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house are critical to raising the necessary revenues to ensure that Anderson House will continue to be a premier venue for your events and trips to Washington.

I would like to personally thank the following members who have agreed to serve on the Property and Hoyt Garden Committee for the next three years: John Gregory Moore, vice chairman (N.C.); Philip Winston Pillsbury Jr. (N.H.); George Boyd V (N.Y.); Robert Goodloe Harper (N.J.); Ross Warne Maghan Jr. (N.J.); William Hoyt Olinger (Pa.); Richard Hubbard Howland (Del.); Leslie Eaton Goldsborough Jr. (Md.); Charles Edward Mealey Kolb (Md.); Michael Joseph Sullivan (Md.); Maurice Kingsley Heartfield Jr. (Va.); John Augustine Washington (Va.); Frederick Mitchell Bell, M.D. (N.C.); James Thomas Martin (N.C.); William Wallace Anderson (S.C.); Henry Burnett Fishburne Jr. (S.C.); and Thomas Sumter Tisdale Jr. (S.C.).

Your committee, Mr. McGee and I all look forward to working with you to make your next visit to Anderson House an exceptional experience.

*Ross Gamble Perry (Conn.)*  
*Chairman*

### *Development Committee*

Members provide our Society with a large and critical portion of our annual operating budget through annual giving. Member support grows each year, thanks largely to the tireless work of Dr. Fred Bell, our subcommittee chairman for annual giving. Our FY 2004 campaign exceeded our goal thanks in large measure to Dr. Bell's work. We look forward to another successful campaign in FY 2005.

To reach our new goal—\$408,000—we need to broaden and deepen support. About one-third of our members support the annual campaign. We need the rest to pitch in to make it possible for our “One Society of Friends” to carry out the mission established by the founders of our Society: to keep the fellowship of the Revolution alive and to perpetuate the memory of the Revolution and the gallant men who secured American independence.

Membership in our unique Society involves responsibilities as well as privileges. Our founders created the Society of the Cincinnati to make sure the heroic sacrifices of the Revolution would not be forgotten. As their successors we accept the responsibility to keep the memory of the Revolution alive. Our Society is working now to perpetuate the memory of the Revolution through a wide range of exciting programs. To increase their reach we need your support.

Joining Dr. Bell, Bob Davidson will continue as subcommittee chairman for planned giving. He is continuing his work of building the George and Martha Washington Circle for those members who document an intention to leave the Society \$10,000 or more in their wills. Bill Olinger will continue as subcommittee chairman for foundation and corporate support. I hope all our members will join these leaders in our development efforts.

*Charles L. Coltman (Pa.)*  
*Chairman*

*Note: Maj. Gen. Ronald C. Allen Jr. (Mass.) was incorrectly listed in the recent Honor Roll. His name appears in the Contributor category when he should have been listed as a Sustainer. Please pardon our error.*

## *Library Committee*

### FATHERS AND SONS

The Society of the Cincinnati celebrates the links among the generations of its members, from the Revolutionary era to the present. This theme was wonderfully exemplified this year by a gift from Maryland Society member Clinton Kilty Macsherry Jr. made in memory of his father, Clinton Kilty Macsherry (1896-1967).

Mr. Macsherry presented to the library a group of nine documents relating to his ancestor John Kilty (1756-1811), an original member of the Maryland Society, and his son and successor, Augustus Henry Kilty (1807-1879). The collection includes John Kilty's Society of the Cincinnati diploma, dated July 22, 1793, signed by George Washington and Henry Knox, as well as Augustus H. Kilty's certificate of membership in the Maryland Society issued on July 4, 1844.

The collection also documents Augustus H. Kilty's rise through the ranks of the United States Navy with a series of commissions spanning his induction as midshipman in 1821 to his appointment as rear admiral in 1876. Each commission bears the signature of a different president of the United States, from James Monroe to Ulysses S. Grant. Completing the collection is Augustus H. Kilty's Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, issued on February 3, 1869. A full list of the documents appears at the end of this report.

