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NEWSLETTER February 2015

January meeting well attended; Birthelmer's program enjoyed

2015 began on a high note with a good turnout at the January meeting. Not only were 24 members and guests present, but we got to see some Compatriots for the first time in several months.

Dual-member Bob Davis was in attendance with his guest David Nessley. Bob and David are the Secretary and President of the Hocking Valley Chapter, respectively, and they shared considerable insight regarding their chapter's experience with Wreaths Across America. Their insight was timely because the Benjamin Franklin Chapter is considering becoming one of several Ohio chapters to participate in this national effort.

Members enjoyed David Birthelmer's program on the Washington Monument--a subject with which all were familiar, but still had a lot to learn. Many said that they were surprised to see the extent of the damage that was done by the 2011 earthquake.

Members who would like to see video shot inside the Monument during the earthquake can go to--<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGrKho1z8Sk>.



Compatriots and guests include (clockwise from lower left) Drew Hinkle, Bill Finley, David Nessley, Bob Davis, Don Wurm, Don Miller, Delbert Grove, and Joe Kembitzky.

It's time to send in your reservations

The Benjamin Franklin Chapter Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to announce that its Annual George Washington's Birthday Observance (Dinner) will again be at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 North High Street, Columbus.

Invited are members of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter and their guests, members of area Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters and their guests, and members of the local Children of the American Revolution Chapter and their guests.

Three meal choices are available--

- Black Angus Braised Beef*.....\$29.00
- Chicken Rothschild in a Raspberry Dijon Sauce*.....\$29.00
- Baked Stuffed Sole in Lemon Butter Sauce stuffed with crabmeat and vegetables*.....\$29.00

All meals come with two side dishes and a Caesar salad

A dessert buffet will be available.



Our program will look at the core principles that our Founding Fathers built into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution--the concept of inalienable rights, freedom of religion and speech, and three branches of government with separation of powers, free elections, enumerated powers to safeguard against tyranny, as well as the phrase "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

We know that the brilliance of Adams, Jefferson, and Madison (shown above) was due to their classical educations, but less well known are the great intellectuals and philosophers who inspired and enabled them to create such an original and nearly perfect system of government.

Historian Denise Riley will identify these concepts and trace them to their groundbreaking authors-- including Voltaire, Diderot, and Locke (shown above from left). Dr. Riley earned her master of arts degree from Marquette University and her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.

Her program is especially suited to an audience with a deep appreciation for the system of government that we all enjoy.

Meal options

More good news is that all three meal options are priced at \$29.00--lower than last year's three choices.

Choice 1. Black Angus Braised Beef (boneless, slowly roasted)

Choice 2. Chicken Rothschild (breast of chicken in a raspberry-Dijon sauce)

Choice 3. Baked stuffed sole (baked in lemon butter sauce and stuffed with crabmeat and vegetables)

So, take this opportunity to make reservations for you and your guests.

REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I will attend the George Washington's Birthday Observance (Dinner) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday Feb. 20 at The Clintonville Woman's Club 3951 North High Street Columbus and I will be bringing ___ guests.

Circle dinner selection

My name _____	Phone # _____	Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole
My Guests: _____		Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole
_____		Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole
_____		Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole
_____		Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole

All meals are \$29.00.

Make the check payable to: **Benjamin Franklin Chapter** and mail it to--

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