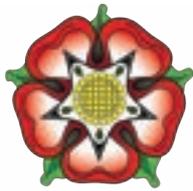


ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY OF SAVANNAH

# Tudor Ball

AUGUST 19TH, 2023

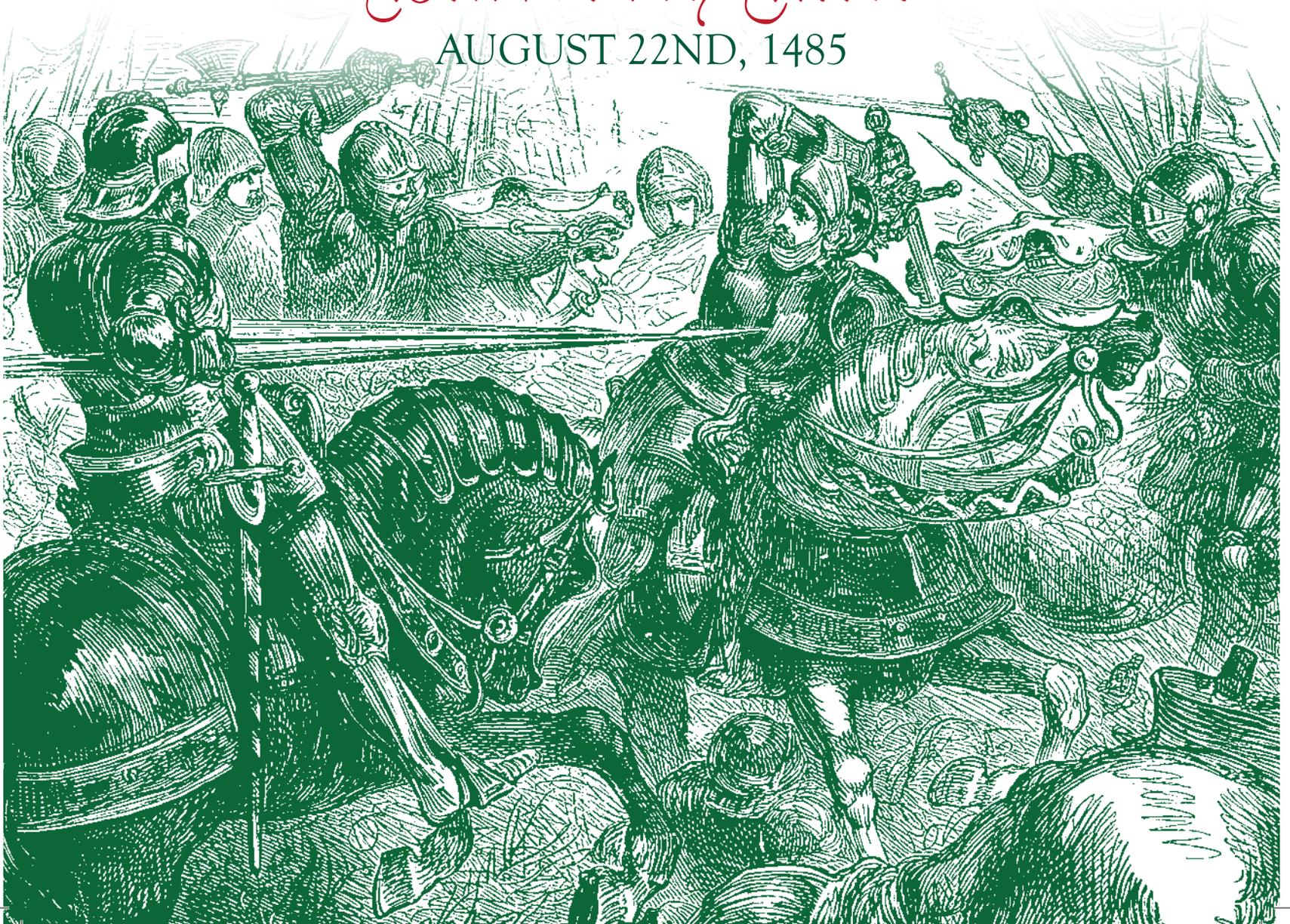
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## The Battle of Bosworth Field



AUGUST 22ND, 1485



# President's Message



**A** Letter from Your Regent's Desk.....

I would like to thank each of you for your attendance at this year's Tudor Ball. When we embarked on this journey back in 2012, David Dickey and I were hoping that our newly-created Welsh Society would be able to survive and thrive. The theory was that if we remained 'co-ed,' then we would set ourselves apart from the other heritage groups in Savannah. I have to say that it has been a success so far. Under the reigns of our first Regent, David Dickey, and the follow up team of Donnie and Betty Dixon, along with the Queen of Reign herself, Nora Missroon, our group has grown and prospered.

