



# THE DISPATCH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GENERAL MEADE SOCIETY  
OF PHILADELPHIA – SPRING 2022

*“Forget Not His Deeds”*

**GENERAL MEADE SOCIETY  
OF PHILADELPHIA, INC.  
P.O. Box 45556  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19149**

**The General Meade Society of Philadelphia** is an educational non-profit & 501(c)(3) organization chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The mission of the society is to promote and preserve the life and service of Maj-Gen. George Gordon Meade, (USA), commander of the Army of the Potomac.

The Executive Board of the General Meade Society of Philadelphia meets at the Cannstatter Volkstheater, 9130 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of January, April, September and December; the starting time is 7:00 p.m., meetings are open to all society members, friends and guests.

**To Contact the Meade Society:**  
<https://generalmeadesociety.org>

*Of interest in this issue:*

- Spring Trip May 7, 2022 – Old and Curious Cemeteries of Philadelphia
- Annual Fall Trip October 8-10, 2022 to DC and Army Museum
- Treasurer’s Report
- Phillies Game August 25, 2022

Greetings Members, Friends and Families of the General Meade Society,

## WELCOME

Wishing you all a very Happy Spring, Passover & Easter Holiday with loved ones. We are at the beginning of our regular year of events and we do have a full schedule. I hope you will be able to participate in all, many or some of the events!

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. we have scheduled our Annual Meade Society History Seminar, but it will not be in person, but via ZOOM. The History Seminar was always a grand event which was done for 30 years or so until Covid. The last 10-12 years we met at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in the Conservatory with a grand view out over the magnificent graves and mausoleums including many veterans of the Civil War. We usually tried to use a theme related to General Meade, his life and career; his veterans; campaigns & battles; etc. This year we return to the theme of General Meade & the Gettysburg Campaign and were able to enlist two of the most distinguished scholars and historians in the field to share their interest and expertise: **Dr. Jennifer Murray**, Professor of History at Oklahoma State University and **Kent Masterson Brown, Esq.** the author of the widely regarded as the best history of the Meade at Gettysburg.

Please join us in “attending” the Colloquium and honoring General Meade.

Other events are listed on the following pages and all are welcome to participate. Enjoy the newsletter and hope to see all of you at one of our events.

“Forget NOT his deeds” is our motto.

Sincerely  
Andy Waskie, Ph.D., President & Founder

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## **IN MEMORY OF HUGH BOYLE**

The General Meade Society wishes to express our sincere condolences to his wife, Rosemary Boyle and his family for their loss. Hugh was a Lincoln expert, a charter member and a past Board of Director member of the GMS, past president of the G.A.R. and the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table. But more importantly he was person who people enjoyed being around. We will miss him.

<https://generalmeadesociety.org/in-memory-of-devoted-comrade-hugh-boyle/>

## **G.A.R. CIVIL WAR MUSEUM**

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum & Library is in the process of moving to the historic Lewis-Pattison House at 8110 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia. The anticipated opening is the spring of 2022. The location offers more accessibility to parking and public transportation and offers more room for the G.A.R. Civil War Museum's programs.

President Joe Perry stated that to accomplish the monumental task of moving the museum it will need assistance and financial support. If you can volunteer time to assist with the move, please contact the Museum at [garmuslib1866@gmail.com](mailto:garmuslib1866@gmail.com). The costs of certified archival containers, moving material and moving charges are quite expensive. The G.A.R. website is: <https://garmuslib.org> or you can call the Museum at their new number (215) 613-0350.

## **FREE G.A.R. MUSEUM ZOOM PROGRAM**

The G.A.R. Civil War Museum offers a free virtual online program usually on the first Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. The monthly Zoom program is popular and covers various Civil War topics, and averages 60 to 100 registrants.

For registration, virtual seat and sign-in instructions, please RSVP to [garmuslib1866@gmail.com](mailto:garmuslib1866@gmail.com).

The April Program is cosponsored with the GMS History Seminar on April 3. The May 1<sup>st</sup> program is a special with former Philadelphia Inquirer reporter and author, Ed Colimore.

All updates and future programs can be found at: <https://garmuslib.org/future-events>

## **Treasurer's Report**

I am happy to report that even though the Covid pandemic refuses to go away but has diminished considerably, it has not affected the donations we're getting from our loyal supporters!

