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Coming Events:

- Fri., Sept. 7 - Colonial Craftsmen Club meeting, 8pm, Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Mass.
- Sat., Sept. 8 - Re-enactment at Fort Griswold, Groton, Conn.
- Sun., Sept. 9 - Council Historic Committee meeting, Acton Companie Headquarters,
W. Acton
- Sun., Sept. 9 - Council of Minute Men meeting, Acton Companie Headquarters, W. Acton
- Sun., Sept. 9 - Black powder shoot. Harvard Sportsman Club. Westford Minute Men
- Sat., Sept. 15 - Dorchester Heights Fall Muster Day, 1pm. Lexington Minute Men
- Sun., Sept. 16 - 5th Annual Patriots and Prisoners Day Parade. 2pm. Chelmsford M.M.
- Sat., Sept. 22 - Founder's Day, 300th Anniversary. Hudson, N.H.
- Sat., Sept. 22 - Bedford Installation Ball. Marist Field House, Spring Rd. Bedford.
\$8.00/cpl. BYOB.
- Sun., Sept. 30 - Crown Resistance Day. Acton Company. p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 6 - Southborough Military Colonial Ball. pm. Southborough Companies
- Sun., Oct. 7 - Thunderbridge Muster. All day
- Mon., Oct. 8 - Southborough Heritage Day. All day. Parade 10am. Southborough M.M.
- Sun., Oct. 21 - Liberty & Union Parade, 1:30pm. Taunton Minute Men.
- Fri., Dec. 14 - Third Annual Yule Ball. Billerica. p.m.
- Mon., Apr. '74 - Patriot's Day Celebration. Arlington & Lexington Parade.
- Fri., Apr. '74 - Concord Patriots Parade.

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COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPT. 9, 1973

As noted above, there will be a meeting of the Council of Minute Men on Sunday evening, September 9th at the Acton Headquarters. Prior to the 8 p.m. Council Meeting in West Acton there will be a meeting of the Council's Historic Committee at 7 p.m.

At this Council meeting reports will be heard, discussed and hopefully set in motion from the Committee investigating the Re-enactment of the Battle Road and from the Committee investigating the '75 - '76 celebrations.

Also a proposal on having a Minute Men Night at the Pops will be heard.

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Sorry this newsletter is brief but a lack of material being submitted reflects the busy summer schedule.

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PLEASE READ THE CONTENTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO YOUR COMPANY AT YOUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

WHITE PLAINS REENACTMENT

We have a 41 seat bus for White Plains. So far we have 8 seats confirmed. If you wish to go call Roger Maconi or John McCauley before October 10, 1973.

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COMMEMORATIVE PLATES TO BE MADE

A program for a Bicentennial Commemorative Plate was voted at the last Council meeting. This is a series of 3 plates (one Minuteman, one British and one on Lexington Green and Concord Bridge). Each plate sells for approximately \$33.00. Although the Minute Men have put up no money, a royalty of \$1.00 per plate sold will be given to the Council and then distributed evenly among the Companies.

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CONCORD PARADE FOR 1975

By Ralph Haskell, Chairman 1975 Parade Committee

Date: April 19, 1975

Time: Formation 7:30 a.m.; Parade 8:00 a.m.

Route: Same as 1973 Parade

No private vehicles will be allowed in Concord that day. If you wish to participate in the parade your unit must come by bus. Plans have been made to escort buses from Concord to Lexington in time for their parade. Trail marchers will be given special instructions.

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BOYLSTON COUNCIL ADMITTED TO COUNCIL

At the last Council meeting the Captain Robert Andrews Company of Minute and Militia in Boylston, Massachusetts was admitted as the 31st member of the Council of Minute Men. Their Captain is Raymond W. Duffy, 316 Linden St., Boylston, Ma., 01505; and the Second in Command is Lt. William O. Dupuis, 3 Cook St., Boylston, Ma., 01505.