So, what can we hope to expect the next couple of years? The plan is to continue our growth, have more Welsh events, and hopefully set up another group trip to Wales! Our growth attempts have been limited by the 'number of Tudor Ball attendees' who can fit into the Savannah Yacht Club. The need to see is our primary objective at the club, and due to the layout of the venue, we have historically kept our membership low. That needs to change in the future. We will work with our Council of Sheriffs in searching for another venue that will allow us to seat 200 people, allow everyone to be able to view the speaker, and at the same time keep our costs per attendee down.

Future events for our Society, we hope, will include a "Welsh Social" nearest Christmas. I understand the timing might be constricted, but there will be several members that will not be traveling for Christmas, and that might allow us to have a small event at a member's house. I will speak to our High Sheriff about searching for a Christmas date for the Society to host this event. We will keep you informed as we move forward.

With growth comes the need for new member orientation. An important item for our new members to learn is the heritage of our ribbons. The officers of the Society are adorned with the gold ribbons with our red, white, and green medal. The sheriffs are recognizable by their wearing of purple and gold ribbons. Our esteemed color guard members wear green ribbons. Past high sheriffs wear purple and the past regents wear white ribbons. The members wearing red and white ribbons are an esteemed group. They are the Founding Members of our Society. After that initial member drive, the new members are distinguished by wearing of red ribbons. The current regent will always wear a gold ribbon, but that ribbon displays the large gold Seal of the Society. With our Society being small at this juncture, you will see some members wearing multiple ribbons as they hold or have held multiple positions in our short history. This is how the ribbons are presented to the public. Other information pertinent to your new membership will be listed in the pages following in this Programme.

Now this year, we are blessed with a speaker from Wisconsin, Robert Humphries. He is a true native Welshman, who is a sought after speaker on Welsh Heritage. He not only hails from Wales, but is a college graduate from the University of Wales, and speaks with the heavy Welsh accent we have been longing for. Not to spoil all the info about him in the Programme following, should you become entranced by his tales of the Welsh in the South, then please take a gander by watching Robert on YouTube.

Finally in closing, I want to take a personal minute and let you know about a family event in the Bush family. Last year, after the Tudor Ball, we were blessed with having a grandson come into this world. We told Jolly and Wesley to hold off having the baby (Regents have that power) until after the Tudor Ball as we did not want to have to leave the event. Jolly, doing her best, was able to push the delivery back some. I think she did a yeoman's job for our Society. Wesley M. Bush, Jr., was born on AUGUST 22, 2022! Does that date ring a bell? It should for the present members of the Society. August 22 was the date of the Battle of Bosworth which is the historic date we chose to celebrate our Tudor Ball. Young Wesley, aka "Boz," will forever be known as a true legacy of our St. Davids Society of Savannah.

On behalf of "Boz" and the entire Bush Clan, we welcome you to tonight's Tudor Ball, and hope you have a splendid time with family, friends, and with Robert from Wales!

Noswaith Dda,

Mitchell Bush  
Regent, St. David's Society of Savannah  
August 19th, 2023

# His Majesty Boz(worth) Bush

August 22nd 2022



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ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY  
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# The Battle of Bosworth Feast

## Bara ( Bread )

Denbighshire Dill Yeast Roll w/Caramelized Leek Butter

## Blasyn ( Appetizer )

Llewellyn Welsh Rarebit  
Sourdough Plank, Red Dragon Cheese Sauce, Arugula,  
Purple Radish, Pickled Apple

## Caernarfon Letys Cymreig ( Welsh Lettuce )

Compressed Watermelon Salad  
Mixed Greens, Shaved Red Onion, Candied Pecans,  
Feta, Green Goddess Dressing