December, 2021 was outstanding as far as donations made. Our dear friends Jay & Jacquie Newman and some of their friends: David Smigel, Donna Lo Pinto & Doug Waetjen, John & Kim Waeltz, and Buddy & Chris Trego along with lifetime member Ray Haupt contributed almost \$3,000 to support the General Meade Society and its mission of historic preservation and education. Jay & Jacquie deserve special THANKS for an outstanding donation of \$2,000!

Since then, we have received an additional \$3,200 in dues and donations, included with LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS from Mark Eshelman, Wesley Foltz, Guillermo Bosch and Clay Hoffman.

Last year, our board of directors decided to combine the Wm. H. Boehmer Preservation Fund with the Betty McCormick Memorial Fund to become the Boehmer/McCormick Memorial Preservation Fund (The "Billy & Betty Fund"). I am pleased to report that contributions to this ongoing fund have exceeded \$2,300. It is our task now to appropriate this fund to causes worthy of each or both Billy & Betty for historic preservation and education.

The generosity of our supporters has allowed us to continue to likewise support other organizations, including: Wreaths Across America; the United States Colored Troops (in memory of Joseph Lee); The American Battlefield Trust (in honor of Russ Dodge); Camp Curtin Historical Society; the Friends of Laurel Hill & West Laurel Hill Cemeteries; and Camp #211, Patriotic Sons of America (in memory of Ronald Redcay).

Also, we sent a \$1,054 donation from the General Meade Society Foundation Fund to support the Philadelphia School District's PBIS Program for the General George G. Meade School.

On behalf of our board of directors, I extend a hearty THANK YOU to all for your generous and continuous support of the General Meade Society!

Jerry McCormick, Treasurer

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The General Meade Society would like to welcome the following new members who joined the Society during the period March 2021 through March 2022:

John Beck	Kennett Square, Pennsylvania
Serge Bielanko	Millheim, Pennsylvania
James Burster	Stanhope, New Jersey
Joseph DiPaolo	Wayne, Pennsylvania
Wesley Foltz	Blair Mills, Pennsylvania
Arthur Germano	Lynnfield, Massachusetts
David Greenfield	Deptford, New Jersey
Robert & Laurie Kingston	King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
Clinton Richardson	Ekron, Kentucky
Joseph Rzotkiewicz	Palmerton, Pennsylvania
Carl Smith	Ashburn, Virginia
Joseph Stivala	Mount Ephraim, New Jersey
Charles Stone	Haverford, Pennsylvania
Mary Wible	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
John Yaworsky	Bensalem, Pennsylvania
Officers & Ladies for the Union	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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## Upcoming Events

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### GENERAL MEADE SOCIETY HISTORY COLLOQUIUM

**APRIL 3, 2022 SUNDAY VIA ZOOM 1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.**

#### **GENERAL GEORGE G. MEADE AND THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG AND CAMPAIGN**

A Discussion & Commentary moderated by Dr. Andy Waskie, President of the Meade Society, featuring renowned and distinguished Historians and Authors:

**Dr. Jennifer M. Murray** of Stillwater, Oklahoma, History Professor at Oklahoma State University. In addition to delivering hundreds of Civil War battlefield tours, Professor Murray has several publications "On A Great Battlefield: The Making, Management, and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park, 1933-2013." She is also the author of "The Civil War Begins." Murray is a veteran faculty member at Gettysburg College's Civil War Institute and a coveted speaker at Civil War symposiums and round tables and has worked as a seasonal interpretive park ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park for nine summers.

**Kent Masterson Brown** received his juris doctor degree in 1974 from Washington and Lee University School of Law. He practiced constitutional and administrative law for forty-seven years in Lexington, Kentucky in Washington, DC.

As a battlefield preservationist, he helped form the Perryville Battlefield Association. He also had a Presidential appointment as Chairman of the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission and served on the Board of the Gettysburg Foundation. Additionally, he researches American history, writing books and articles for scholarly presentation, and gives speeches and tours at Civil War battlefields.