John Kilty was born in London in 1756, the eldest son of Capt. John Kilty and his wife, Ellen Ahearn. Both he and his younger brother, William, were educated at the College of St. Omer's in France. The family emigrated to America and settled in Ann Arundel County, Maryland, in the early 1770s. John Kilty joined the militia as part of the Maryland Flying Camp on July 5, 1776, the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted. He became a second lieutenant of the Fourth Regiment, Maryland Continental Line, and was taken prisoner at Germantown in 1777. The following year he was commissioned captain in the Third Regiment, Continental Dragoons. Along with his brother William, an army surgeon during the war, John Kilty became a founding member of the Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland and he served as its secretary in 1784.

In 1785 Gov. William Smallwood, former commander of the Maryland Line, appointed John Kilty to the governor's council, launching Kilty's career in public office. During Washington's administration Kilty served as supervisor of the revenue of the United States in Maryland, as registrar of deeds for Maryland's portion of the Federal District and

later, as registrar of the Land Office for the Western Shore. In 1808 he wrote *The Land-Holder's Assistant, and Land Office Guide*, which remains a principal source for understanding precedence, procedures and legislation relating to land ownership in Maryland from the time of its first settlement.

John Kilty married Catherine Quynn of Annapolis in 1792. Their son, Augustus Henry Kilty, was born on November 25, 1807, one of at least seven children. Beginning his naval career in 1821, Augustus H. Kilty served in military engagements around the globe, including Com. George Reid's operation in defense of American merchantmen at Qualla Batto on the northwestern coast of Sumatra in 1832. During the Civil War he organized a flotilla to defend the Mississippi River. In 1862 he led the successful capture of Fort St. Charles in Arkansas, but during the action he was badly scalded in a steam explosion on his gunboat, *Mound City*, resulting in the loss



*Commission of Augustus H. Kilty as captain in the U.S. Navy, signed by President Lincoln, February 21, 1866.*

of his left arm. He remained in service and after the war commanded the Norfolk Navy Yard. Following the death of an older brother, William, Augustus H. Kilty joined the Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland in 1844 in the right of his father. He served as vice president of the Maryland Society from 1875 until his death in 1879.

The donor of the Kilty certificates, Clinton Kilty Macsherry Jr., joined the Maryland Society in 1968, representing another Maryland hero, Lt. Col. John Stewart, who was honored with a Congressional medal for his valor at the storming of Stony Point in 1779. (The John Kilty line is represented by Richard Rollin Macsherry and Richard Hammond Macsherry.) Mr. Macsherry succeeded his father, Clinton Kilty Macsherry, who was president of the Maryland Society from 1965 to 1968. Both father and son continued the family tradition of military service: Clinton Kilty Macsherry served as second lieutenant in the Field Artillery, United States Army, in France during World War I; Clinton Kilty Macsherry Jr. was an ensign in the United States Navy during World War II.

The Kilty-Macsherry chain continues with Clinton Kilty Macsherry III, who was admitted to the Maryland Society as a successor member in 2003. The family's devotion to its history is evident in the condition of the certificates that were handed down through the generations. We are honored that the Macsherrys have chosen to give this valuable and historic collection to the library, where it will be available to researchers as a testament to the continuity of patriotism and service among the membership of the Society through time.

*Thomas Clifton Etter Jr. (Pa.), Chairman*  
*Ellen McCallister Clark, Library Director*

*A collection of printed and inscribed documents relating to John Kilty and Augustus H. Kilty. Gift of Clinton Kilty Macsherry Jr. in memory of his father, Clinton Kilty Macsherry.*

*Society of the Cincinnati membership diploma of John Kilty, original member of the Maryland Society, issued at Philadelphia, Pa., 22 July 1793. Signed by George Washington and Henry Knox.*

*Certificate of membership in the Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland issued to Lt. Augustus H. Kilty, 4 July 1844. Signed by John Spear Smith, president; John Nelson, vice president; and C.C. Jamison, secretary.*

*Commission of Augustus H. Kilty as midshipman in the U.S. Navy, 4 July 1821. Signed by James Monroe.*

*Commission of Augustus H. Kilty as lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, 22 October 1837. Signed by Martin Van Buren.*

*Commission of Augustus H. Kilty as commander in the U.S. Navy, 27 December 1858. Signed by James Buchanan.*

*Commission of Augustus H. Kilty as captain in the U.S. Navy, 21 February 1863. Signed by Abraham Lincoln.*

*Commission of Augustus H. Kilty as commodore in the U.S. Navy, 26 July 1866. Signed by Andrew Johnson.*