The Council is most happy to welcome them into membership and is looking forward to seeing them at future events and meetings.

Captain Duffy's phone no. is 869-2274; Lt. William Dupuis, 869-2316.

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COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

There will be a meeting of this Council at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4th at the Acton Minutemen Headquarters. The Council Historic Committee will meet at 7 p.m.

Following are the participants in the movie from Minute Men National Park

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1973

PAUL REVERE SCENE ON FISK HILL

Ken Henderson from Holliston; Horse from Jane Foley of Lexington.

WOODSMEN - FISK HILL

Richard Calendrella from Acton; Nile Blackburn from Woburn

BOSTON MASSACRE - HOLDEN CHAPEL AREA

Chris McCauley from Woburn; Bob Haughn from Southborough

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1973

SAUGUS IRON WORKS

Clay Chisholm, James Cote, Donald Freniere and Jon Henderson from Holliston; John Vann and Jay Vann from Menotomy; Jack Taub from Acton; Mark Tolstrop, Dave Tolstrop, Phil Straccia, and Edward Babine from Malden.

TUESDAY AUGUST 16, 1973

HANCOCK - CLARK HOUSE

Terese McCauley and Michele McCauley from Woburn; Karen Dooks, Susan Dooks, David Dooks and Danny Dooks from Menotomy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1973

GOLDEN BALL TAVERN - WESTON

John Bergsten, from Boxborough; Paul Hogman, Edward Dooks, Karen Dooks, John Vann, and Joyce Vann from Menotomy; Paul Murphy and L.R. Simpson from Assabet; Donald Freniere, Daniel Freniere, Ken Henderson, Grace Henderson, Jon Henderson, Diane Henderson, Clay Chisholm and Dennis Kullgren from Holliston; Jack Taub, Dick Calendrella, Ingrid Blackburn, Terese McCauley, John McCauley from Woburn; Roger Maconi, Walter White, Bob Haughn and Denson Satterfield from Southborough; Art Rainville and Ron Malkasian from Northbridge; Harry Norman and Vivian Norman from Billerica.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1973

BATTLE GREEN - OLDE MANSE FIELD, CONCORD

Bob Haughn and Walter White from Southborough; David West, Chris McCauley, John McCauley and Niles Blackburn from Woburn; Donald Freniere, Daniel Freniere, Michael Jackson, Ken Henderson, Clay Chisholm, Dennis Kullgren, James Cote, Larry Bliss, Jon Henderson and Dan Willis from Holliston; Tom Greene and Don Hubert from Dracut-Lowell; Ed Stickney from Bedford; Jim O'Halloren, Paul Hogman, John Vann, Jay Vann, and Joyce Vann from Menotomy; Phil Straccia, Dave Tolstrop, Jack Judge, John Glennon, Charles MacDonald, Peter Goodwin, Edward Babine and Dave Tolstrop, Jr from Malden; Palmer True from Sudbury; Gene Jackson from Holliston; Harry Norman from Billerica; Jim Farley and John Bergsten from Boxborough; Larry Simpson and Paul Murphy from Assabet; Jack Taub and Dick Calendrella from Acton.

SATURDAY AUGUST 18, 1973

LIBERTY TREE - MINUTE MAN PARK

Alice Prowten, Gene Prowten, Heidi Orndorff, Gail Farley, Eliz. Farley, Jamie Farley, James Farley, John Bergsten from Boxborough; Tom Smith, Terese McCauley, Michele McCauley, Chris McCauley, John McCauley, David West, Ingrid Blackburn from Woburn;