Kent was creator and first editor of the national magazine, "The Civil War," and author of six books, including Cushing of Gettysburg: The Story of a Union Artillery Commander; The Civil War in Kentucky; Battle for the Bluegrass State; Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics, and the Pennsylvania Campaign and One of Morgan's Men: The Memoirs of Lieutenant John M. Porter of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry. Kent has just completed Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in Command, for the University of North Carolina Press, in June 2021.

To register for the no charge event, contact Herb Kaufman at [shkaufman1865@gmail.com](mailto:shkaufman1865@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL SPRING TRIP**  
**MAY 7, 2022 SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**  
**A TOUR OF OLD AND CURIOUS CEMETERIES OF PHILADELPHIA**

This trip will be led by Alex Palma and will not include the usual suspects like Laurel Hill, West Laurel Hill, or The Woodlands. We will visit places off the beaten path where regular tourists don't visit.

Cost: \$55.00 per person – includes tour bus; driver tip; lunch at McGillin's Olde Ale House; all admissions; and refreshments on board. Free parking at the Cannstatter Restaurant, 9130 Academy Road, Phila., PA 19114

Reservations should be made by May 1st.

For reservations/information contact; Jerry McCormick, Treasurer  
E- Mail: [gedwinmc@msn.com](mailto:gedwinmc@msn.com), or (215) 848-7753.

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**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES**  
**MAY 15, 2022 SUNDAY 10 A.M.**  
**GRAVESITE PLACEMENT OF VETERANS' FLAGS**  
**LAUREL HILL CEMETERY**

Legion Post 405 annual placement of U.S. flags on veterans' graves. Meet at the gatehouse of Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, in Philadelphia (215-228-8200) at 10:00 a.m. The group assembled will place U.S. flags on the graves of veterans of all wars. As time and manpower permit, the cemeteries to be covered include Laurel Hill, Mt. Peace & St. James the Less. Refreshments provided for volunteers.

Laurel Hill Cemetery contains the graves of thousands of Civil War veterans. Many of those who engaged in battle, fighting on the sides of both the Union and Confederacy or on the home front now rest at Laurel Hill. The site also holds sacred the remains of many prominent Civil War-era Philadelphians, including volunteer nurses, surgeons, and supporters of the war effort.

Laurel Hill Cemetery,  
3822 Ridge Avenue,  
Philadelphia, PA 19132.  
Open to the Public Free Parking is available  
(215) 228-8200  
<https://www.thelaurelhillemetery.org>

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**MARKET OF THE MACABRE**  
**MAY 21, 2022 SATURDAY 12 P.M. – 5 P.M.**  
**LAUREL HILL CEMETERY**

Peruse a curated collection of unusual antiques, assorted oddities, vintage items, artwork, and handmade wares at this outdoor market of the macabre. Taking place in the most fitting of venues - a 186-year-old Victorian cemetery - visitors will have the opportunity to explore their morbid curiosity, in addition to Laurel Hill's scenic grounds and rich history. Victorian, steampunk, and/or gothic attire is encouraged. Mt. Peace & St. James the Less. Refreshments provided for volunteers.

Dear Members of the Meade Society. We need volunteers to work at our free table. A two hour shift per person is requested but any volunteered time is appreciated between 11 a.m. set up to 5 p.m. Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48afa823a3f85-market4> and alert Mike Wunsch at [mwungms@aol.com](mailto:mwungms@aol.com).

**DECORATION DAY OBSERVANCE**  
**MAY 29, 2022 SUNDAY 12NOON**  
**LAUREL HILL CEMETERY**

Recreating the **Original G.A.R. Decoration Day Service** of 1868: The traditional Decoration Day service of the Grand Army Meade Post #1 will be recreated at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia on Sunday, May 30, (original date of Decoration Day) 2021 at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend and participate in the ceremony.

Laurel Hill is the site of the first Memorial Day Observance in Philadelphia on this date in 1868. Special veterans' markers will be dedicated at the graves of 2 previously unmarked veterans:

\* LTC. James Seibert. Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry

\* Lt. Hugh Craig, Officer of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry, PA National Guard, Span-Am War Veteran

\* Corporal William Geizer, 109<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry, 28<sup>th</sup> Division KIA in France in WWI

Speakers, ceremonies, and pageant will highlight this special ceremony. Afterwards the entourage will gather at the grave of General Meade, hero of Gettysburg to perform the traditional service to honor all veterans who fell defending the Nation. Wreath-laying, speeches, music, and honor guards will enhance the ceremony. Historical groups, veterans, and citizens are urged to participate. Wreaths, military contingents, color guards, music and period civilians are encouraged to participate. Refreshments served after the ceremony.

