

*Society of the War of 1812 President Paul Walden attends the 246<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights at Gunston Hall, Virginia.*

*On June 11, 2022, President Paul Walden represented the Society of the War of 1812 at Gunston Hall, Virginia. The George Mason Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution sponsored the event. Over thirty-one patriotic organizations participated in the event held at George Mason's home, Gunston Hall near Lorton, Virginia. The Declaration, primarily authored by George Mason, served as a basis for the Declaration of Independence and later, the Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution.*



*Paul Walden delivers remarks at the commemoration at Gunston Hall. He also laid a wreath on behalf of the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia.*



*Gunston Hall, Lorton, Virginia*



*George Mason, 1725-1792*

### **SAR PLEDGE**

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

### **SAR RECESSIONAL**

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.

### **SOCIETY GREETINGS**

Virginia Society, SAR	Dr. Bill Greaf, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Virginia Society, NSDAR	Dr. Sharla Rausch, Director, District V
Virginia Society, CAR	Will Elston, President
War of 1812	Paul Walden, President
Sons and Daughters of the Virginia Founding Fathers	Paul Walden, Chaplain General
VA OFPA	Richard Rattan, Registrar & Genealogist
U. S. Daughters of the War of 1812	Eugenia McGroarty Eliza Monroe Chapter 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President

### **Commemoration Photographer:**

Richard Rankin, President, George Washington Chapter, VASSAR



## **GEORGE MASON CHAPTER VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

### **COMMEMORATION OF THE 246<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIRGINIA DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

**JUNE 11, 2022, NOON**

**GUNSTON HALL, LORTON VIRGINIA**



George Mason  
1725-1792



## PROGRAM

Musical Precessional	The Washington Tattoo
Call to Order	Fritz Barth, President George Mason Chapter
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Costa, Rector Pohick Church
Presentation of Colors	VASSAR Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	John Harvin George Mason Chapter
SAR Pledge	Ralph Lewis, Treasurer George Mason Chapter
Welcome	Mr. Scott Stroh, Director Gunston Hall Foundation Ken Morris, Past President George Mason Chapter Fritz Barth, President George Mason Chapter
Other Greetings	Society Representatives Listed on Back of Program
Fife and Drum	The Washington Tattoo
Keynote Speaker	Tom Kiess, Secretary George Mason Chapter
Reading of the 16 Articles of the Virginia Declaration of Rights	Peter Davenport, Felix Barth Kurt Barth, John Dominguez John Harvin, Ken Morris Tom Kiess, Kevin Poling George Mason Chapter
Wreath Presentations	Chapter and Society Representatives Listed on opposite page
Musket Salute	VASSAR Color Guard
Recognitions and Awards	Ken Morris, Past President George Mason Chapter Fritz Barth, President George Mason Chapter
SAR Recessional	Ralph Lewis, Treasurer George Mason Chapter
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Costa, Rector Pohick Church
Adjournment	President Fritz Barth
Musical Recessional	The Washington Tattoo

## Wreath Presenters

### SAR

National Society, SAR  
Virginia Society, SAR  
George Mason Chapter  
Col. James Wood, II Chapter  
Col. William Grayson Chapter  
Culpeper Minute Men Chapter  
Fairfax Resolves Chapter  
George Washington Chapter  
Sgt. Maj. John Champe Chapter

### DAR

NSDAR District V  
NSDAR District IX  
Ann Wagner Chapter  
Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter

Arlington House Chapter  
Bill of Rights Chapter

Dr. Elisha Dick Chapter  
Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter  
Falls Church Chapter  
Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter  
Kate Waller Barrett Chapter

Nelly Custis Chapter  
Prince William Resolves Chapter  
Spotsylvania Chapter  
Thomas Lee Chapter

### VA Society, C.A.R.

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Col. William Grayson Society

Providence Society

### War of 1812

### VA OFPA

### Sons and Daughters of the Virginia Founding Fathers

### U. S. Daughters War of 1812

Eliza Monroe Chapter

Michael J. Elson, Chancellor General  
Bill Greaf, VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Fritz Barth, Chapter President  
Mark Robinson, Past Chapter President  
Dave Button, Chapter Secretary  
Tom Hamill, Chapter President  
David Huxsoll, Chapter President  
Richard Rankin, Chapter President  
Ken Bonner, Chapter President

Dr. Sharla Rausch, Director  
Susan Harvin, Vice Director  
Elizabeth Greaf, Chapter Parliamentarian  
Nina Brown, Chapter Vice Regent  
Jeannie Leson, Past Chapter Regent  
Nancy Weinberg, Past Chapter Regent  
Beth Atkinson, Chapter Honorary Regent  
Rosemary Romine, Chapter Member  
Gina Salmons, Chapter Regent  
Paula Schwoerer, Member  
Sue Martin Stewart, Chapter Regent  
Donna Courtney, Chapter Secretary  
Sharon White, Chapter Regent  
Tillie Cassidy, Past Chapter Regent  
Dr. Mary Beth Cutting, Honorary Regent  
Leah Schmid, Chapter Regent  
Robin Chilton, Chapter Regent  
Kate Hooten, Chapter First Vice Regent

Will Elston, VA Society, C.A.R. President  
Ann-Cabrie Forsythe, Sr. State President  
Emily Brown, Society President  
Justin Thomas, Past Society President  
Vince Brown, Society Member  
Noah Salmons, Society Member

Paul Walden, President

Richard Rattan, Registrar and Genealogist

Paul Walden, Chaplain General

Eugenia McGroarty, Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President