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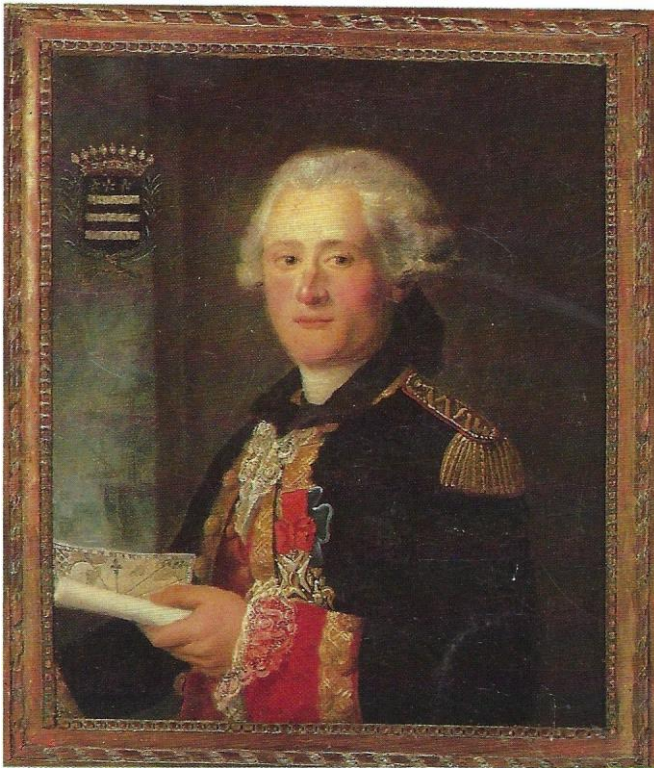
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Portrait purported to be of Claude, Chevalier de Chavagnac
Original Member of the Society of the Cincinnati
Wearing the Society Eagle and
The Order of the Chevalier de St. Louis

ANDERSON HOUSE NEWS HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The History Committee will continue to focus on the works and events related to our early history and to strengthen public awareness of the ideals and principles of George Washington. The general public perceives him to be more of a symbol and does not understand his strong convictions which were guided by his high moral values and standards. Another objective is to build upon the strength of the Society of the Cincinnati's lead in Franco-American relations and expand upon the events that molded our early history. One prominent example of building upon a better understanding of the public opinions that shaped the events of our developing nation was perfectly portrayed by the awarding of the Second Cincinnati Book Prize at a grand celebration this fall.

We are indebted to H. Bartholomew Cox (PA) and the Book Prize Committee, and especially to the judges who devoted so much of their personal time and efforts in reviewing all of the materials submitted and for having made such an outstanding selection for this award.

We look forward to a future publication from John Kilbourne (MD) on the Pennsylvania State Society history manuscript that presents short biographical sketches of its original members. We are also looking forward to publishing the works of Minor Myers (RI) on The Cincinnati Eagles to be followed by a work of Curt Davis (NC) pertaining to stories and experiences related to Anderson House.

William W. Anderson, Chairman

THE STATE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Cincinnati Summer Outing took place Saturday, September 12th, at "Cliveden," the historic Chew Mansion which was the center of the Battle of Germantown, on September 8, 1778. It is an extraordinarily handsome stone "summer residence" built in the 1760's for Benjamin Chew. Chew was the highly respected Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court but at the time of the Battle of Germantown was in exile for his loyalist sentiments. The house, surrounded by large old trees. Sits in the middle of a city block in recent years was a gift of the Chew family to the National Trust.

We chose an ideal day for refreshments outdoors, which were followed by a fine luncheon in the Carriage House. We had a most informative talk by Jennifer Esler, the Executive Director, and a tour of the house by well-informed guides.

This happy excursion was arranged by our Pennsylvania Cincinnati President Larry Murdoch, who is Secretary of Cliveden's Board of Directors. We had an extraordinarily distinguished guest of honor, Sir Pat rick O'Connor, cousin of Cliff Lewis and recently retired from the British High Court.

On October 2nd. our Society held Annual Meeting at the City Tavern. The meeting elected new members and three Honorary members: Nicholas Biddle, Jr.; Gustave A. Heckscher and Alfred W. Putnam.   The Pennsylvania Society held its 1992 Summer Outing at   Cliveden.

Pictured (L. to R.) are Nicholas Sellers, Sir Patrick O'Connor and Clifford Lewis, 3rd.

Following these elections, the Society elected officers and Standing Committee members for the coming year as follows: Lawrence C. Mur- doch, Jr., President; Henry Bartholomew Cox, Vice President; Lewis S. Graham, Jr., Secretary; John C. Tuten, Jr., Treasurer; William E. Chapin, Jr., Assistant Secretary; William R. Gordon, Assistant Treasurer; and The Reverend James A. Trimble, Chaplain; to serve on the Standing Committee until October 1994, Mark Frazier Lloyd; until October 1995, Dr. John P.C. Muhlenberg and Frederick Henry Knight 3rd.

Following these elections and adjournment of our meeting, we head a very interesting talk by Professor Lloyd Kramer on Lafayette in America.

Cocktails and dinner followed.   Clifford Lewis, 3rd *Contributing Editor*