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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We are very happy to welcome the following Junior Member.

Hudson J. Wilber – Glenmont, NY

Hudson is the infant son of Compatriot Tyler Wilber.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Malinoski

At our Chapter's Annual Washington Day Dinner on February 21, 2015 I was elected President of the Chapter. I would not have predicted this honor was going to occur to me when I first joined the SAR. My journey to this point all began when I was a young teen and my maternal grandmother told me that our family had an individual who was an officer fighting for America's independence during the Revolutionary War. Fast forward to many years later and this ancestor, George Marsden, became the key to my membership in the SAR and specifically, the Saratoga Battle Chapter. A few years after that I was able to substantiate my first supplemental Patriot ancestor via my maternal grandfather's side of our family and proudly added my first star to my member badge. As I related to those in attendance at the dinner, I only wish that both my grandmother and grandfather could have been there to witness my election and installation as the Chapter President. I'm sure they would have, as my grandfather liked to say, be 'tickled pink' at this event.

Along with my election, the Chapter elected a fine slate of officers putting in place what I believe to be a strong leadership team for the next two years. Our Chapter has historically been blessed with leaders with great energy and vision and the new leadership team has been challenged to live up to the high quality of service to the Chapter that was established by these past leaders. Our Chapter is the largest in the State of New York with 183 members. Through wise and diligent stewardship efforts, the Chapter also has more than adequate resources to carry out its mission. We have been given much to work with

in promoting what was attained by our Patriot ancestors through the American Revolution.

I would encourage each of you to take the time to visit our Chapter's website (<http://www.saratogabattle-sar.org/>) to take advantage of the information and resources that are posted there. For example, we have a full slate of events already scheduled for this year. On July 4th we will once again be actively involved in the Citizenship Ceremony at the Saratoga National Historical Park. If you have never had the opportunity to attend this event I would highly encourage you to do so this year. It truly is a moving ceremony and one not to be missed. In August the Chapter will march in the Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville. This occurs on the second of August and is a phenomenal parade. September 20th is the Wreath Laying Ceremony with the DAR at the Saratoga National Historical Park followed by a dinner/business meeting for the Chapter at the Saratoga Holiday Inn. On October 16th, the Chapter will participate in the Surrender Ceremony at Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville. At our February 21st meeting, Past President Rich Fullam alerted us to the fact that there will be a ceremony on November 17th at Schuylerville High School celebrating the US Mint's issuance of one of their National Park quarters. This quarter honors the Saratoga National Historical Park and depicts Burgoyne's surrender. I have asked Past President Fullam to actively become involved in this event representing our Chapter. He will be serving on the committee responsible for planning the event. I'm sure many of you may want to attend this ceremony.

Events like those already noted above provide each member of the Chapter opportunities to actively participate in and interact with the citizens of our communities. As I recently wrote to the Chapter Officers, I would like to see our Chapter continue to energetically support the activities we have long been associated with in the past and look for opportunities to expand our citizenship education efforts; continue to emphasize patriotism (especially among the younger generation); increase the visibility of our Chapter in our communities; and become actively

involved in appropriate civic and patriotic events. My hope is that each of you will resolve to participate in one or more these events this year. I'd conclude by asking that if you have suggestions for the Chapter, comments, or a question you'd like answered, please feel free to email myself or any of the other Chapter Officers. Our email addresses can be found on the Chapter website.

Again, let me thank you for the honor and opportunity to serve you as President. I hope our paths will cross throughout the coming year so that I can get to meet and chat with you. May you and your loved ones be blessed throughout the coming year. I'll close with a favorite quote of mine from George Washington: *"I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."*

CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting and Washington's Birthday celebration was held on February 21st at the Century House Restaurant in Latham. The following slate of officers was presented and elected unanimously.

President – George Malinoski
1st V P – Douglas Gallant
2nd V P – Michael Companion
Secretary – Patrick Reilly
Treasurer – Douglas Gallant
Registrar – Thomas Dunne
Genealogist – Dennis F. Marr
Historian – Karl Danneil
Chaplain – Charles Wheeler

Dennis Marr was reappointed Newsletter Editor, Dennis Booth was reappointed Webmaster and Duane Booth was reappointed Asst. Registrar.

Treasurer Gallant reported a very healthy Treasury balance and Registrar Dunne and Asst. Registrar Booth reported membership of 183.

The following awards were announced at the meeting.

Chapter Flag Streamer – President General's Initiatives 2013-14: Mt. Vernon Portrait Program

Liberty Medal for Sponsoring 10 new members: Tom Dunne

War Service Medal/Vietnam – Charles Wheeler

Color Guard Medal – Michael Skelly

We were also able to replace the Martha Washington Medal and Medal of Appreciation previously presented to Mrs. Alice Goebel.

Outgoing Pres. Dunne presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation and key rings to:

George Malinoski; Douglas Gallant; Dennis Marr; Karl Danneil; Charles Wheeler; Peter Goebel; Duane Booth; Dennis Booth.

President-elect Malinoski presented the SAR Past President pin to Thomas Dunne.



President-elect Malinoski Wields the Gavel for the First Time

VAN SCHAICK MANSION PROJECT

We have received a very gracious thank-you from the ladies at the Van Schaick Mansion for our chapter donation; a number of compatriots have also contributed individually. Attached are two forms that may be used to contribute to the cost of maintaining this jewel of the Capital District. We know that there are many worthy organizations vying for your charity dollars and hope that you may be able to include the Mansion in your giving.



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Historic Van Schaick Mansion Commemorative Patio and Walkway Brick Order Form

To thank you for your generous contribution to the Van Schaick Mansion Project, we invite you to fill out the order form for the appropriate brick which will be installed in our "Walk to the Past". (please check one):

_____ 4" X 8" Brick - \$50 brick for a \$250 donation (up to 3 lines/brick; 18 characters/line...spaces are counted as characters; periods, commas, and apostrophes are not counted as characters)

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