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## MNSAR CONSTITUTION DAY LUNCHEON

Minneapolis, Minnesota – Forty-two members of the Minnesota Society, along with spouses, guests, and members of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Minnesota, gathered for the Annual Constitution Day Luncheon. The total attendance was sixty-five. Jax Café had prepared their signature Walleye Pike meal for the group. MNSAR President Ronald McRoberts was elected and installed Vice President General for the North Central District during the NSSAR Congress in July. He brought remarks concerning that Congress which was held in Phoenix, Arizona, as well as from the recent Leadership meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky a few weeks ago.

**INSIDE THE MNSAR SALUTE...**

MNSAR Constitution Day Luncheon

Erin Hanahn Berg, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, was the Keynote Speaker at the Constitution Day Luncheon

2012 MNSAR Membership Report

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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION IS THE TOPIC OF THE DAY AT THE ANNUAL CONSTITUTION DAY LUNCHEON

Erin Hanafin Berg, Field Representative for the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota presented a very interesting and informative program entitled: *“Historic Preservation – An Opportunity for Economic Development and Community Building.”*

Berg enhanced her presentation with a video slide-show of many buildings around Minnesota that have been or are being renovated as preservation projects.

The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota is the only state-wide, private, non-profit organization advocating for the preservation of Minnesota’s historic resources. PAM was established in 1981 by citizens concerned about the loss of irreplaceable segments of our state’s heritage: structures, neighborhoods, community fabric.

Since 1995, the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota has compiled an annual list of the state’s threatened historic buildings, sites, and structures. While the endangering circumstances vary, PAM’s response remains the same – to shine a spotlight on these important places, to equip local advocates to rally for preservation, and to focus public attention on favorable outcomes that can be achieved through a preservation approach.

Two years ago the Todd County Courthouse, Long Prairie, Minnesota, was on the most endangered list. The

Todd County Historical Society asked for help for the 1883 building. The Courthouse was in great need of repair to the plumbing, electricity, windows and infrastructure. A majority of Todd County residents voted to increase their taxes to save the building. The 3.5 million dollar restoration has allowed the historic building to be the seat of County Government again.

**Preservation as Redevelopment:** The Graystone Hotel, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota is an excellent example of how a former downtown hotel can be reused as an affordable apartment complex. The hotel was built in 1916 and operated as a downtown hotel until 1963, after which it was converted into apartments.

The success of Graystone Hotel illustrates how disinvestment does not always take the form of complete abandonment, and that buildings that are struggling to remain economically viable are given an excellent opportunity for rehabilitation.

**Preservation is More Sustainable:** Historic preservation reduces the need to extract additional raw materials from the environment for the production of new building materials. Preservation also reduces building material waste in our landfills. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that construction waste accounts for 25% to 40% of solid waste going to landfills each year. Reus-



*Minnesota SR President William R. Johnson, Erin Hanafin Berg, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, and MNSAR President Ronald McRoberts are flanked by Color Guard members Craig Whiting and Paul Kent Theisen.*

ing a 50,000 square foot building prevents an estimated 4,000 tons of construction debris from being wasted. The cost of tear-down and rebuilding is often more expensive than renovation.

**Preservation is Main Street:** Over the past several decades, drastic changes in the way Americans live, work, shop and play have led to the decline of many of our country’s traditional downtowns and Main Streets. However Minnesota Main Street believes that with hard work and the right approach, they can reestablish Main Street as the heart of the community. By stimulating local business development, reinvesting in historic buildings, embracing our unique assets, and finding creative new ways to reconnect with the greater community, our traditional commercial districts are reemerging as centers of local pride.

Brainerd, Faribault, Red Wing, Willmar and New Ulm represent the initial list of Main Street projects in Minnesota. Through the Main Street Program 52 net new businesses have been established, 11 businesses have expanded and 141 net new full time jobs have been created.

