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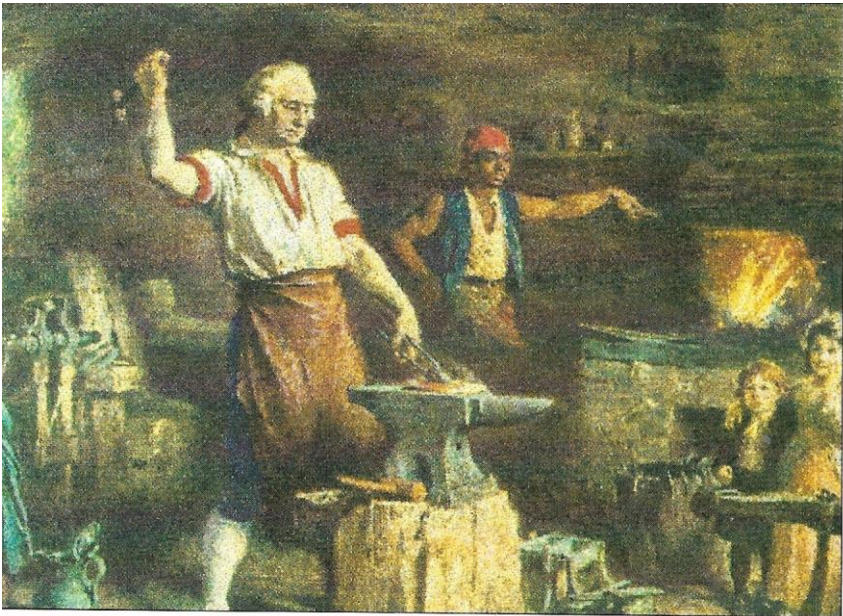


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A HISTORY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC, 1750-1800

**THE STATE SOCIETY OF THE
CINCINNATI OF PENNSYLVANIA**

The Pennsylvania Society celebrates the 100th anniversary of the presentation to Philadelphia of the monument of George Washington. In 1897, this Society presented a monument of George Washington to the City of Philadelphia. One of the world's most spectacular, it shows General Washington on horseback atop a pedestal depicting Revolutionary notables, allegorical figures, animals, and much more. Standing forty-five feet tall, it cost \$280,000 in 19th century dollars and now is located in front of the Philadelphia Art Museum.

Last May 17, we celebrated the monument's 100th anniversary with special ceremonies, a reception, and luncheon at the site. It was a day to remember. President General Matthew spoke, as had his predecessor 100 years before. Another highlight was a surprise visit from "George Washington" and "Thomas Jefferson" who talked with the group and answered questions. Prior to the celebration, the Society had engaged William Sommerfield, who portrayed George Washington to visit twenty- six area schools in costume to discuss the General's life and accomplishments with the students; this program was very well received,



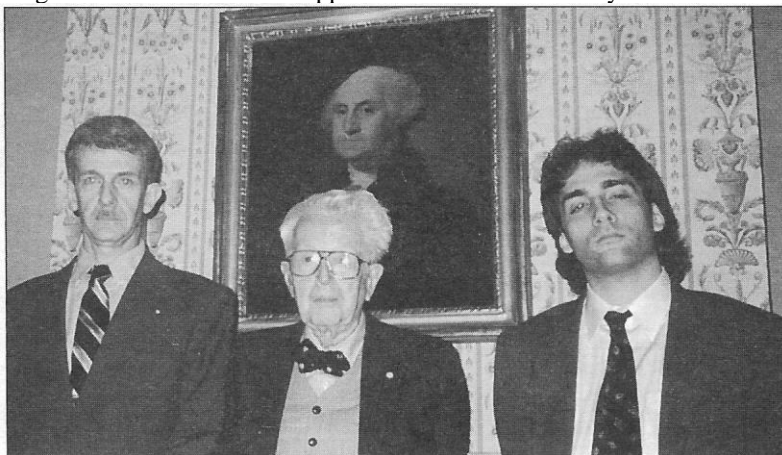
President General Matthew chats with Past President General Washington (aka William Sommerfield) at a Pennsylvania Society gathering

President Robert Harris Sproat and his committee worked for years to bring off this event; and as Master of Ceremonies, he kept things going smoothly throughout the day.

Lawrence Corlies Murdock, Jr.
Past President

Something Quite Rare

The Society's Washington Birthday luncheon was attended by three generations of the Lewis family: All were in good health and enjoyed the day. It is not known when or if such an intergenerational event ever happened before in the Society.



Clifford Lewis, III; his son Clifford Butler Lewis; and his grand- son, Thomas Butler Lewis