## Pysgod ( Fish )

Swansea Arctic Char Samphire Gremolata

## Achwyniad ( Beef )

Guinness Braised Snowden Short Rib  
with Bacon, Natural Jus

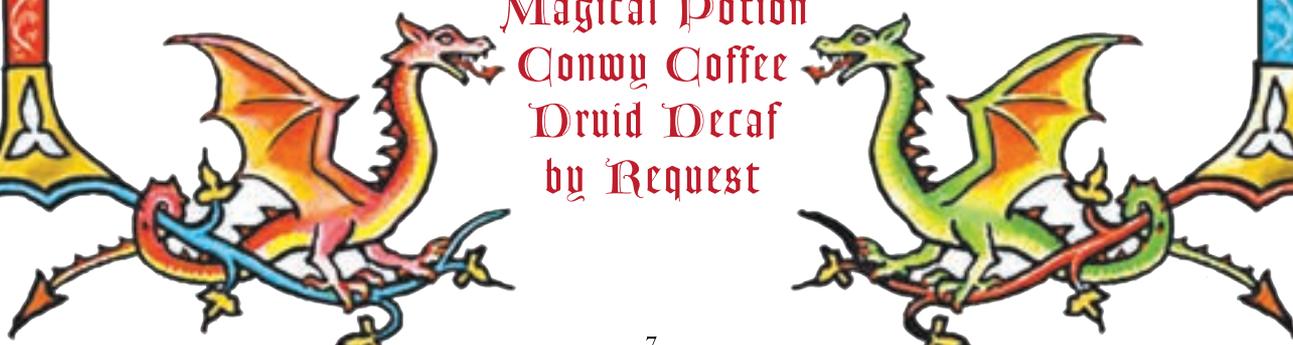
## Llysiau ( Vegetables )

Dill Smashed Pembrokshire Potatoes  
Breconshire Asparagus

## Pwddin Eua ( Dessert )

Camembert Crisp, Cinnamon-Walnut Ice Cream,  
Whiskey Caramel

Merlin's  
Magical Potion  
Conwy Coffee  
Druid Decaf  
by Request





## Robert Humphries

A native of Newport, Wales, Robert Humphries is the Director of the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre and the Archive for Welsh America, both located in Wymore, Nebraska. He holds a Master's degree in Celtic Studies from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, and has presented his historical research at academic conferences in Bangor, Wales; Vancouver, Canada; and at Harvard University. Robert has also appeared multiple times as a guest speaker at the North American Festival of Wales. He has published articles in the *North American Journal of Welsh Studies* and the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, and is a regular contributor to *Ninnau*, the North American Welsh newspaper. In 2017, he wrote and co-produced the mini-documentary film, *Pobl y Paith/People of the Prairie: The Welsh in Nebraska*. Robert serves on the board of Cymdeithas Madog, the Welsh language institute, and has also appeared on Welsh-language radio and television. Robert resides in Spring Green, Wisconsin with his wife, Jenafer, and son, Rhys.



## What is the symbolism of our Great Seal?



The Seal reveals a lot about the character of St. David; he has a halo to represent his sainthood and possession of the Holy Spirit, and a crown of crosses in the oval image to show that Christ ruled his life as his King. He is shown playing the harp (as he did) and serenading the angels with the ancient, national musical instrument of Wales.

The Seal contains the motto of the State of Georgia, the home State of the Society: “Non Sibi-Sed Aliis” (or “Not for ourselves, but for others”). It displays the Lion in front of the Cotton Exchange to show it is a Savannah-based Society; the Lion of Judah was front and center in St. David’s life and the water pouring from its mouth represents the Holy Spirit’s baptismal water of life, apropos for Aquaticus, the Saint of life-giving water.

The Cotton Exchange, adorned by classical columns, stands for family and tribal tradition. It has the year the Society was established, 2013. (The Society was founded on August 22, 2013, the anniversary of the Battle of Bosworth Field when the Welsh took over the English throne.) It proudly presents the Welsh Dragon, with a stinger tail to thwart the Angles, Saxons, Vikings, Normans and any other enemies which have tried to subdue the brave Cymri, as well as a “breath of fire” to immolate any would-be conqueror of the Celts; it shows the Dragon’s sharp claws digging into the circular orb, gathering the earth to itself, representing the diasporic spread of the Welsh across the planet, while always clutching tightly to the inspiring power of Celtic artwork; and the mystical wings of flight transporting the Druidic Culture throughout the world; it has Celtic knotwork to show it emanates from a creative, vibrant, art-loving People; and it has the full legal name of the Society encompassing, in conjunction with Celtic artwork, the afore-described themes circumscribed in the inner sanctum of the two circles (heaven & earth) of the Society’s Great Seal.

