas Yorke
Benjamin Franklin	

\* Vestry members

<sup>†</sup> Rectors of Christ Church

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## CHRIST CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA

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Thirty-nine Philadelphia colonists, loyal to the Bishop of London and desiring to worship according to the rites of the Church of England, established Christ Church on November 15, 1695 land previously under the care of the Lenni Lenape peoples. Construction began on the current church building in 1727 and concluded in 1744.

The tower and steeple, financed through a lottery managed in part by Benjamin Franklin, were completed in 1754. The building is an outstanding example of colonial architecture in the Georgian spirit, arguably the finest building of its time in the colonies.

Christ Church and its clergy played a critical role during the Revolutionary era. In September 1774 the Rev. Jacob Duché opened the first Continental Congress with prayers citing the 35th Psalm, Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me; light against them that fight against me. John Adams recounted to his wife Abigail, “I must confess I never heard a better prayer heaven had ordained that psalm to be read on that morning.”

During this time, influential Philadelphians heard sermons in Christ Church both supporting and discouraging Independence. On July 4, 1776, Christ Church struck King George’s name from the prayers in worship. Clergy served as chaplains to the Continental Congress.

In 1790, the church designated a double-pew in the center aisle for the President of the United States to use for worship. President George Washington regularly attended, as did President John Adams while Philadelphia



remained the capital. The pew is still so designated, and any worshiper may use it if not occupied.

Seven signers of the Declaration of Independence and live framers of the Constitution are buried in the hallowed grounds of Christ Church. In 1948, Congress designated it a national shrine during the creation of Independence National Historical Park.

After the American Revolution, the church played the instrumental role in organizing the Episcopal Church out of the remnants of the colonial Church of England. Buried in the chancel is the Right Reverend William White, ninth rector of the parish, Chaplain of the Continental Congress, first Bishop of Pennsylvania, and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in its formative years.

Bishop White demonstrated that the church in this nation could be independent yet still in communion with the church in England, a fundamental tenet of Anglicanism. The first general convention that unified the scattered Episcopal Church and approved the first American Book of Common Prayer met in this building in 1789.

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you belong and are welcomed just as you are to receive the blessings of God Worship Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at Noon. Services are livestreamed at [christchurchphila.org/live](http://christchurchphila.org/live).

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# Dinner Menu

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## Cocktails Hour

Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail  
Smoked Salmon and Black Bread  
Ancho Seared Chicken with Toasted Corn Bread  
Mini Maryland Crab Cakes  
Ginger Egg Rolls  
Grilled Beef Roll with Scallions  
Sea Scallop Wrapped in Bacon

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## First Course

Spring Salad

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## Second Course

Pan Seared Filet Mignon with Merlot Sauce  
Oven Roasted Potatoes with Rosemary  
Broccoli with Garlic and Red Peppers

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## Dessert

Sticky Toffee Pudding



## BILL OF FARE

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FIRST COURSE.  
Oysters on Half Shell.

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SECOND COURSE.  
Mock Turtle and Consomme Soups.

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THIRD COURSE.  
Planked Shad and Potatoes.

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FOURTH COURSE.  
Roast Beef.            Roast Lamb.  
Corn.            Stewed Tomatoes.            Mushrooms.

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FIFTH COURSE.  
Sweet Breads and Peas.  
Broiled Oysters.

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SIXTH COURSE.  
Spring Chicken.    Squabs.  
Asparagus.

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SEVENTH COURSE.  
Lobster Salad.            Chicken Croquettes.

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EIGHTH COURSE.  
English Plum Pudding, Wine Sauce.

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RELISHES.  
Olives.            Dressed Salad.            Pickles.            Cucumbers.  
Sliced Tomatoes.

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DESSERT.  
Fancy Cakes.            French Meringues.  
Creams and Ices.            Cosaques.  
Strawberries.

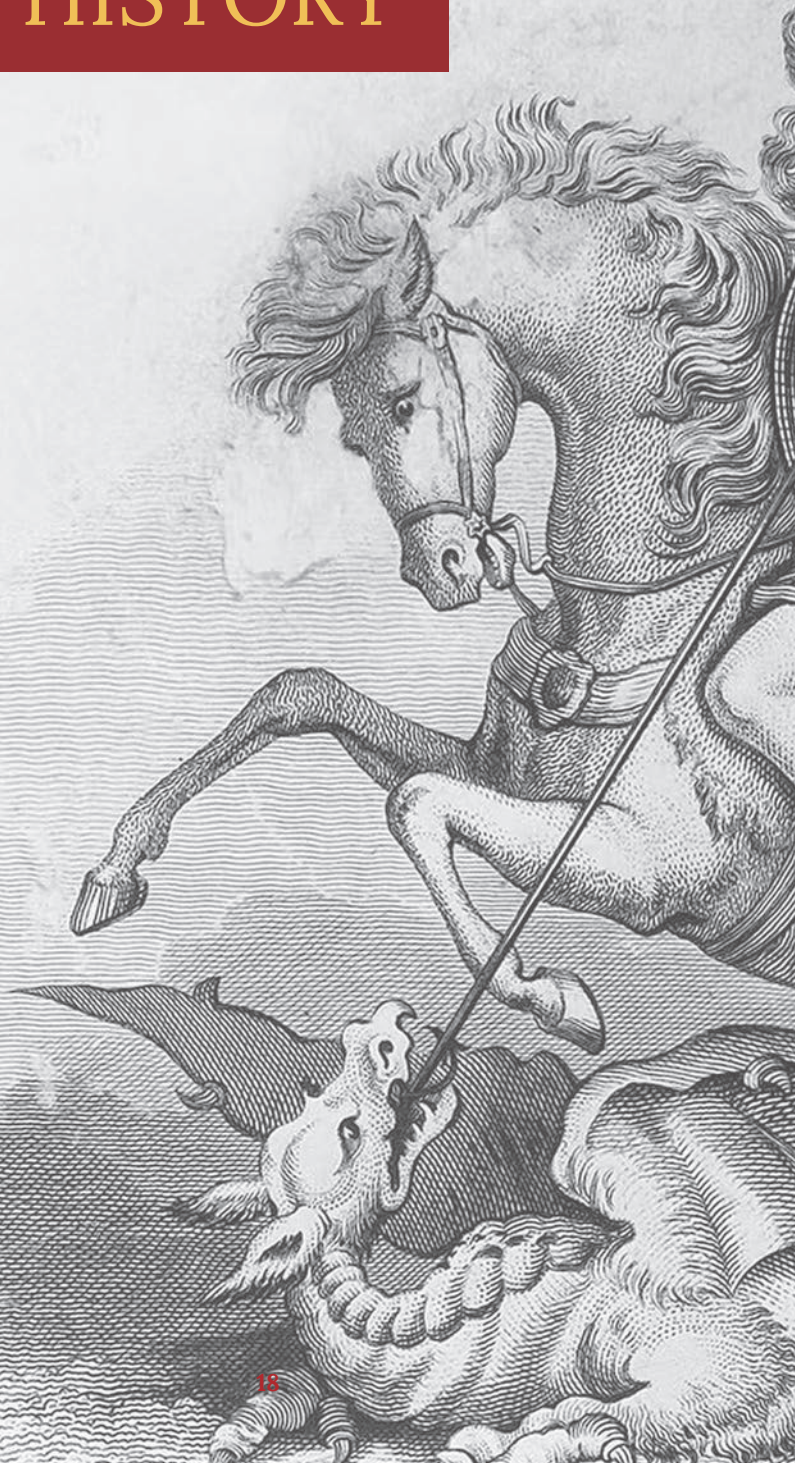
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COFFEE.