Co-sponsored by the General Meade Society of Philadelphia; Friends of Laurel Hill; American Legion Post #405; MOLLUS, Union League; Sons of Union Veterans; Patriotic Order Sons of America. For information, Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132.

Open to the Public Free Parking is available

(215) 228-8200 or online at [www.thelaurelhillemetery.org](http://www.thelaurelhillemetery.org)

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**SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**  
**MAY 30, 2022 MONDAY 1 P.M.**

**CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND at 5<sup>th</sup> and ARCH STS.**

The National Holiday observance will be held at Christ Church Burial Ground at 5th & Arch St. Philadelphia. This is the final resting place of five (5) Signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Benjamin Franklin and many military veterans of all eras! The Benjamin Franklin American Legion Post #405 of the Union League will place a wreath representing the American Legion Post, commemorating the services of all veterans at the grave of Major Charles I. Maceuen, Major, 198<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers (6<sup>th</sup> Union League Regiment), KIA at the Battle of Lewis Farm, Va. March 29, 1865 Representing all veterans! All are welcome to attend.

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**PHILLIES BASEBALL GAME**  
**AUGUST 25, 2022 THURSDAY 7:05 P.M.**

**Citizens Bank Park**

Tom Kearney has arranged to have the General Meade Society's 'Night At The Phillies' on Thursday evening, August 25, 2022. Game time will be 7:05 p.m. The seats will be in Harper Valley again which is the Lower Right Field Section 105.

The tickets are priced at \$38 and if we sell more than 25, we get a \$4 discount per ticket. We have always met that number and I anticipate we will do it again this time. That means the ticket price for members and friends will be \$34. I will be sending out an invitation and reservation e-mail in June.

**OCTAVIUS V. CATTO CEREMONY  
OCTOBER 1, 2022 SATURDAY 11 A.M.**

**PHILADELPHIA CITY HALL AND THE UNION LEAGUE**

Anniversary of the assassination of Major Catto (1839-1871) Honor ceremony; wreath laying; military salute at the Catto Monument at the South Front of City Hall at 11:00 a.m. Honoring the great African-American equal rights and military leader.

Wreath-Laying ceremony. All military units, period civilians, veterans and heritage groups are encouraged to participate. Colors, wreaths and music encouraged.

Following the City Hall Ceremony: PA National Guard Award Luncheon & Medal Ceremony to follow at 12:30 p.m. in the Union League for the 'Major Catto Medal' Award Ceremony.

Contact: Breanna Pleiss at the Union League to reserve lunch: PleisB@unionleague.org

Information: Dr.AndyWaskie awaski01@gmail.com.

The Independence Hall Association an excellent website on O.V. Catto at: <https://www.catto.ushistory.org/>

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**ANNUAL FALL TRIP  
OCTOBER 8 – 10, 2022**

**GENERAL MEADE SOCIETY FALL EXCURSION, OCTOBER 8-10, 2022:  
ALEXANDRIA VA, FAIRFAX COUNTY VA, WASHINGTON DC, & THE NEW U.S. ARMY MUSEUM**

Includes deluxe motor coach with our new carrier, Perkiomen Tours; driver tip; deluxe hotel for two nights with full breakfast; river cruise to Alexandria, VA; guided tour of the new U.S. Army Museum; wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery; Saturday and Sunday dinners and Sunday lunch. Price: TBD.

Contact Jerry McCormick at (215) 848-7753 or gedwinmc@msn.com for reservations and information. A \$50.00 per person deposit is required for all reservations.

For all those who signed up for the cancelled 2020 and 2021 trip and asked me to hold your deposits, you need reply only if you can't make the trip this year. If you were REFUNDED your deposit, please let me know if you still intend to go on this year's trip. Seats ARE available, so tell your friends!