LIBERTY TREE - CONTINUED

Margie Hicks from Minute Man National Park; Henry Calvert from New York City; Jack Taub and Dick Calendrella from Acton; Ron Malkasian from Northbridge; Tom Green and Don Hubert from Dracut-Lowell; Palmer True, Ellen True and Bruce True from Sudbury; Brad Bigham and Carol Bigham from 10th Regt.; James O'Halloran, Marlenne O'Halloran, Jay O'Halloran, Amy O'Halloran, Paul Hogman, Jeanne Hogman, Kathy Hogman, Chris Hogman, Joyce Vann, Jay Vann, Edward Dooks, Karen Dooks, Susan Dooks, David Dooks, Danny Dooks, Paul Turnen, Tom Turnen and Barbara Turnen from Menotomy; Larry Huktamake, Barbara Huktamake, Richard Huktamake, Paul Huktamake, Paul Murphy, Pam Murphy, Brian Lortie, Leonard Iannuzzo, Guy Iannuzzo, Nam Iannuzzo, Leonard Iannuzzo, Joseph Murphy, Margaret Murphy, Larry Simpson, Mrs. Larry Simpson, William Boothroyd, Linda Boothroyd, Alfred Langval, Eleanor Langval and Linda Boothroyd from Assabet; Phil Straccia and Eliz Daigle from Malden; Larry Bliss, Leverne Bliss, Paula Bliss, Philip Bliss, James Cote, Mrs. James Cote, Ann Freniere, Donald Freniere, William Freniere, James Freniere from Holliston; Bob Haughn, Betty Haughn, Roger Maconi, Carole Maconi, Keith Maconi, Earl Watkins, Eleanor Watkins, Gail Hoss, Bucky Hoss, Robert Hoss, Walter White, May White, Carl Pierce and Rita Pierce from Southborough; Charles Hickey, Eileen Hickey, Harry Norman, and Vivian Norman from Billerica.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1973

BUCKMAN TAVERN - LEXINGTON

Niles Blackburn from Woburn; Ken Henderson and Dennis Kullgren from Holliston; Paul Hogman, Jim O'Halloran, Tom Turmen, Paul Turmen and Edward Dooks from Menotomy; Roger Maconi from Southborough; Jack Taub from Acton.

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BAY STATE HISTORICAL LEAGUE FALL MEETING HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

The quarterly fall meeting of the Bay State Historical League will be held Saturday, October 13th from 9 to 4 p.m. in Sterling, Mass. The Sterling Historic Society and the Sterling Historical Commission are co-hosts of the event.

Among things that are of interest to Minute Men are one of the four round tables being conducted on "Caring for and Displaying Your Costumes". Another round table subject that I am sure will be of interest to many of the Minute Companies is "Raising Money in the Good Old Summer Time". There are also two other round table programs being conducted.

A luncheon is being served and a tour of the Historic places within the town is being conducted.

Companies who are members of the Society have received a notice of this meeting. Funny enough, even though the Chairman and myself have expounded on the purchase of the Companies belonging to this group, and even though several Companies have told us that they already belong or have joined, a check of the records in early September did not show any of them as belonging or having submitted applications for membership to be acted upon at this meeting. I would strongly recommend any that are interested to send the application with \$10.00 to the Headquarters as soon as possible so that it might be acted on at this meeting.

If you do not have an application, call or write me and I will send one to you.

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COLONIAL NIGHT AT THE POPS

At the last meeting of the Council of Minute Men it was unanimously voted to investigate having a Colonial Minute Men Night at the Boston Pops.

NIGHT AT THE POPS CONTINUED

Initial contact has been made with the Pops and it will be some time in November before we will know whether or not we can have an area reserved for a Colonial Night, and as to which date it would be available for us. It would fall in the latter part of May or during the month of June and would be on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

At this time it is necessary for us to organize properly for such an event. I would therefore appreciate it greatly (and it will save phone calls in the near future) if you could drop me a note from your Company advising two things - who would be the contact to handle tickets for your Company, and approximately how many you feel would be attending.

Based on this information it will be then possible for the Committee to establish the basic setup for this evening.