—David H. Dickey, Esq., Founding Regent & Designer of the Seal

## Purposes of the Society

The goals, objectives and purposes of the Society are: to perpetuate awareness and appreciation of Welsh history, traditions and culture and the contributions of Wales and the Welsh people to local, regional and national development in the United States and the State of Georgia; to educate the Members of the Society about Welsh history, heritage and culture; to encourage genealogical research by the Society’s Members; to promote social intercourse and an altruistic spirit among its Members and between its Members and the community they serve; to promote, foster, maintain and support Welsh heritage and social welfare through community involvement and appropriate charitable contributions and aid to individuals, groups and organizations which have been approved by the Society for assistance; and to possess and exercise all the powers conferred by the State of Georgia on Non-Profit Corporations.

—David H. Dickey, Esq., Incorporator & Founding Regent

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Alchemist (Photographer), Paul Camp (non member)

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# Richard Burton, CBE



He was born in 1925 as Richard Jenkins, the youngest son of a coal miner and a barmaid from the Miners Arms pub in Pontrhydyfen, Wales. His multiparous mother died when he was two. He went to live with his older sister Cecilia (Cis), as his drunkard father was unable to maintain a household. Growing up, Richard tried a variety of sports, cricket, boxing, and Welsh favorite rugby. He began drinking at a young age, working odd jobs to help Cis and husband, Elfed. Like many Welsh, Richard's family loved song and verse. He particularly cared for poetry, but sang well enough to win an Eisteddfod prize as a boy soprano.

As a teen, Richard's rebellious conduct caused conflict with Elfed. Fortunately, his schoolmaster, Philip Burton, took an interest in him, eventually becoming his guardian. Phillip Burton was also his commander in the youth cadet squadron of the RAF (WWII ongoing). Philip Burton was an English and drama professor with Shakespearean emphasis. Philip helped Richard finish secondary school (a family first), while developing the young man as a Shakespearean actor. Through Phillip's connections, Richard received auditions and was known for a strong stage presence. With the blessing of the Jenkins family, Philip Burton sought to adopt Richard, but was stymied by a legal snag. Instead, he became the boy's guardian and Richard took his surname. Via Phillip's influence, the now Richard Burton was admitted to Oxford while still in the RAF. At Oxford he felt the sting of social prejudice due to his background, and compensated by drinking, carousing, and extravagant storytelling, while continuing to appear in plays.

After the war, he became a formidable Shakespearean actor rooming with Sir Stanley Baker, befriending Sir Peter O'Toole, Sir John Gielgud, Sir Lawrence Olivier and marrying the long suffering Sybil Williams by whom he had two daughters. He had a few films in the 1950s, most notably *The Robe*, but generally made a poor showing in Hollywood, including a fist fight with Frank Sinatra, being arrested at a brothel with Errol Flynn and affairs with Marilyn Monroe, Lana Turner, etc. He returned to the UK and stage with multiple Shakespeare plays at the Old Vic in London.



His big break came in 1963 as the movie *Cleopatra* was delayed due to Elizabeth Taylor's health problems, and the original Mark Anthony left the cast. Thus second choice Burton became a massive star while having a torrid affair with his leading lady. Affairs with his leading ladies were commonplace, but this one resulted in three divorces and subsequent marriage (twice). The two performed in 11 movies together and were among the highest paid stars of their day. They became the epitome of the excessively indulgent jetset, turning up to film in exotic locations via yacht or private jet with an entourage or hobnobbing with the Windsors, Rothschilds, or Raniers, whilst dripping in diamonds and then repairing to Gstaad. The pace and booze took a toll, and Taylor had many health issues (thyroid/piles/back etc.) but not as many as him.



Growing up, Burton had cystic acne and boils leaving him pockmarked. He had "fits" as he described epilepsy and felt drinking would help symptoms. While it's true alcohol can help tremors, Burton vastly overdid it (sometimes 4 bottles of vodka a day). He frequently suffered bouts of depression and arthritis. During his days at Oxford, a prankster once spiked his pint with wood alcohol making Burton fall down a flight of stairs injuring his neck. The author surmises this caused a herniated disc as he subsequently had progressive arm pain with weakness and diminished function apparent in some movies, most notably *The Wild Geese*. Over time he developed cirrhosis and eventually died of a hemorrhagic stroke at 58, in 1984.