# A HISTORY



The Society  
of St. George  
Philadelphia

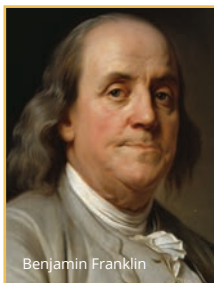




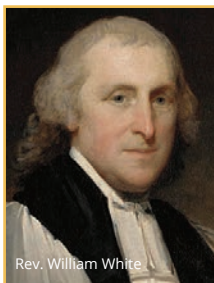
he first formal institution called The Society of the Sons of Saint George was founded in Philadelphia on April 23, 1772. They met at Patrick Byrne's Tavern on St. George's Day and adopted a constitution to govern the Society. The extended title of the association reveals the main aim of the Society:

*For the advice and assistance of Englishmen in distress.*

The Introduction of the Constitution states that “numbers of Englishmen have arrived in this city and being disappointed in their expectations have been reduced to the lowest ebb of distress; and not knowing where to apply for relief or advice, have sunk into ruin almost unnoticed.” The members hoped to provide distressed Englishmen with “good counsel or a small pecuniary assistance.”



Benjamin Franklin



Rev. William White



Thomas Penn



Robert Morris

With some claims that they first met in 1720 at Tun Tavern, it was officially founded with 85 members in 1772, the first meeting held at Patrick Byrne's Tavern on Front Street below Walnut. Robert Morris—signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and financier of the Revolution—was its most prominent member and served as the first vice president of the Society. At the second meeting, Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Penn and the future first Episcopal bishop in America Reverend William White joined.



The Society's connection to St. George was evident in its celebration of St. George's Day and its symbols. They met quarterly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, July, October, and January. The most important meeting occurred on St. George's Day, an occasion to deliberate on official business and to elect new officers: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, the stewards, and messenger. April 23<sup>rd</sup> was also a festive and social occasion to celebrate English nationalism. Symbols depicted the patron saint of England, its seal consisting of the arms of England, St. George and the dragon, and the words *LIBERTAS ET NATALE SOLUM* on the top along with "I was a stranger and ye took me in" on the bottom.

The young institution was disturbed by the chaos of the Revolutionary War. The battles of Lexington and Concord occurred on April 19, 1775. During the annual meeting on St. George's Day Robert Morris announced news of the fighting. The Society was torn between loyalists and supporters of independence. Some members left the meeting depressed by the report of hostilities while others greeted the news with rejoicing. The following meeting on July 24, 1775, was poorly attended and it was decided via vote to suspend its activities temporarily. Tension between members escalated as the colonies moved closer to declaring independence, with one member—the outspoken royalist John Kearsley—arrested for his political activities.

At a Meeting of the following Gentlemen Englishmen and  
Sons of Englishmen at Byrnie's Tavern on St. George's Day  
the 23. of April 1772

Present

Richard Peters, D.D. President  
Mr. Robert Morris, Vice President  
Mr. Daniel Rundle, Treasurer  
Richard Peters, Junr Secy  
William Cary, Esq.  
Dr. John Kay, Esq.  
Mr. Richard Freeman  
Mr. Thomas Bewick  
Mr. Nathaniel Gordon  
Mr. Charles Allen  
Mr. William Stank  
Dr. John Thomas Bond  
Dr. John Thomas Bond  
Mr. John Baynton  
Mr. John Benson  
Mr. Joseph Bullock  
Dr. John Andrew Esq.  
Mr. James Budson  
Edward Daves, Esq.  
Mr. Thomas Beardsley  
Mr. Richard Barch  
Mr. Jonathan Daven  
Captain Joseph Brown  
Mr. George Esq.  
Rev. Mr. John Lister  
Mr. John Evans  
Capt. James Eaton

Mr. Edward Calbush  
Mr. William Dawson  
Dr. John Day  
Mr. Emanuel Byers  
Mr. John Byers  
John Johnson, Esq.  
Mr. Mark Freeman  
Mr. John Glave  
Mr. Thomas Hamilton  
Mr. George Gordon  
Dr. John George Glentworth  
Mr. Isaac Harshbunt  
Mr. William Hason  
Mr. John Hudson  
Rev. Mr. Robert Hawking  
Capt. William Hingham  
Capt. John Harbington  
Mr. Nathaniel Hoyle  
Mr. James Jay  
Mr. John Jennings  
Mr. William Houghton James  
Mr. Samuel Joffin  
John Kild Esq.  
Lynford Lovdgor, Esq.  
Thos. John Lennox  
Mr. William Lendon  
Capt. John Lawley

Mr. Thomas Hargrave  
George South, Esq.  
Dr. John Wilson, Conchobon  
Mr. John Philips  
Mr. William Saltard  
Mr. Thomas Kealey  
Mr. George Rundle  
Mr. Richard Rundle  
Mr. Charles Barber  
William Bull Esq.  
Mr. Arthur Westlake  
Mr. William Westbury  
Capt. James Whackey  
Mr. Joseph Wharton  
Mr. Robert Weymouth  
Mr. Thomas Weymouth  
Rev. Mr. William Whiting  
Dr. John Whiting  
Mr. John Tyler  
Mr. George Weymouth  
Mr. John Weymouth  
Mr. Thomas Weymouth  
Mr. Richard Weymouth  
Mr. Thomas Weymouth  
Mr. John Weymouth  
Mr. George Weymouth  
Mr. Thomas Weymouth  
Mr. Thomas Weymouth

The foregoing fourteen Rules being read, were submitted and agreed to by all present, & the same  
the Society presented to the choice of Officers agreeable to the Rules, and the following Gentlemen  
were elected unanimously, viz.