We are all quite excited about the idea. We hope that you feel the same and that you would be able to have a good turn out of your members and their wives for it. If the event is successful there is a slight "kick back" from the Boston Pops which would help enhance your Company's treasury. This phase, though, depends on the number that you have turn out for the event to help make it a success.

Please take a moment and drop me a line and give me the details requested above.

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COMING EVENTS

Sat., Oct. 6 - Southborough Military Colonial Ball. p.m. Southborough Companies
Sun., Oct. 7 - Thunderbridge Muster. All day
Mon., Oct. 8 - Southborough Heritage Day. All day. Parade 10 am. Southborough M.M.
Sun., Oct. 21 - Liberty & Union Parade, 1:30 p.m. Taunton Minute Men
Sat., Oct. 13 - Bay State Historical League fall meeting, Sterling, Mass. 9-4.
Sun., Oct. 28 - White Plains Reenactment
Fri., Dec. 14 - Third Annual Yule Ball. Billerica p.m.
Sun., Dec. 16 - Boston Tea Party Reenactment. Charlestown.
Mon., Apr. 15 '74 Patriot's Day Celebration. Arlington & Lexington Parade.
Fri., Apr. 19 '74 Concord Patriots Parade

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COUNCIL HISTORIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The 8th meeting was held on Sunday, September 9, 1973 at the Acton Company's Headquarters with 6 Companies out of 30 being represented: Acton, Framingham, Menotomy, Northbridge, Southborough and Stow. The special project for January, 1974, allowing each Company four months to work on it, is a map from each unit showing the line of march to Concord taken on April 19, 1775.

The Company roster of men who participated in the Revolutionary War should be checked against the entry in "Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War", 17 volumes in one alphabet, looking especially for variations in the spelling of names, resulting in double entries for the same person.

Each Company is to survey local sources of Revolutionary history, such as Public Libraries, Museums, or Colleges nearby, Town Hall, and State archives if feasible, although this latter one might be better pursued by a special group. Vincent Kehoe asks that any manuscript accounts of the events of April 19, 1775 be reported to him for listing in his book being readied for publication in April, 1974. The Historian of each Company is urged to work on the projects listed above whether or not he has attended past meetings. Plan to come to future sessions! Norman A. Castle Chr.



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Coming Events

- Sun., Nov. 4 - Council Historic Committee, 7 p.m., Acton Minutemen Headquarters.
Council of Minute Men Meeting, 8 p.m., Acton Minutemen Headquarters.
- Wed., Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Eve Colonial Church Service. Northbridge Provincial Militia. (Call Capt. Arthur Rainville evenings for more information at 234-5332).
- Fri. & Sat., Nov. 30, Dec. 1 - Mass. Bicentennial Conference at U. of Mass, Amherst; Registration, 9-10:30 am, Friday.
- Fri., Dec. 14 - Third Annual Yule Ball. 8 p.m. Billerica
- Sun., Dec. 16 - Boston Tea Party Reenactment. Charlestown
- Mon., Apr. 15 '74 - Patriot's Day Celebration. Arlington & Lexington Parade.
- Fri., Apr. 19 '74 - Concord Patriots Parade.
- Sat., Apr. 19 '75 - Concord Parade, 9 a.m. Concord Company *

TAUNTON PARADE A SUCCESS

Forty-six Colonial Units participated in the Taunton Historic event and parade on Sunday, October 21. It was an excellently presented event, well run and very enjoyable not only to the participants but to spectators. The Taunton Company is to be congratulated on its outstanding work in presenting this event.

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BAY STATE HISTORIC LEAGUE HOLDS FALL MEETING IN STERLING

On Saturday, October 13, 1973 the Bay State Historic League held its fall meeting in Sterling, hosted by the Sterling Historic Society and the Sterling Historic Commission.