Burton was criticized for "not living up to his potential." He felt keen disappointment at not winning an Oscar, and was chagrined he wasn't knighted like so many colleagues. However, he left behind an impressive body of work, and although savaged by critics, his colleagues acknowledged his talent. The best example is John Wayne, who having recently won an Oscar for 1969 movie, *True Grit*, offered the trophy to Burton for his role as Henry VIII in *Anne of The Thousand Days*. Wayne remarked "you deserve this more than me."

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack R. Eades, M.D.  
Founding Member & Sheriff of Denbighshire



# Daniel Morgan



Daniel Morgan (1735-1802) was an American pioneer, soldier, and politician whose four grandparents were all Welsh. Though born in New Jersey, he moved to Winchester, VA and, after serving in the French & Indian War, became an officer in the Virginia militia and organized a company of sharp-shooter riflemen at the inception of the American Revolution. His Company, known as “Morgan’s Riflemen,” composed of southern frontier men dressed in hunting shirts, soon earned a reputation for hard fighting and incredible accuracy with their long-barreled rifles.

He participated in Benedict Arnold’s failed expedition to Quebec and took over command of the expedition when Arnold was wounded in the leg. Morgan and four hundred other Americans were captured as POWs; however, when he was released, he was promoted to Colonel of the 11<sup>th</sup> VA Regiment. Soon after this promotion, he was put in charge of a Corps of “light”

infantry composed of Virginians, Pennsylvanians, and Marylanders, and employed tactics such as having his men use hit-and-run maneuvers while dressed as Indians.

In 1777, Morgan was placed under the command of American General Horatio Gates and was heavily involved in the pivotal battle of Saratoga, where his troops’ deadly fire wreaked havoc upon the British at Freeman’s Farm and Bemis Heights. He was so instrumental in the defeat of General Burgoyne at Saratoga that he was prominently depicted in John Trumbell’s famous painting of The Surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga.



BATTLE OF COWPENS BY DON TROJANI

Following the defeat of Burgoyne, Morgan was promoted to the reorganized 7<sup>th</sup> VA Regiment. While still a Colonel, he was granted temporary command of Weedon’s Brigade. However, due to pains and ailments stemming from his military service and his disgruntlement over not being further promoted to Brigadier General, he was allowed to resign on June 30, 1779, and returned to Winchester.

Following the disastrous defeat of American Army under General Gates at the battle of Camden SC, Washington implored Morgan to return to service; so, he was assigned to General Nathanael Greene’s Southern Department, granted the rank of Brigadier General, given command of a “flying army” of highly accurate riflemen, and assigned to the South Carolina backcountry.

Lord Cornwallis immediately dispatched his impetuous “dragoon” commander, Banastre Tarleton, to track, locate and exterminate Morgan. They came face to face on January 17, 1781, in a sanguinary fight at Cowpens, SC, a battle later referred to by Thomas Jefferson as the battle which “turned the tide

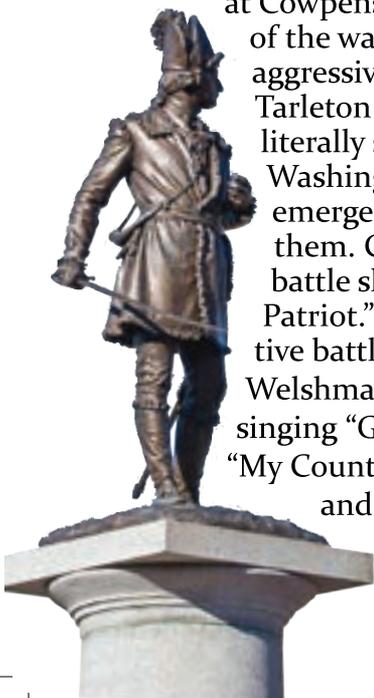
of the war.” Using knowledge of Tarleton’s aggressive and impulsive behavior, Morgan lured Tarleton into a trap, where Morgan’s riflemen literally shot them to pieces as Colonel William Washington’s cavalry, hidden in the woods, emerged upon the British flank and routed them. Cowpens is the last and culminating battle shown in Mel Gibson’s epic movie, “The Patriot.” Without the courage, wit and innovative battlefield tactics of this great frontier Welshman, Daniel Morgan, we might all be singing “God Save the King” tonight instead of “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee!” Morgan died in 1802

and is buried in Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winchester VA.