The Rev. Richard Peters, D.D. President Mr. Robert Morris, Vice President Mr. Daniel Rundle, Treasurer	William Cary, Esq. Dr. John Kay, Esq. Mr. Richard Freeman	Stewards
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Richard Peters, junr, Secretary,  
John Airey, Messenger.

The further Consideration of the Rules and Plan on which the Society is to  
proceed, is postponed to the next Quarterly Meeting, when Alterations may be made, if  
necessary, in the foregoing Rules

Richard Peters junr  
Secretary

Part of the record of the first meeting when the first rules were adopted.

An emergency meeting was held in March 1776 and, among other business, he was expelled.

It was decided to hold the annual St. George's Day dinner on April 23, 1776, and the division between loyalists and patriots was evident during the celebrations. John Adams wrote a letter to his wife on that day in which the renowned statesman described the festivities:



*This is St. George's day, a festival celebrated by the English, as St. Patrick's is by the Irish, St. David's by the Welsh, and St. Andrew's by the Scotch. The natives of Old England in this city heretofore formed a society which they called St. George's Club or St. George's Society. Upon the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, annually, they had a great feast. But the Tories and politics have made a schism in the society, so that one part of them are to meet and dine at the City Tavern, and the other at the Bunch of Grapes, Israel Jacobs's, and a third party go out of town.*

*One set are stanch  
Americans, another  
stanch Britons, and a third,  
half-way men, neutral  
beings, moderate men,  
prudent folks; for such  
is the division among men  
upon all occasions and  
every question.*



City Tavern

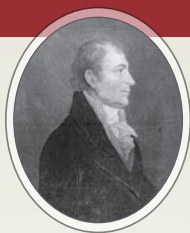
The chaotic celebration in 1776 marked the end of the Society's activities for the rest of the revolutionary period. The revolutionary era reveals a complex relationship between the English heritage of the colonists and their political views. Perhaps surprisingly, Americans insisted on celebrating St. George's Day, the national day of England, even as they prepared to break from the empire. Their push towards independence did not consist of a rejection of English culture. As with the case of St. George's Day, rebels saw the Revolutionary War as being consistent with English political traditions. In the future, St. George's societies continued the difficult act of balancing their pride in being English and loyalty to the American state.

The Society reconvened on April 23, 1787, beginning a long period of growth and stability. The first matter of business was to amend the constitution to accommodate the changed political situation. A reprised set of rules were approved on April 23, 1788, removing the arms of England and *LIBERTAS ET NATALE SOLUM* from the seal, and in their place adding thirteen stars, the eye of providence, a wreath, a young phoenix, and the motto *ADD TO BROTHERLY LOVE, CHARITY*.

A shift from pounds to dollars, and province to state, was also required. The revived society grew in numbers, with the most respected new member being Benjamin Franklin, who joined in 1787 just around the start of the Constitutional Convention on May 25.



# Bits & Pieces



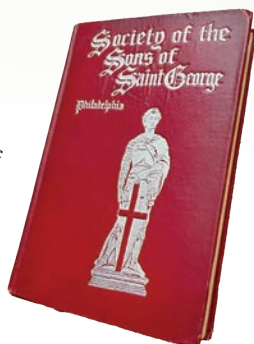
The Society won recognition from the state of Pennsylvania in 1813, receiving a charter from Governor Simon Snyder.

In 1837, upon the accession of Queen Victoria to the British throne, the Society commissioned Thomas Sully of Philadelphia to paint her portrait.



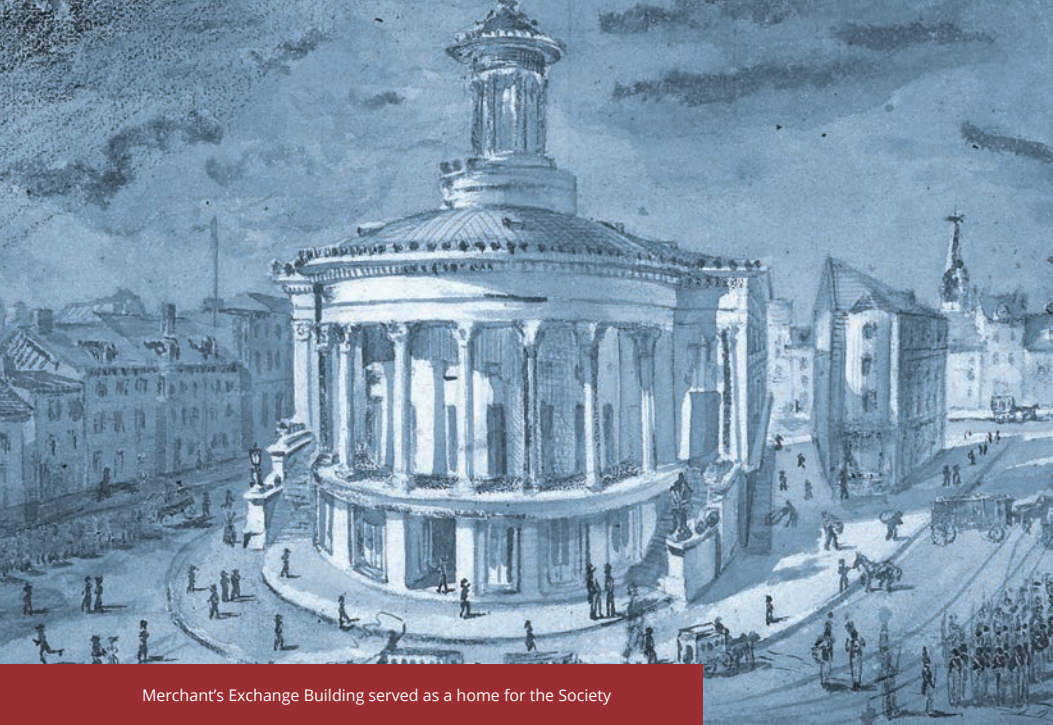
During WWI and WWII, the Society raised funds for the relief of British war sufferers, including war brides and distressed widows and children of soldiers and sailors.