Erin Hanafin Berg had an array of pamphlets and magazines on display for SAR members to take home with them. Following her presentation she was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation from the Minnesota SAR.

*Source:*

[www.mnpreservation.org](http://www.mnpreservation.org)

### Next Meeting

The Minnesota Society’s annual business meeting will be held at Jax Cafe on Saturday, January 12, 2013. Watch for detailed information to be mailed to you.



## 2012 MNSAR MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MNSAR Secretary-Treasurer John Hallberg Jones introduced new members and President McRoberts presented each with their certificate of membership and rosette. Whole families were introduced, which includes many new Junior members. Steven Hyde, MG Lyle Doerr, Glenn Friis, Scott Friis, Timothy Friis, Kaleus Friis, Syver Friis, Noah Bagley, James Bodeau (who also accepted for his older brothers Thomas and John), and Nicholas Bradley (who accepted for his older brother Gavin). Rosettes were presented to Geoffrey Bodeau, Michael Bradley, and Gary Printup. Supplemental ancestor certificates were presented to Brendan Tupa, David Foster, and John Sassaman. Many of the new members who were present are pictured, flanked by two of the members of the Minnesota SAR Color Guard.



### 2012 MNSAR NEW MEMBERS in the order they were received into membership:

Name	Patriot Ancestor	NSSAR No.	MNSAR No.
Virtue Michael Whitefeather Finnell-Frank.....	Reuben Finnell.....	182633.....	2098
Justice Xavier Lawrence Finnell-Frank .....	Reuben Finnell.....	182634.....	2099
Tracy Stewart Kay .....	Thomas Mann Randolph I .....	182910.....	2100
Paul Thomas Owens.....	George Pointer, Sr.....	182911 .....	2101
Steven James Hyde .....	Joseph Hyde.....	183280.....	2102
MG Lyle Carl Doerr.....	William Pettengell .....	183869.....	2103
Charles Franklin Bush II.....	Abraham Goss .....	184102.....	2104
Steven Jon Lokensgard .....	Joseph Hitchcock.....	184176.....	2105
Glenn Howard Friis.....	Thomas Crooks .....	184254.....	2106
Thomas Geoffrey Bodeau .....	William Trowbridge.....	184698.....	2107
John Geoffrey Bodeau .....	William Trowbridge.....	184699.....	2108
James Geoffrey Bodeau .....	William Trowbridge.....	184700.....	2109
Scott Andor Friis.....	Thomas Crooks .....	184842.....	2110
Timothy Glenn Friis.....	Thomas Crooks .....	184843.....	2111
Ronald Wayne Peterson .....	Samuel Felt .....	184844.....	2112
Kaleus Brendan Scott Friis .....	Thomas Crooks .....	184940.....	2113
Syver Glenn Brooke Friis .....	Thomas Crooks .....	184941 .....	2114
Noah Glenn Bagley.....	Thomas Crooks .....	184942.....	2115
Gavin Michael Bradley .....	Joseph Bradley.....	184943.....	2116
Nicholas Alexander Bradley .....	Joseph Bradley.....	184944.....	2117

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED:

Name	Patriot Ancestor	Name	Patriot Ancestor
Arthur Louis Finnell .....	John Tucker	Charles Edward Boyles.....	Abraham Wotring
Ronald Edward McRoberts.....	David Moulton		James Goff
Brendan Robert Tupa .....	Michael Happes, Sr	David Adriance Foster .....	Henry Bicker
	Michael Happes		Benjamin Pettingell
	Peter Van Deusen		Hezekiah Howell, Sr.
	Johannes Wiederstein		Isaac Storm
	John Kistler		Isaac Adriance
John Bradford Snell .....	Nathaniel Pomeroy	John Charles Sassaman.....	Francis Crum
	Jabez Holmes		

# AMERICAN EAGLE

News of Yesterday Reported Today

Sunday August 17, 1777

## REMARKABLE AMERICAN VICTORY AT BENNINGTON

Bennington, Vermont – Yesterday's remarkable victory of the battle of Bennington stunned General John Burgoyne. Like General William Howe, he seemed to have forgotten Bunker Hill and had underestimated the Yankee capacity for rising to a crisis.