Morgan shown in white in a detail of Trumbell’s famous painting

—David H. Dickey, Esq., Founding Regent



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## Invocation

Creator God

Who breathed this world into being  
Who is discernible within  
The harmony of nature,  
The perfection of a butterfly's wing,  
The grandeur of a mountain range,  
The soaring eagle and hummingbird,  
Thank you for this world  
Which you have created.  
Thank you for the summer sun,  
Which reminds us  
That your creative breath  
Is still alive and active.  
Thank you for the warmth of your love,  
Sustaining the world,  
Your garden.  
Amen.

Snowden  
Mountain...  
Refuge from  
the Romans



### What are the Secrets & Symbolism in our Membership Medal?

Our Membership medal (page 13) shows a Red Dragon (Welsh); it has gold artwork to represent royalty of the Tudor Kings and the ancient Cymric jewelers, the envy of the world; the dragon sits on the ocean with waves (in bluish-green) and spans the sky as well, covering the whole globe, symbolic of the diaspora of the Welsh to all nations of Earth. The date, name and Celtic knots are the same as in the Great Seal of the Society; there is a hidden message (in Welsh) in the lapping waves; please take the time to find it with a magnifying glass and look it up in a Welsh-to-English translation app.

Google has a free one. See <https://www.translate.com/welsh-english> David H. Dickey, Founding Regent



His full obituary may be viewed on the Society's website at <https://stdavidsavannah.com>.



## The Very Rev. Fr. George Bull Salley, Jr.

The Very Rev. Fr. George Bull Salley, Jr., a priest of the Episcopal Church, departed this life on August 10, 2022, in Savannah, GA at the age of 85. Fr. Salley was born in 1937 at his family's farm near Orangeburg, South Carolina. After graduating high school in 1955, Fr. Salley attended Wofford College and the University of South Carolina, from which he was graduated, magna cum laude, in 1959. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Chi Psi Fraternity, and the Euphradian Society. Fr. Salley served four years in U.S. Army Intelligence and then practiced as a CPA in Greenville and Spartanburg before receiving the call to the priesthood.

In 1973, Fr. Salley graduated from St. Luke's School of Theology of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee and was ordained to the priesthood in 1974.

After retirement, Fr. Salley devoted his time to researching and documenting the genealogy of his and his wife's families. He was a Founding Member of the Saint David' Society of Savannah and the Society's Founding Vicar (Chaplain/ Ficar). He was a member of more than 40 lineage societies, which included the First Families of South Carolina, Sons of the Revolution, and the St. Andrews Society. Fr. Salley was proud of several notable connections. For example, he documented his distant relationship to Theodore Roosevelt, but liked to point out that President Roosevelt didn't know or care about the relationship.

Fr. Salley regarded death as the return of his physical body to the earth, from which it came, and the beginning of the next phase of life. He did not think of death as an "eternal rest," but as being eternally joyful in the presence of God.



## America: My Country 'tis of Thee

My Country tis of thee,  
Sweet land of Liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring!

Our father's God to, Thee,  
Author of Liberty,  
To Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's Holy Light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King!