At the meeting several points of business were discussed and new members were admitted. It was gratifying to note that with the new members admitted, the League had numbers among its members, because the Council, the Companies belonging to this Council from Woburn and Southborough (who have been members for some time) and the new members consisting of Assabet, First Dracut-Lowell, Holliston and Wilmington. It is hoped that more Companies will join the League in the near future and that all belonging will take an active part in the League's affairs. As stated previously, it is felt that the League will be the prime lobbying organization for historic preservation in Massachusetts.

It was noted that the Massachusetts Revolutionary Bicentennial Committee will sponsor a conference on November 30 and December 1st at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. The subject matters to be discussed will pertain to the upcoming American Revolutionary Bicentennial and the Bicentennial of the United States of America, to be held in 1975 and 1976. From the subject matters presented which will be thoroughly discussed at the Conference it appears that it would be most noteworthy for members of this Council to attend.

It was noted that Senate bill #103 which sets up a procedure by which federal funds can be disbursed to local historic groups for use for preservations and commérations has been passed by the Senate and should be, by the time you read this, passed by the House in Boston. This bill, while it is fine within itself, does not have any funds adjoining it. Funds for this project will come available with the passage of a bill in the U.S. Senate which is being sponsored by our Senator Edward Brooke which will make funds available to be disbursed to local community organizations through these channels. It is suggested strongly that all Companies that are interested in preserving historic sites not only in their own towns but in other towns communicate with Senator Brooke expressing their support for his endeavors along these lines.

It was announced at the Concord Antiquarium Society will have an exhibit during the first week of December on Colonial Christmas decorations. From the description given it sounds as though it would be a worthwhile event to take in. More details can be obtained by contacting the Concord Antiquarium Society.

For those Companies that are members of the League please note that the next meeting of the League will be held on Saturday, January 19, 1974, at Boston University. The subject will be the Bicentennial. Any Companies wishing to join the League should have their membership applications with their initial dues of \$10.00 in to the League prior to that date so that they can be acted upon at that time.

Announcement was made that Senate bill 1874 has passed the Senate and is now before the House in Boston. This bill would establish some of the islands in Boston Harbor as state historic sites under the State Park System to preserve them for future generations. It was urged that all members of the League contact their local Senators and Representatives to support this bill.

Four concurrent round table discussions were held on the subjects of "Caring for and Displaying your Costumes", "Converting a Residence to Headquarters", "How We Finished Our Historic House Inventory", and "Raising Money in the Good Old Summertime". As it was impossible to cover all of the round table discussions the first and last were selected arbitrarily to be covered and herein discussed. It was felt that these two subjects had the most interest for Companies belonging to this Council.

In the discussion of "Caring for and Displaying your Costumes" a great deal of discussion was held on the proper preservation of Historic costumes, of which most of our Companies do not have this material. Many of the points of information given were, though, of interest for preserving reproductions. Also a great deal of discussion was held on the preparation of manikins for displaying costumes, which could be used for displaying either authentic or reproduction costumes. Full details of these matters may be obtained by contacting your secretary if you so desire this information.

On the subject of "Raising Money in the Good Old Summertime" much of the information covered was of primary interest to historic societies with buildings. Much, though, was said which would be of interest to Colonial Minute Man Companies. A discussion was held about the fact that the key to success in any project is people and how to get them interested. It was stated that you must have a good nucleus of members and that you must attempt to get younger ones, that you must have plenty of activities and lots of committees supporting these activities. The most successful groups only were meeting three or four times a year but had extremely active sub-committees on many varied subjects which met monthly or more often. As nearly all groups were having problems with membership the successful ones had found that individual interest lay in many different directions and that by having active sub-committees in many different fields they found that new members or perspective members easily

found a niche in which their interest and talents were brought forth. By this method you could see why some of the groups had really large memberships and were financially well off compared to other groups who were small and financially very poor.

Other things that were discussed which seemed to be along the lines that could be used by our Minute Companies were a series of summer lectures, food sales of gourmet type foods or colonial type foods, a "Chowder Party" which was very successful at getting younger members interested, auctions, and the publishing of history both old and new. Details on all of these various types of events are available if you so desire by contacting your secretary.