In 1923, a history of the Society was published and is still available for purchase today.



The Society celebrated its bicentennial in 1972 with a reception and tea at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on April 21 and on April 22 held a reception and banquet at the Union League.





Merchant's Exchange Building served as a home for the Society

## Meeting Places

Until the late 1860s, The Society of the Sons of St. George had no permanent location and met at various places around the city. Its first permanent home from 1868 to 1872 was a rented room at the Merchant's Exchange at 3rd and Walnut Streets, then moved to the Continental Hotel for four years. In the 1870s the Society purchased the Mathew Newkirk Mansion at 13th and Arch Streets and renamed it St. George's Hall. The building sold in 1896 to Henry Lea, who the Society then rented the hall from. In 1902, Lea sold the building and the Society was forced to move out. The building was torn down, and the columns and portico were moved to Princeton University.



The Continental Hotel once located at 9th and Chestnut



St. George's Hall at 13th & Arch Streets was purchased in the 1870s





St. George's House at 19th and Arch Streets opened in 1903

The Society then purchased and renovated a building at 19th and Arch Streets. The renamed St. George's House opened April 16, 1903. In 1920, it was agreed to sell St. George's House due to the changing nature of the neighborhood, its inadequate size, and a great increase in its value.

Meetings were held at the Manufacturer's Club, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and the Rittenhouse Hotel from 1921-1924.



A building at 19th and Spring Garden Streets was purchased, and the Society took up residence in 1924. It served the Society for over eight decades until it came down in May 2008.

The offices are currently at The Tiger Building located at 1221 Locust Street in Philadelphia



In the following years, The Society of the Sons of St. George held its annual St. George's Day Dinner at the Philadelphia Club, with its annual meetings at the Franklin Club and the Corinthian Yacht Club. It shared offices with the Philadelphia Branch of the English Speaking Union (ESU) at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia until 2018, and currently shares offices with the ESU and other non-profits at The Tiger Building located at 1221 Locust Street in Philadelphia. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, members met at various other locations in and around the city as well as through video.

## **St. George and the Dragon Statue**

When The Society of the Sons of St. George decided to purchase its own property in 1872, a statue of St. George and the Dragon was commissioned. Cast in bronze by Elkington & Company of Birmingham England, the statue measures 8' in height, 4' in width, and 12'6" in depth. The base is 6' in height, 11'6" in width, and 6'6" in depth. It was installed on St. George's Hall in 1877 then moved to the new St. George's Hall at 19th and Arch Streets in 1903. Placed in storage at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1935, and eventually donated to the City of Philadelphia, the sculpture was revived in time for the US Bicentennial of 1976.



It was placed in 1975 in West Fairmount Park along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive near Black Road. The statue sits mere feet from a path where walkers and bikers can easily spot the magnificent recreation of the classic tale. In 2021, members began efforts to beautify the area around the statue.



## The Albion Society

The Albion Society was established in 1855 in Philadelphia for the purpose of the advice and assistance of Englishmen in distress. Later amendments to the Albion Society's Constitution expanded its purpose to provide advice and assistance to natives of all British Commonwealth countries, the British Isles, and its colonies and dependencies, any British Officer, and the descendants of all of the above. The Albion Club was a tenant at St. George's Hall in 1900. In the 1920s, the Albion Society was known as the "House of Lords" of the St. George Society.

By 1981, only three members remained, all of whom were also members of The Society of the Sons of St. George. On October 13, 1981, the Albion Society voted to dissolve and distribute its assets to the Society of the Sons of St. George. (The minutes of that meeting noted there were 250 members of the Society with a waiting list for membership).

The Albion resolution also restricted the use of its funds to assist low-income Englishmen and to provide scholarships for English youth to study in America and vice versa. It was in the context of addressing those restrictions that a St. George foundation was established as a separate entity.

## The Foundation

The Society's Foundation was created in 1986 as a 501(c)(3) to make use of Albion Society's Scholarship Funds to provide underserved University of Pennsylvania students the opportunity to study in England, and in return allowed English students to study at the university.

In October 1986, Educational Assistance Program Guidelines were first developed. The requirements to receive a scholarship were much broader than is currently required. In the late 1980s, the Scholarship Assistance Committee of the Society established a relationship with Arcadia University (then Beaver College). The late David Larsen, former Director of Beaver College Center for Education Abroad and a member of the Society, was an integral part of the program.

Since the inception of this program in 1987-88, a total of \$350,000 has been awarded in scholarship aid to nearly 90 students from nearly 50 colleges and universities. To qualify for a scholarship, students must: 1) live in the Philadelphia area 2) have a good academic record 3) demonstrate financial need and 4) be of English descent. Applicants from outside Arcadia are also accepted.

In 1984, the Society provided funding for kneelers in St. George's Chapel at Westminster Abbey in London.



In addition to its college scholarship program, the Society through its foundation has supported and is supporting other worthwhile endeavors, including St. James School for under resourced students in the neighborhood of Allegheny West, and Philadelphia Outward



Bound School's partnership with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award USA Program. Outward Bound is a flexible and proven youth development program for students 14-24, and complements formal classroom learning with a focus on real world experiences that build essential life skills.



## Royal Society of St George

The Royal Society of St George, founded in 1894, is the premier patriotic society in England, its patron Queen Elizabeth II. In January 1983, The Society of the Sons of St. George became a Life Affiliate member thanks to the work of Society member Robert Sewell. He was also a founding member of the city of Westminster Branch of the Royal Society when he returned to London after working in Philadelphia.

## Other Societies

The Society of the Sons of St. George was one of the last immigrant assistance societies to be formed, following The Welsh Society of Philadelphia (1729), St. Andrews Society of Philadelphia for Scots (1747), The Hibernian Club of Philadelphia for the Irish (1759), The German Society of Pennsylvania (1764), and Sons of St. Patrick (1771). The first aid society specifically for the English was formed in Boston when the now named Boston Episcopal Charitable Society was established in 1724 by charter from the king of England; it was focused on recent English immigrants. It is now an arm of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. The St. George Society of New York was established just two years prior to Philadelphia's in 1770 and is still very active today.