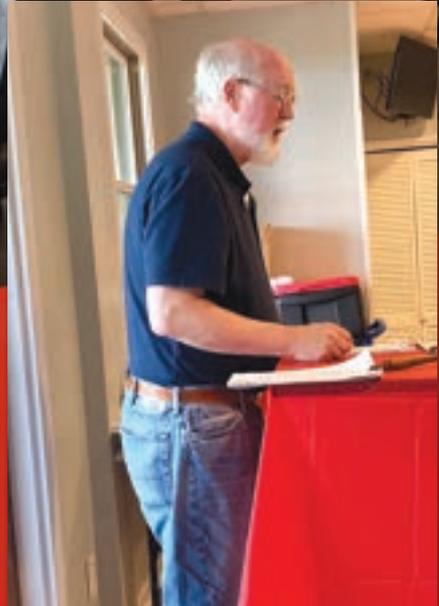




# Annual Meeting & Tasting

June 24, 2023

July 20, 2023

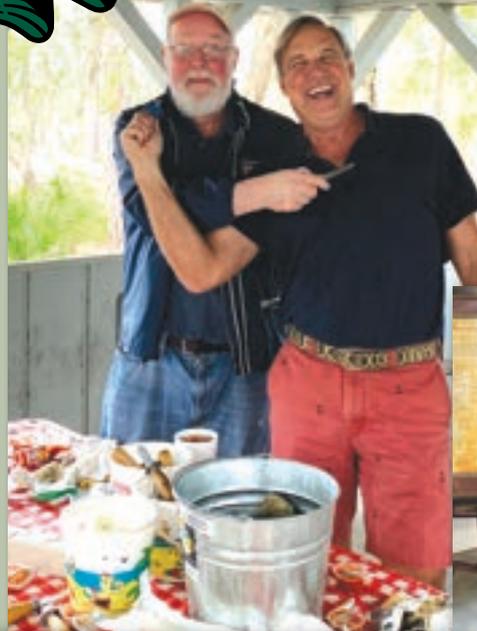


# Oyster Roast

Feb. 25, 2023  
Skidaway Island State Park



# Oyster Roast



# Tudor Ball

August 20, 2022  
Savannah Yacht Club



# Tudor Ball



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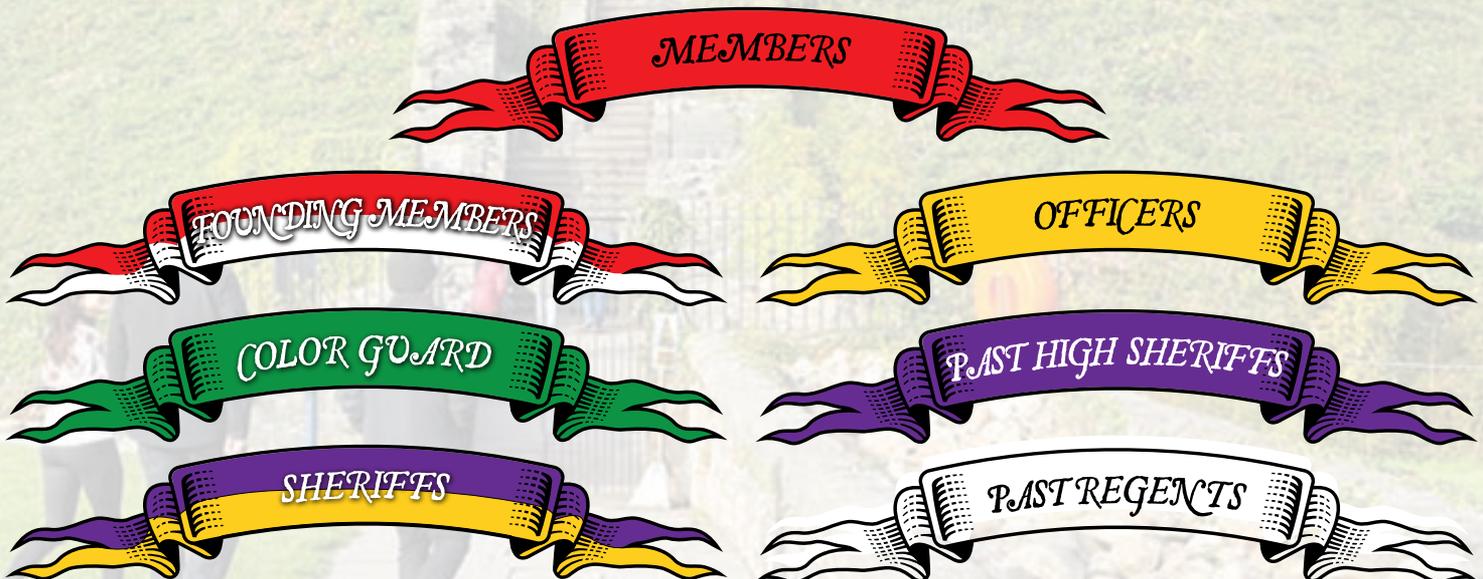


# Welsh National Anthem

<b>WELSH</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>
Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi, Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri: Ei gwrol ryfelwyr gwladgarwyr tra mad, Tros ryddid collasant eu gwaed.	Land of my fathers so precious to me. Proud mother of poets and singers, high home of the free: The fame of her heroes Patriots much blessed, Spilt their blood for freedom.
Gwlad! Gwlad! pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad. Tra mor yn fur i'r bur hoff bau, o bydded i'r heniaith barhau	Homeland! Wales! -- ever my heart is in Wales. In thy good grace Lord keep our race, Our language, our hills and our vales.