THANKS! Jerry

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**U.S. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE  
NOVEMBER 10, 2022 THURSDAY 11A.M.**

**LAUREL HILL CEMETERY**

U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Observance at the grave of General Jacob Zeilin, 7<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps. A special 'Veterans' Day tour of heroes 'killed in action' and buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery will follow.

Call 215.228.8200 for details. [www.thelaurelhillemetery.org](http://www.thelaurelhillemetery.org)

Co-sponsored by: The Legion Post 405; MOLLUS; General Meade Society

Dr. Andy Waskie [awaski01@gmail.com](mailto:awaski01@gmail.com) or 215-423-3930.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY IN GETTYSBURG**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2022 SATURDAY AT 10:30 A.M.**

General Meade & his Generals and the veterans of the Battle of Gettysburg Honor/Dedication Ceremonies during the Remembrance Day Observance. Honoring all commanders and veterans of the Battle. Meet at the General Meade Equestrian Monument at 10:30 a.m.

Contact Jerry McCormick at (215) 848-7753 or [gedwinmc@msn.com](mailto:gedwinmc@msn.com).

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEADE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2022 SATURDAY 12 NOON**  
**LAUREL HILL CEMETERY**

Annual General Meade Birthday Celebration will mark the 207th annual anniversary of the birth of General George G. Meade, heroic commander of the victorious Union army at the Battle of Gettysburg.

The General Meade Society of Philadelphia will celebrate his birthday at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue at noon. A champagne toast and reception will follow the program.

For directions to Laurel Hill Cemetery, call: 215-228-8200 or online [www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org](http://www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org)

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**Past Events**

(and web links for more information)

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**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2021**  
**WEST FAIRMONT PARK**

On Saturday, October 9, 2021, members and friends of the General Meade Society of Philadelphia gathered in the shadow of the little-visited Meade Monument in West Fairmount Park, in Philadelphia, for its 'Member Appreciation Day Picnic'.

The attendees enjoyed fine picnic foods, good conversation, and the camaraderie of their fellow 'Meade-ites', a fun time, the society is already looking forward to next year's 'Fall Classic'.

The society's annual picnic dates to 2012, that year the event commemorated the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the Alexander Milne Calder designed monument, the statue is one of two statues of General Meade in Fairmount Park, the other one being a part of the nearby Smith Memorial Arch.

Also nearby is The Please Touch Museum, (Centennial Hall), and The John Welsh Fountain.

## **THE GENERAL MEADE SOCIETY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS (1996-2021)!**

### **NOVEMBER 13, 2021**

On Saturday, November 13th, 2021 the General Meade Society held a dinner to observe the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Society in 1996.

Fifty-three people attended the event, which was held at the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein. Photos and items from the 25 years were displayed and everyone received a special 25th Anniversary commemorative badge.

Because our annual brunch and awards ceremony was postponed in January due to Covid, we held a combined event and presented the customary Legion of Honor and Award of Merit awards. Jack & Carol Lieberman and Walt Lafty received the Legion of Honor awards, and Russ Dodge received the Award of Merit, the Society's highest honor.

The evening began with a cash bar, followed by the welcome from Joe Hauptmann, Recording Secretary, who served as Master of Ceremonies. After the invocation by Linda Hauptmann, and a wine toast from Mike Wunsch, Corresponding Secretary, guests enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and dessert.

Charter members of the Society were then acknowledged followed by some remarks from Andy Waskie, president, and Jerry McCormick, treasurer. Joe then presented awards to some of the Lifetime Members. President Andy Waskie was awarded a gift certificate for his dedicated work as founder of the Society and continuing efforts.

The event concluded by reading the names of those members of the Meade Society who have passed away during the last five years. They will always be fondly remembered.

- Jerry McCormick



More photos and information: <https://generalmeadesociety.org/25th-anniversary-of-the-general-meade-society/>



## REMEMBRANCE DAY IN GETTYSBURG NOVEMBER 20, 2021

Members of the General Meade Society of Philadelphia participated in a symposium held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Gettysburg. The symposium was led by noted author Tom Huntington and attended by living historians Andy Waskie, Mark Leonard, and Bob Hanrahan portraying Generals George G. Meade, John Buford, and John Gibbon.

The following photos are thankfully gotten from Tom Huntington's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/tom.huntington.140/posts/1998423766991613>.