In July Speaker John Langdon had told the General Court of New Hampshire, "Our old friend Stark, who so nobly sustained the honor of our State at Bunker's Hill, may be safely entrusted with the conduct of our enterprise, and we will check the progress of Burgoyne."

General John Stark said he would lead the brigade. But it would be a New Hampshire Brigade only. He wanted no truck with the Congress which had snubbed him by promoting green and untried junior colonels over his head. So Stark gathered nearly fifteen hundred men and marched them toward Manchester, Vermont, twenty miles north of Bennington.

There, General Philip Schuyler, commander of northern forces, ordered Stark to join him in the south at Stillwater. Stark refused. He took his orders from the New Hampshire General Court and no one else. John Stark decided that Bennington was the place to be. He marched his men south, leaving word for Colonel Seth Warner and the Green Mountain Boys to join him at Bennington.

The British command, lead by General John Burgoyne, now in need of cattle for his hungry men, as well as horses

to replace the hundred that had perished in this sweltering green hell of a province, decided to send out a foraging expedition to the Connecticut River valley. Burgoyne dispatched 374 Brunswick dragoons, 30 Hesse-Hanau artillerymen, and approximately 500 Loyalists and Indians from the British camp at Fort Miller. Their commander, Lieutenant Colonel Friedrich Baum, was ordered to secure these badly needed supplies. The target for the raid was Bennington.

Colonel Baum's advance was so harassed by militia, who were hanging on his front like a swarm of bees, that he became uneasy and sent back to Burgoyne for reinforcements.

Lieutenant Colonel von Breymann was quickly dispatched with about 650 men and two guns. Using parade-ground formations in the woods, Breymann "hurried" to the rescue at the rate of about one mile an hour.

On August 15, a rainy day, Baum's force nearly collided with Stark's brigade, which was marching down from Bennington along Walloomsac Creek. Baum immediately took a position on high ground and dug in. The next day Stark attacked.

Colonel Friedrich Baum had erred in dispersing his men over too wide a defensive arc, where they were not in mutual supporting distance and were liable to be knocked off piecemeal. Stark ordered a complicated double envelopment of Baum's entire position while he, leading the main column, assailed them frontally. American columns under Colonels Nicholas Moses



and Samuel Herrick marched stealthily through the deep woods around both of Baum's flanks. They wore the Loyalist white paper badge in their hats. Tory Major Philip Skene, who had accompanied Baum, told him they were Tories. Baum allowed the men to get onto his flank and rear. Baum's Indians and Loyalists positioned there quickly fled.

To Stark, this was the pre-arranged signal to launch the main assault over the bridge. It was then that Stark uttered his famous battle cry: "There, my boys, are your enemies. You must beat them, or Molly Stark is a widow tonight!"

Baum's dragoons, trained to fight as dismounted infantry, ensconced behind their muddy redoubt, resisted fiercely. They kept up a hot fire upon the Americans for two hours before a lucky cannon shot ignited their supply wagon. Once their ammunition was exhausted, Baum ordered the troopers to draw sabers and charge downhill on foot. But the enraged Yankees herded them back into

the slaughter pen. Baum fell dying, and only nine of his 374 Germans escaped death or capture.

At five o'clock Breymann's column made its unexpected appearance on the battlefield and momentarily threw the victorious Americans into confusion. The Germans presented a solid front and were pressing Stark's men back when they were suddenly assailed on both flanks by Colonel Seth Warner and his Green Mountain Boys. Breymann fought well until sunset when his ammunition expired and the Germans fled in confusion back to the British camp with casualties of about 230 dead, wounded and captured. Stark lost only 30 killed and 40 wounded during both actions.

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