## The Significance of the Ribbons Representative of Positions in Our Organization



# Watchman/ Tell Us of the Night

Hymn Lyrics by John Bowring (1792-1872);  
Tune: "Aberystwyth" by Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are.	Watchman, tell us of the night; Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveller, o'er yon mountain's height, See that glory beaming star.	Traveler, blessedness and light, Peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray Aught of joy or hope foretell?	Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveller, yes it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.	Traveler, ages are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
For the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveller, darkness takes its flight,  
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease  
Go thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveller, lo! the Prince of Peace,  
Lo! the Son of God is come!

## Special Thanks to:

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*Lewis Color, for the Invitations*  
**Beth Westgate & Her Committee**  
*For the "War of the Roses" Floral Arrangements*  
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*For the Door Prizes*  
**Kyle Edward Eckmann**  
*For Facebook Page Management*



## Jenna Lyn Barzaga

Jenna Lyn Barzaga is a classically trained musician, Board Certified Music Therapist, and Grief Counselor. She moved to Savannah in 2013 to serve hospice patients and their families throughout the lowcountry. Her roles as a musician range from opera performance, choral director, songwriter, and front woman for several local bands. Along with her musical endeavors, her background in construction led her to become a commercial and residential realtor with an emphasis on designing, building, and remodeling. Jenna enjoys dedicating her time to community groups such as Habitat for Humanity, Senior Citizens Inc., Citizens

Advocacy, and is currently the Director of the National Association for Women In Construction Coastal Georgia Chapter. Jenna can be reached by email at [jb@parkerscottproperties.com](mailto:jb@parkerscottproperties.com).



## Steven Bryan-Keyboards;

Career highlights include extensive touring throughout US and Europe with national recording artists "The Coasters." Las Vegas, US, and Canadian concert venues and showroom circuit as keyboardist to "Little Anthony's Imperials." A Savannah native that has served as musical director/sideman for numerous jazz and rock groups nationally and throughout the southeast. [Editor's note: Many Savannahians who were teens in the sixties fondly remember "Stevie" as the awesome organist and hometown hero for the great Savannah band, The Checkmates.]

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# St. David



The birth of St. David on a rocky cliff near the present day chapel of St. Dewi on the Pembrokeshire coast foretold of thunderous events to follow. According to Rhygyfarch, the 11th century hagiographer (a biographer of saints), David was the offspring of a nun, Lady Non of noble Irish birth, and the passionate young Prince of Powys (grandson of the King of Ceredigion). The brutal Prince, Sandde, forced his passion upon her despite her vehement resistance. At the moment of David's birth, a bolt of lightning is said to have hit the very rock upon which Lady Non reclined in labor and split it in two.

Young David was educated at the monastery of Whitland under the tutelage of St. Paulinus, whose blindness he cured with the sign of the cross. Realizing the gifts of David, Paulinus sent him into the world as a missionary to convert the pagan Britons. A vegetarian who ate only bread, herbs and vegetables and drank only water, David became known as Aquaticus, the water man. As self-imposed penance, he would often stand up to his neck in a lake of cold water, reciting scripture. It is said that milestones in his life were accompanied by the spontaneous appearance of springs of water. He established 12 monasteries, and today over 500 churches in southern Wales bear his name.

Tradition has it that during a battle against the Saxons, David advised the Welsh warriors to wear leeks in their hats so they might be

distinguished from their enemies. The Welsh won the battle and ever since, the leek has been a symbol of Wales and its national vegetable. Do you understand now why we serve "leeks" each year at the Tudor Ball?

The best-known miracle associated with St. David occurred when he was preaching to a crowd outdoors and people in the back shouted that they could not hear him: according to Rhygyfarch, the ground rose up beneath him and made a hill from which he could be seen and heard by all. It should be noted that Rhygyfarch, a master propagandist, was writing around 1090 A.D. in an effort to rally the Welsh people to resist the incursions of the Normans, much like David had done five centuries earlier to resist the incursions of the Saxons.

David is often depicted with a dove on his shoulder signifying that the Holy Spirit was always with him. St. David died on March 1, 589 A.D. and that day has been celebrated as a National holiday in Wales since St. David was canonized by Pope Calixtus II in 1120 A.D.

—David H. Dickey, Esq.  
Founding Regent