The entire Remembrance Day Parade, 41 minutes, has been captured on video by the American Battlefield Trust on You Tube at: <https://youtu.be/IKL4DMlpl0c>

In addition there are several other Remembrance Day videos on You Tube. Search for them on its site.



More photos and information: <https://generalmeadesociety.org/25th-anniversary-of-the-general-meade-society/>



### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DECEMBER 18, 2021

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Members of the General Meade Society joined with others at Laurel Hill Cemetery to lay wreaths on the graves of veterans of the armed forces in the program Wreaths Across America.

Three hundred-thirty wreaths were placed on veterans' graves by over seventy volunteers among them many young people and military cadets.

<https://generalmeadesociety.org/meade-society-at-laurel-hill-for-wreaths-across-america/>

An inspirational story of how it all began: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/our-story/>

## 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEADE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DECEMBER 31, 2021

### Laurel Hill Cemetery

The customary Annual Celebration of the General Meade Society of the great General's birthday at Laurel Hill Cemetery took place on December 31, 2021.

This marked the 206th anniversary of the birth of General George Gordon Meade (1815-1872); it was also the 31th anniversary of the ceremony and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the General Meade Society of Philadelphia.

After the speechifying there were wreath laying and honor volleys, champagne toasts to the General for his accomplishments as a Philadelphia citizen, a military hero of battles to uphold the Union and his feats of engineering surveying the Great Lakes and building lighthouses.

The celebration was capped off by a benediction delivered by Legion Post 405 Chaplain Albert El, keynote speaker Dr. Joseph Coleman and the traditional champagne toast. A sincere thank you from the Meade Society and Laurel Hill Cemetery to the participants and contributors who made this day a very special day in celebration of its wonderful citizen! Be safe!



Additional photos of the day are available on the General Meade Society website:  
<https://generalmeadesociety.org/annual-meade-birthday-celebration-2021/>

## LINCOLN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Annual Lincoln Birthday Celebration Parade and Ceremonies, sponsored by the Union League of Philadelphia took place on Friday February 11, 2022.

Spectacular weather, a large contingent of 'living historians' and a large and enthusiastic crowd of Union League members and citizens created a most memorable tribute to our martyred president.

Civil War military units, including the General Meade Society, civilians, and heritage groups marched in the parade through Philadelphia to Independence Hall to honor President Lincoln on his birthday. Participants gathered at the Union League, 140 S. Broad St. at 10 a.m. and re-convened back at the League for a complimentary luncheon.

There are some wonderful photos of the parade available on Rich Reck's photography website:

2022 pictures:

<https://rwrphotography.smugmug.com/Events/2022-02-11-Abe-Lincoln-Day-at-the-Union-League/>

2020 pictures:

<https://rwrphotography.smugmug.com/Events/2020-02-12-Abe-Lincoln-Day-at-the-Union-League/n-JftPpz/>

Additional photos of the day are available on the General Meade Society website:

<https://generalmeadesociety.org/annual-lincoln-birthday-celebration-parade/>

Other participants posted some photos as well, and the GMS thanks them all!





**2022**  
**GENERAL GEORGE MEADE SOCIETY**  
**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Kindly remit your 2022 dues payment**

As a member of **General Meade Society of Philadelphia**, your annual membership dues and contributions support the nation’s only organization devoted to “promoting and preserving the memory of the life and service of Major General George Gordon Meade.” Members receive **The Dispatch** via email, and also an invitation to all Society events and monthly meetings, including the annual business meeting in April.

**Mail to:**

**The General Meade Society of Philadelphia, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 45556**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19149**

Annual membership dues cover the calendar year – January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$10.00 ..... Student Membership (18 years & younger)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$20.00 ..... Individual Membership**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$30.00 ..... Family Membership**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$250.00 ..... Individual Lifetime Membership**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$450.00 ..... Family of Two (2) Lifetime Membership**
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Additional tax-deductible donation to the *General Meade Society of Philadelphia***
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Contribution to the *William H. Boehmer/B. McCormick Preservation Fund***
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Contribution to the *General Meade Society Foundation***  
**(The General George G. Meade School, School District of Philadelphia)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$10.00 Additional for USPS paper mailing of *The Meade Post - Dispatch***

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**