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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

George Washington Dinner

Be sure to get your reservation in by the February 15 deadline

The 2017 George Washington's Birthday Dinner will be Friday, **Feb. 24.**

- We have a great program that will celebrate Washington as not only America's first president, but also the first leader of a nation to be elected by its people in all of human history.
- So he had **no one** to look to for insight and advice.
- Still, his two terms were so masterful that they were the template for many succeeding Presidents.
- Our speaker is Dr. Kevin Sims, professor of political science at Cedarville University.
- This is our only event of the year with local DAR Chapters.



Dr. Kevin Sims

- Choose from three fine dinners.
- Don't miss your chance to eat well and gain an even greater appreciation for the leadership and judgment of our first President, George Washington.

Don't miss this one
Complete the registration form on the back and send in with your check.

Mark Mahan tells story of Wetzel

How can a single person protect the population of an entire region from a continuation of vicious Indian raids that result in kidnapping, burned cabins, and death to the settlers?

Well, compatriot Mark Mahan explained that in the mid-1770s the first settlers in what is now southwest Pennsylvania and the West Virginia panhandle were completely on their own in terms providing for their safety. First, they were too far west for military protection and, second, they were living in the hunting ground of Ohio's Indian tribes--the Wyandot, Shawnee, and Delaware.

However, one of the young settlers, Lewis Wetzel, became their guardian angel by making the panhandle area too dangerous for Indians to continue their raids. Because he was able to reload his musket on the run, the Indians thought that his gun was always loaded and feared him so much that they named him *Deathwind*.

Mark shared several stories of Wetzel's exploits, including his crossings into Ohio to rescue captured horses and women.

In fact, Lewis was so admired that Wetzel County, West Virginia is named in his honor as a first-rate frontiersman and hero to early settlers in the Upper Ohio River Valley.



Lewis Wetzel with the Upper Ohio River Valley behind him.

BF Chapter is now part of the Kroger Rewards Program

To shop at Kroger allows participation in a fund-raising program for our chapter. The chapter is now enrolled in the Community Rewards Program. So, everyone with a registered Kroger Plus card can benefit our Chapter. Here are the easy steps to get set up on-line--

- *If you already have an on-line account*, sign in at **Kroger.com**. 2. Click or hover over **Community**, and when the drop-down box appears, click on **Community Account** and then click on **Enroll Now**. 3. Enter the information needed, then enter our Chapter's code--**33689**--in the **Organization Box**. 4. Click to **Confirm**.

- *To make an on-line account*, go to **Kroger.com** and click **Create Account** and enter your e-mail address, create and enter a password, enter zip code, click on your store, agree to the terms, and click **Create Account**.

PARTICIPATION WILL IN NO WAY AFFECT YOUR FUEL PERKS.

REGISTRATION FORM Yes, I will be attending the George Washington's Birthday Dinner 6:30, Friday, Feb. 24, at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3957 North High Street.

My name _____ Phone number _____ Beef Chicken Salmon

Guests: _____ Beef Chicken Salmon

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MEAL PRICES: Prime Rib of Beef (\$29) Chicken Florentine (\$27) Baked Salmon w/Hollandaise Sauce (\$27)

Make your check payable to **Benjamin Franklin Chapter** and mail before Feb. 15 to:

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