## Amendments

In 1796, a committee was appointed to revise the rules and constitution, approved on April 24, 1797. The Society was first incorporated in 1813 and reincorporated on April 24, 1856. The charter was once again amended and restated in March 1910. A Certificate of Summary of Record was filed on November 26, 1980. The Society began admitting women in the early 2000s. In 2017, amended and restated articles of incorporation were adopted and filed for a 501(c)(3) public charity, and the name was changed to the Society of St. George, Philadelphia, to reflect that its membership was no longer limited to men. The Society then opened its membership to those who are not of English ancestry and interested in the organization's mission and activities.

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Historical text from St. George's Day, Cultural History of England's National Day by Hanael Bianchi and former society secretary Roger A. Brown, Esq. Edited by Al Cassidy and George Tyndall.





# The Queen's Portrait



When Queen Victoria ascended to the throne in 1837, Thomas Sully was commissioned to paint her portrait for The Society of the Sons of St. George. Completed in 1839, the portrait eventually found a home at the Philadelphia Museum of Art where the Society holds its annual meeting. The painting was sold in the 1950s to a private collector, who donated the picture to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

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# THOMAS SULLY

1783 - 1872

From National Gallery of Art

Thomas Sully was born in 1783 in Horncastle, Lincolnshire, England, the youngest son of nine children born to the actors Matthew and Sarah Chester Sully.

At the suggestion of his father's brother-in-law, a theater manager in Virginia and South Carolina, the Sullys emigrated to the United States in 1792. Sully attended school in New York until his mother's death in 1794, when he returned to live with his family in Richmond. From there they moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where the future artist performed on the stage with his parents and siblings.

Following the example of his older brother, the miniature painter Lawrence, Sully resolved to become an artist. He first received art lessons from his young schoolmate Charles Fraser. After an unsuccessful attempt to learn the business of insurance broking, Sully was apprenticed to his brother-in-law, a French emigrée miniaturist named Jean Belzons. After a violent quarrel with his teacher in 1799 Sully left Charleston and joined his brother Lawrence in Richmond. Inspired by the sight of portraits by Henry Benbridge, he continued to study art and opened up his first studio at Richmond in 1804. When Lawrence died in September 1804 Sully assumed responsibility for the family and eventually married his brother's widow Sarah.



Self portrait 1815

In 1806 Sully accepted a commission to paint at a theater in New York, where he met William Dunlap, John Wesley Jarvis, and John Trumbull. He invested one hundred dollars to have Trumbull paint a portrait of his wife so that he might learn something of the senior artist's technique. In 1807 he travelled to Boston and spent about three weeks studying with Gilbert Stuart, who encouraged his efforts to become a portraitist. Later that year Sully moved to Philadelphia, where he remained for the rest of his life.

His portrait practice flourished, and in May 1809 he entered into an agreement with a group of prominent citizens that enabled him to embark a year-long trip to study art in London. Sharing a room there with Charles Bird King, he studied under Benjamin West and Henry Fuseli, met the circle of British artists who were active at the Royal Academy of Art, and familiarized himself with collections of old master paintings. When Sully returned to Philadelphia in 1810 he quickly set about establishing his future reputation as one of America's foremost portraitists by painting a number of full-length commissions, beginning in 1811 with George Frederick Cooke in the Role of Richard III. In 1812, one year after the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts acquired the painting, Sully was elected to an honorary membership in the organization, in which he played an active role until resigning from its board of directors in 1831. From 1819 to at least 1846 he and his partner, the restorer and frame maker James S. Earle, ran a successful commercial art gallery.

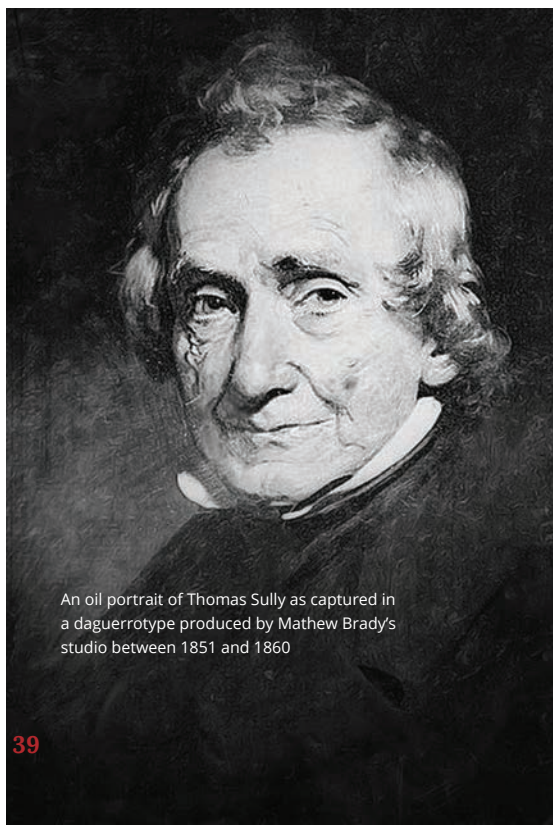
Sully's artistic activity was not confined to Philadelphia, and throughout his long career he made numerous protracted trips to Washington, Baltimore, Boston, New York, and West Point.

At the height of his fame in 1837,  
a Philadelphia association of British  
expatriates called the Society of the  
Sons of St. George sent him to England  
to paint a full-length portrait of  
the recently crowned Queen Victoria.

Sully's professional stature was such that he attracted many pupils, most notable among them Charles Robert Leslie, John Neagle, and Jacob Eichholtz; he also trained several of his children to become competent artists. In 1851 he prepared a short practical guide for portraitists entitled *Hints to Young Painters and the Process of Portrait Painting*, which was revised in 1871 and published two years later.