*Commission of Augustus H. Kilty as rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, 14 February 1876. Signed by Ulysses S. Grant.*

*Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Companion of the First Class, issued to Commodore Augustus H. Kilty, U.S. Navy, 3 February 1869.*

## *Museum Committee*

### ACQUISITIONS

At the Triennial meeting, the Société des Cincinnati de France presented the Society with a gift of two reproduction French regimental flags of the Legion Royale, which dissolved in 1776, and the Hussars de Lauzun, who served in America from 1780 through 1783. These reproductions are plausible reconstructions of emblems used by the regiments, as the *Ordnance du Roi* prescribing their colors has never been found. The Society also recently purchased two objects at auction using the Museum Acquisition Fund: a silver Society eagle with its original ribbon that was probably manufactured in France and an eighteenth-century portrait of an unidentified French naval officer wearing a Society eagle. Lastly, Frederick Lorimer Graham (Mass.), the Society's president general from 1992 to 1995, donated his portrait to the Society's collection of portraits of past presidents general.

### CONSERVATION

Work continues to progress on the first three panels of the Diana series of tapestries that were sent in January to the Textile Conservation Laboratory at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. The conservators have restored nearly two-thirds of two of the panels and aim to complete all three by early next year. Also, a turn-of-the-century portrait of George Washington attributed to Jean Leon Gerome Ferris (1863-1930), identified as being in urgent need of treatment in a paintings survey completed by the Phillips Collection's conservation staff, was recently conserved.

### EXHIBITIONS

Beyond the Battlefield: The Daily Life of the Revolutionary War Soldier received so much interest that we extended its run through October 9. The next feature exhibition, South Carolina in the American Revolution, opened on October 21 and will be on view through April 9, 2005. The exhibition, curated by Library Director Ellen Clark, is the eighth in a series focusing on the contributions to the American Revolution made by the original thirteen states and France. In addition to these two feature exhibitions, a series of small exhibitions will be installed in the Great Stair Hall to highlight little-seen objects from the Society's collections. Recent and upcoming highlight exhibitions are: John Paul Jones: The Image of a Hero (closed September 18), A President in the Kitchen:



*John Herbert Williams, John Bonnell Codington, Robert Goodloe Harper and Denis Buchanan Woodfield hard at work at the Marriott Hotel, Newport, May 15.*

*William Harper Forman, Nicholas D. Gilman and Deborah Gilman at the Breakers, Newport, May 15.*

Stewart, representing John Hays, ensign, Fourth Regiment, New Jersey Line.

Two successor members have also been admitted. Robert H. Large has named his grandson, Andrew Joseph Hoffman (b. July 12, 2003), as his successor to membership in the New Jersey Society. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Hoffman. Joseph H. Bill has named his son, Lachlan Wilder Boudinot Bill (b. December 3, 2003), as his successor to membership in the New Jersey Society.

*John Van Dyke Saunders  
Secretary*

## *The State Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania*

For more than forty years the Pennsylvania Society has presented a medal to an outstanding cadet at the Valley Forge Military Academy. The most recent recipients are Marshall Hildebreth (2004) and Steven Taylor (2003), both second cadet captains. The academy's staff chooses the cadets to be honored based on character, leadership and academic standing. For the past four years Henry Lowell Davis, assistant treasurer of the Pennsylvania Society, has made the presentation at formal reviews of the cadets. Ours is the only military medal given at these occasions and it is much coveted by the cadet corps. The medal is struck out of sterling silver and is attached to a ribbon of Cincinnati blue and white.

Valley Forge Military Academy, located in suburban Philadelphia, was founded in 1928 and now has about 800 cadets—males from seventh grade through junior college from forty states and forty-eight countries. Among its graduates are J.D. Salinger and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf.

The Pennsylvania Society is also pleased to report that its website has had in excess of 13,000 visitors through July 2004. In addition to visitors from the United States, it has been accessed from locations as varied and as far away as Australia, the Seychelle Islands, Korea and Qatar. Visit the website at [www.pasocietyofthecincinnati.org](http://www.pasocietyofthecincinnati.org).

*Lawrence Corlies Murdoch Jr.  
Past President*



*The Pennsylvania Society medal is presented to cadet Steven Taylor by Henry Lowell Davis, May 2003.*