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**Major Pierre-Charles L'Enfant O.M. (1754-1825)**  
designed the Washington City plan after the establishment  
of the Federal City in 1791. He also of course designed the  
insignia (the Eagle) of the Society in 1783.

## THE STATE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI OF PENNSYLVANIA

As we go to press our startling news is that our Pennsylvania Society Vice President and Honorary Member, Hobie Cawood, is resigning his position as Superintendent of Independence National Historical Park and taking on a lively historical project elsewhere. In Hobie's 19 ½ years in his present post he has done two phenomenal and overlapping jobs: (1) oversaw drastic architectural and decorative revision of the Hall to show it as it was in the late 18th century, and (2) brought our Park to national historical attention.

We should not let stay in his shadow the superb work done by his wife, Addie Lou, who trained an excellent corps of guides. All this showed with great clarity during the 1986 Triennial, hosted by Pennsylvania, when the two Cawoods were responsible for an outstanding day in the Independence Hall area, and we held two of our meetings in Congress Hall. (We should note here that in Pennsylvania Cincinnati early years many of our annual meetings (on July 4th!) were held in Independence Hall.)

Hobie also had a lighter touch. At this same Triennial he followed up a suggestion of Wistie Miller - and so to our utter amazement a glittering Mummies' String Band strutted into the City Tavern garden just before our luncheon there. Then they gathered us into their strut in the garden! Can any other Triennial match this? Hobie is NOT retiring: he is taking on a new position in living history. He has accepted the Presidency of Old Salem, Inc, at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This is a restored Moravian Congregation Town of 1760. It is a living history museum with 23 period rooms, 6 galleries, not to mention Old Salem Enterprises.

Hobie and Addie Lou say they will be glad to see us there - and by the time this gets into print this statement will be very true!

We do have two other items of news. As the Annual Meeting held October 5th, 1990 at the City Tavern the following officers and Standing Committee Members were elected: President, Lawrence C. Murdoch, J r.; Vice President, Hobart G. Cawood; Secretary, Lewis S. Graham, Jr.; Treasurer, John C. Tuten, Jr.; Assistant Secretary, William C. Chapin, Jr.; and Chaplain , Rev. James A. Trimble.

Members elected to the Standing Committee were: To serve until October 1991 - Robert H. Sproat and Anthony W. Ridgeway; until October 1992 -Dr.H. Bartholomew Cox and Frederick H. Knight, 3d; until October 1993 - Hon. John B. Hannum and John S. Lloyd .

Elected to the Standing Committee of the General Society and Director of the Society of the Cincinnati, Inc., were Henry M. Watts, Jr., and alternate, James O'H. Denny, III.

Our Washington Birthday Luncheon, held on the Federal Holiday, Monday , February 18th was a great success due the usual excellent team• work between our Hospitality Chairman, Bob Sproat and the City Tavern. Over 50 enjoyed an excellent luncheon followed by an engaging talk arranged by Hobie Cawood and given by James

**Van Dorn of the Independence National Park Service entitled "How Congress chose the title " Mr. President " for addressing George Washington. "**

**Clifford Lewis, 3rd**

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## **MICHIGAN**

**Ordinarily the members of The Cincinnati living in Michigan generate little news. On Saturday, March 2, however, several members and their wives were guests at a luncheon given by Dr. John C. Dann , Director of the William L. Clements Library of The University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor. Dr. Dann talked on the extensive collections of the American Revolutionary period and showed the members a number of fascinating items that included several pertaining to the Society of The Cincinnati. It was an occasion of the utmost interest to all. Members who attended were: Charles Kellogg Field, III (Virginia), and Mrs. Field; Nelson Clarke Holland , II (Massachusetts), and Mrs. Holand; Richard Booth Platt (New York), and Mrs. Platt; and Donald MacDonald Dickinson Thurber (Pennsylvania).**

**Donald M. D. Thurber**

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