Sully was America's foremost exponent of the highly romanticized, painterly, and fluid style of portraiture practiced by the two contemporary British artists he had most admired during his year of study in England, Sir Henry Raeburn and Sir Thomas Lawrence. Although he painted many of the most prominent politicians, clergymen, and military heroes of his era, Sully's fame rests mainly on his exaggeratedly elegant and idealized portraits of fashionable society women, and, to a lesser extent, his sentimental group portraits of children and "fancy pictures." Often painted with a nearly flawless mastery of technique, these ultra-refined images are fundamentally decorative, and the deliberately self-conscious affectations of the sitters create a sense of artificiality that precludes the achievement of any penetrating psychological insight into their characters. This aesthetic, however, appealed greatly to the elite social stratum from which Sully drew his patrons, and earned him the status of being the most successful American portrait painter following the death of Gilbert Stuart in 1828, until his gradual decline in the 1850s.

Sully died in Philadelphia in 1872.



An oil portrait of Thomas Sully as captured in a daguerrotype produced by Mathew Brady's studio between 1851 and 1860

1837

1897

COMMEMORATIVE EXERCISES

IN CELEBRATION OF

# The Diamond Jubilee

OF

# Queen Victoria

BY

The Society of the Sons of St. George

AND

The Albion Society of Philadelphia

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TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 22, 1897

ST. GEORGE'S HALL

PHILADELPHIA



# ON THE PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN IN ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

BY A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY.

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Victoria ! Accept the kind greeting that we  
The sons of fair England send over the sea :  
We rejoice that the peer of thy titles has been,  
A Queen among Women—a Womanly Queen.

We look on the picture and recall the glad time,  
In the day of thy youthful and maidenly prime ;  
And we love to behold in those features serene,  
A Monarch—but more of the woman than Queen.

We have grieved o'er the sorrows of thy later years ;  
Have rejoiced in thy joys, have held sacred thy tears ;  
And in every condition, amid every scene,  
Have loved and respected the Womanly Queen.

And now a more glorious pathway is thine ;  
Of which Wisdom has spoken in Numbers Divine.<sup>1</sup>  
In the pure way of Justice and Right shall be seen  
The steps of Victoria, the Empress and Queen.

We join our glad voices with those in the Land  
Where we first saw the light, and attest hand-in-hand,  
That of all thy proud titles the greatest has been,  
A Queen among Women—a Womanly Queen.

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<sup>1</sup>The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.—Proverbs xvi., 32.



Albrecht Dürer 1501-1504

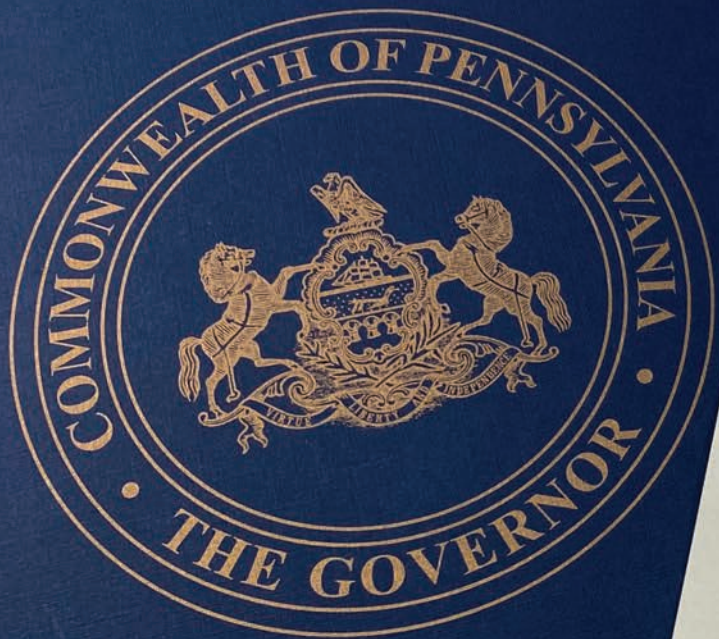
# The Tale of St. George & The Dragon

In a legend, St. George, a soldier venerated in Christianity, defeats a dragon. The story goes that the dragon originally extorted tribute from villagers. When they ran out of livestock and trinkets for the dragon, they started giving up a human tribute once a year. This was acceptable to the villagers until a princess who was chosen as the next offering. The saint thereupon rescued the princess chosen as the next offering. The narrative was first set in Cappadocia in the earliest sources of the 11th and 12th centuries, but transferred to Libya in the 13th-century Golden Legend.

The narrative has pre-Christian origins (Jason and Medea, Perseus and Andromeda, Typhon, etc.) and is recorded in various saints' lives prior to its attribution to St. George specifically. It was particularly attributed to St. Theodore Tiro in the 9th and 10th centuries. The story was first transferred to St. George in the 11th century with the oldest known record of him slaying a dragon found in a Georgian text.

The legend and iconography spread rapidly through the Byzantine cultural sphere in the 12th century, then reached Western Christian tradition via the crusades. The knights of the First Crusade believed that St. George, along with his fellow soldier-saints Demetrius, Maurice, Theodore and Mercurius had fought alongside them at Antioch and Jerusalem.

The legend was popularized in Western tradition in the 13th century based on its Latin versions in the *Speculum Historiale* and the Golden Legend. At first limited to the courtly setting of Chivalric romance, the legend was popularized in the 13th century and became a favorite literary and pictorial subject in the Late Middle Ages and Renaissance, and it has become an integral part of the Christian traditions relating to St. George in both Eastern and Western tradition.





COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

Greetings:

I am honored to join with The Society of St. George of Philadelphia as it celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Since its inception generations ago as a trusted place for Englishmen to receive advice and assistance, this organization has remained steadfast in its mission to serve its members and community, leaving an indelible impact on countless Pennsylvanians. This Society truly exemplifies the importance of maintaining and appreciating the unique heritage of every individual, and over its many years, this organization has cultivated exceptional members who have played sizeable roles in the history of our Commonwealth and our nation.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am proud to recognize this historic achievement, and I am confident the St. George Society of Philadelphia will continue to have a positive impact on Pennsylvanians for generations to come.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
April 22, 2023





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## HONORARY GUEST

# Dr. R. Scott Stephenson

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Dr. R. Scott Stephenson has served as President and CEO of the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia since 2018. From 2007-2018, Stephenson led the development of the Museum's award-winning exhibitions, multimedia experiences, and educational programming, as well as overseeing the care and expansion of its rich collection of art and artifacts, first as Founding Director of Collections and Interpretation and then as Vice President of Collections, Exhibitions, and Programming. He served as a key member of the senior leadership team that raised \$173 million to build and open the Museum, surpassing the capital campaign goal of \$150 million. He holds a B.A. from Juniata College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in American History from the University of Virginia.



# Scholarship Recipients

2011 - 2022

St. George grants scholarships to high school and college students who have English heritage and who live within the Greater Philadelphia area, to attend schools and universities in England.

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Bucknell University

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Arcadia University

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# CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

September 29, 2022



PHILADELPHIA CITY HALL  
Painted by Noel G. Miles A.W.S.



Recognizing  
The 250th  
Anniversary of the  
Society of the Sons of the  
Founding Fathers  
For its Legacy  
To the English-American

WHEREAS, The Society of the Sons of the Founding Fathers, Philadelphia Chapter, was the first Chapter of the Society of the Sons of the Founding Fathers in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Saint George's Day, April 23, 1772;

WHEREAS, Having this same Philadelphia was the first City in the American Colonies to establish such a society; and

WHEREAS, The Society is an affiliate member of the 1894 White Royal Patriotic Order (Heraldic 2); and

WHEREAS, The Society's chapter is the first of its kind in Philadelphia;

WHEREAS, Since its founding meeting in 1772, the Society has flourished ever continues to include prominent men, women, Bishop William White, the first Episcopal Bishop of the United States, and other notable figures in the local community and English heritage; and

WHEREAS, The Society carried out its charitable and educational purposes in World War I and World War II providing support to British war leaders in World War I;

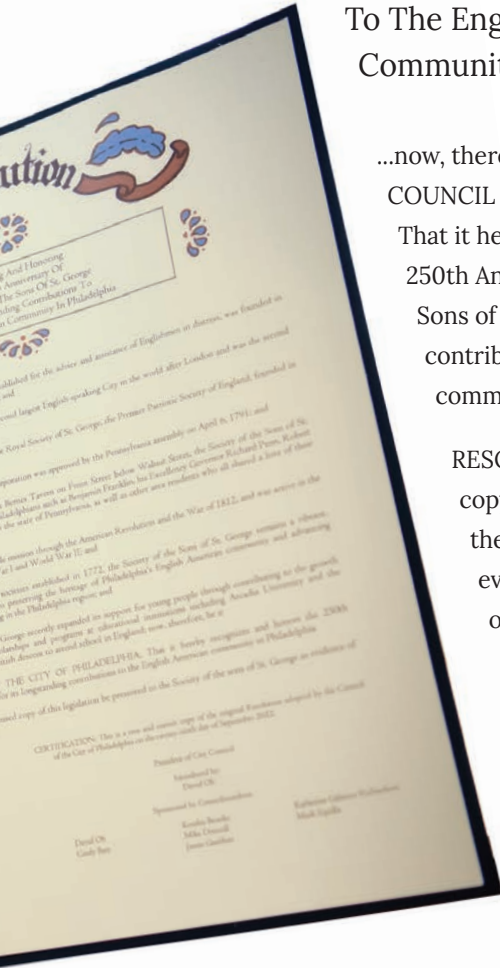
WHEREAS, As one of the oldest hereditary societies in the United States, the Society has dedicated itself to the preservation of the English heritage and educational opportunities for those interested in the same;

WHEREAS, The Society of the Sons of the Founding Fathers, Philadelphia Chapter, through providing support to the St. James School and through providing support to the Philadelphia Chartered Board School for students of the City of Philadelphia;

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF the Society of the Sons of the Founding Fathers, Philadelphia Chapter, that the English-American Society of the Sons of the Founding Fathers, Philadelphia Chapter, be and it is hereby so ordered, that the Mayor and Administration of the Legislative body,



Recognizing And Honoring The 250th Anniversary Of  
The Society Of The Sons Of St. George  
For Its Longstanding Contributions  
To The English American  
Community In Philadelphia



...now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes and honors the 250th Anniversary of the Society of the Sons of St. George for its longstanding contributions to the English American community in Philadelphia.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this legislation be presented to the Society of the Sons of St. George as evidence of the respect and admiration of this legislative body.

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-ninth day of September 2022.

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Introduced by: David Oh | Sponsored by Councilmembers:  
David Oh, Cindy Bass, Kendra Brooks, Mike Driscoll,  
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## British Consulate-General New York

13 April 2023

### THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY OF ST GEORGE, PHILADELPHIA

Dear esteemed members and guests of  
the Society of St. George, Philadelphia,

It is with great pleasure and gratitude  
that I congratulate the Society on  
this momentous 250th anniversary.

The Society has created a remarkable and vibrant legacy  
of fostering community and advancing English-focused  
educational opportunities for those living in the Philadelphia  
region. Such an impressive history deserves to be celebrated,  
particularly the impact it has made on countless lives  
over the years.

As His Majesty's Deputy Consul General to Philadelphia,  
I am deeply honored and humbled to become a Patron of  
the Society. Your acknowledgement truly means a lot to me,  
both on a personal and professional level. I am committed to  
supporting your work and the mission of this organization  
wholeheartedly, and I stand with you, proud of our shared  
commitment to strengthen the UK-US relationship,  
and to promote British culture and values as well as  
our strong philanthropic endeavours.



Similarly, I would like to express my gratitude towards the Society of St. George, Philadelphia for recognizing my esteemed colleague, Oliver Franklin CBE, as a Deputy Patron. His dedication to the Society's mission and tireless efforts in promoting our collective goals is truly commendable, and he is a great asset to the British Consulate General and to the Society.

As we celebrate this remarkable anniversary, there is no doubt that the Society of St. George, Philadelphia will continue to flourish and make even greater strides in the years to come. I look forward to working together as we uphold and advance the mission and values that we hold dear.

Once again, congratulations to the Society of St. George, Philadelphia on its 250th anniversary, and thank you for your unwavering commitment to fostering British-American relations and making a meaningful impact on the lives of so many.

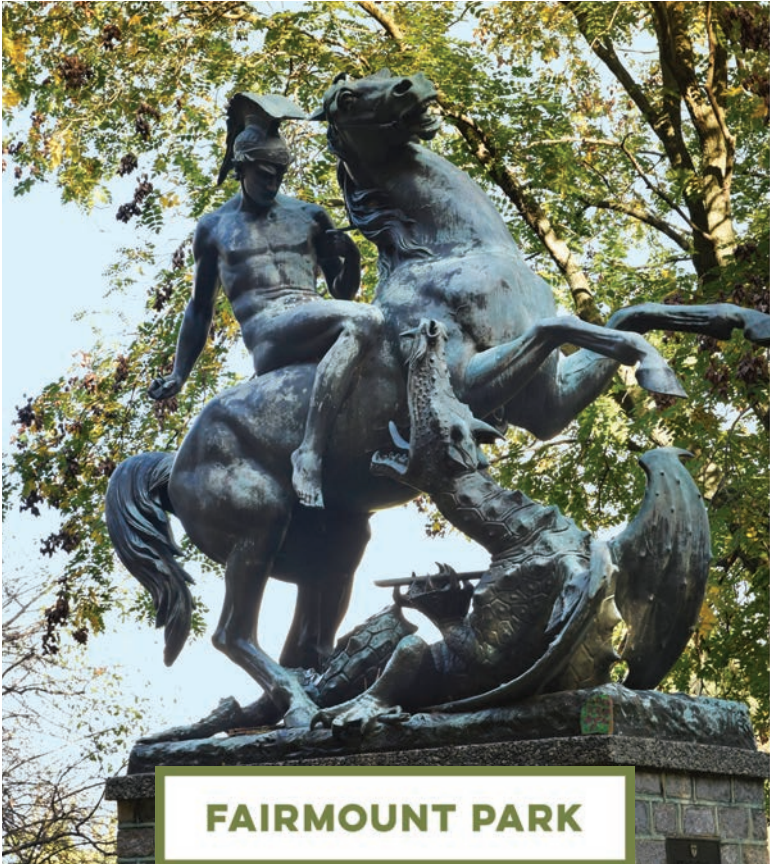
*Warm regards*



**Hannah Young**

*British Deputy Consul General to New York*





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On behalf of the entire St. James Community, we congratulate The Society of St. George on their 250th Anniversary.



Founded in Philadelphia in 1772 on St. George's Day (April 23rd), The Society of St. George, Philadelphia was established for the "advice and assistance of Englishmen, in distress."



Since 2011, The Society of St. George expanded their founding vision to support the young people in care to St. James Episcopal School (North Philadelphia). The Society's dedication to fostering community for the service of others has benefited St. James School's Wanamaker Scholarship Program.



St. James recognizes the members of The Society of St. George for their commitment to strengthening the students, families, graduates and the wider neighborhood of St. James. We are looking forward to furthering our partnership and creating a deeper love for service to our community.



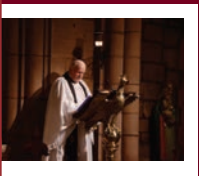
### Mission Statement

St. James is a faith-based educational community deeply rooted in transformative loving relationships.



### Vision Statement

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8 April 2023

Dear Bill

We send you our greetings and best wishes as you celebrate your 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
It is a pity we are not a little nearer - so we could attend the Gala !

Yours sincerely

Nick P. Lennard  
Chairman  
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The President, Chairman and members of  
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### **The Society of St George, Philadelphia**

their heartiest congratulations on its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

With every good wish for an extremely enjoyable celebration on  
on 22 April  
and our very best wishes to you all for St. George's Day 2023





The Royal Society of Saint George  
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To the Society of St George, Philadelphia

Greetings and Congratulations from the Huntingdon U.K.Branch of the  
Royal Society of St George on This your 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
May you long Continue in Health and Friendship.

God save the King.



God Bless America.

" For England's the one land I Know where men with splendid hearts may go and Cambridgeshire of all  
England the shire for men who understand"  
Rupert Brooke-1912

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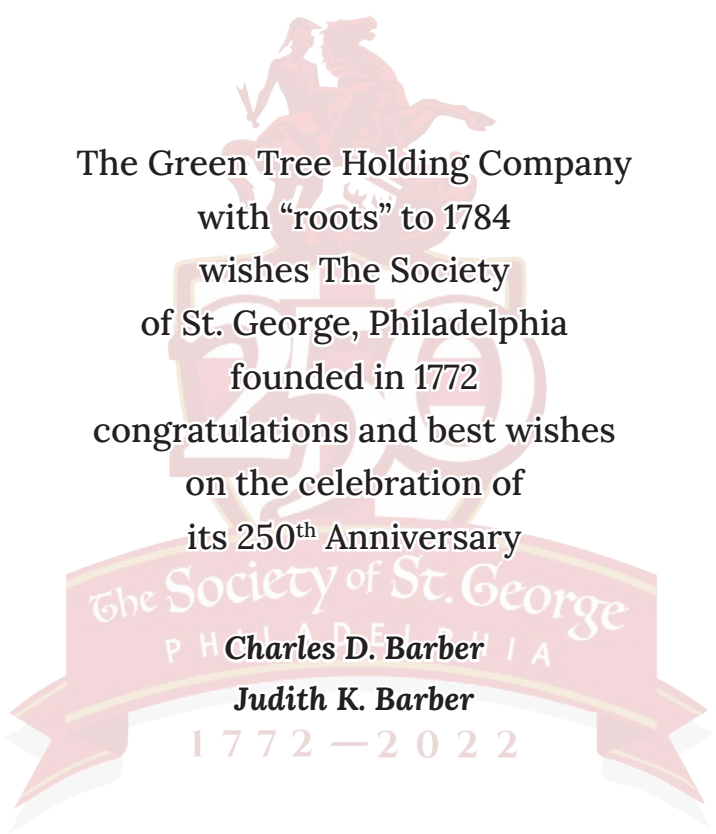
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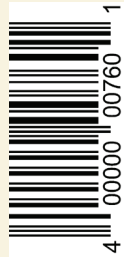
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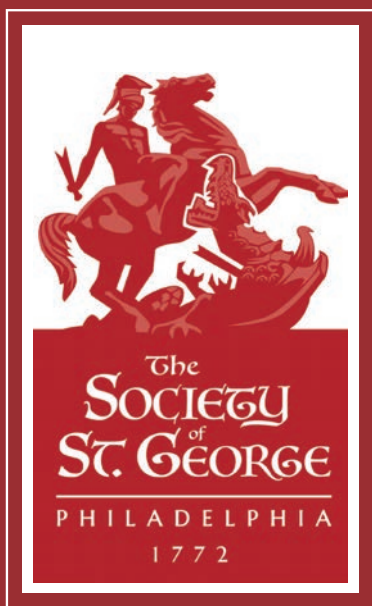
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