All in all the meeting was most enjoyable and informative and the tour in the afternoon of local historic sites and buildings was most enjoyable.

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FRIGATE FILCHING?

Bicentennial battle shaping up concerns attempted removal of 179 year old (at celebration time) USS Constitution from her historic berth in Boston to new quarters in Philadelphia.

Plea is ...Philadelphia is (please read "was"), center of Bicentennial plans, needs Old Ironsides in order to observe properly.

Perhaps Sen. Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.), who's promoting frigate's transfer via S.J. Res. 127, isn't properly sensitive to fact that the elderly detached from familiar and dear surroundings often fail to achieve successful orientation to strange quarters.

Indignant Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) has introduced a concurrent resolution designed to keep Old Ironsides in city where she was built, which she's called home since 1897, and where she's already received extensive overhaul to hide her wrinkles come 1976.

Three frigates, according to Studds, were launched in 1797 ... 1 in Boston, 1 in Baltimore, 1 in Philadelphia. Boston and Baltimore still have theirs (we've no words as to whereabouts of Philadelphia's ... but surely sibling rivalry stops short of "piracy"?)

Navy Dept INISTS Old Ironsides will remain in Boston...there's no intention of changing her status or removing her commander or crew.

But that doesn't wholly allay fears. USS Constitution is a commissioned ship in our Navy; Boston Navy Yard is slated for phase-out. When crews of remaining vessels leave for new assignments, pressure will certainly mount for transfer or decommission of Boston's prized old lady.

Until such sad time, however, may she rest in peace and in Boston!

Article published in Babson's Reports, Washington Forecast Letter, Aug. 27, 1973

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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a regular meeting of the Council of Minute Men on Sunday, November 3, 1973 at 8 p.m. at the Acton Minute Men Headquarters in West Acton. Prior to the meeting there will be a meeting of the Historic Committee at 7 p.m.

Meeting of Council continued

It would be appreciated if all historians would attend the 7 o'clock meeting, and all Captains and one other would attend the regular meeting. For convenience sake, it probably would be best if the Captain and the Historian attended the second meeting.

Because of space limitations now that we have 31 Companies in the Council, it would be appreciated if the Companies would limit their attendance to just two representatives at the meeting, as if all Companies brought many more than the two voting members seating would become a problem.

Please mark this date on your calendar and be sure and attend.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL CAPTAINS HELD LAST WEEK

There was a special meeting of all the Captains of the Companies in the Council held in Acton on Wednesday, October 24. Of the 31 Companies all but six were represented.

This was a general "Gripe" session at which all those present were able to express their problems, gripes and ideas. Everybody had an opportunity to express themselves freely, and it was felt by those in attendance that it turned out to be a most fruitful meeting. Many suggestions were made and many problems were aired. Most everything was resolved. Where this was not a regular meeting of the Council with two representatives from each Company present no formal business was transacted.

It was pointed out that in the effort to keep this newsletter up to date one problem was being felt very seriously. Companies were constantly failing to notify the secretary of the Council when events were being scheduled so that it could be placed in the schedule of events. It was pointed out that this plus up to date rosters of the Company officers should be made regularly.

It would, therefore, be appreciated greatly if you could do three things: 1-Place both the chairman and secretary on your mailing list. 2-Notify this Council immediately if there is any change in your officers and if you do not have the regular form to submit the names of your officers and committee chairmen on please request one and it will be forwarded to you immediately. 3-Notify the Council immediately when your Council sets a date for any type of an event so that this can be placed on the schedule of events.



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COUNCIL MEETINGS JANUARY 13th AND FEBRUARY 3rd.

There will be a meeting of the Council of Minute Men at the Acton Minute Men Headquarters in West Acton on Sunday evening, January 13th at 8 p.m. It is important that all Companies be represented at this meeting but it is requested that each Company limit their attendance to the two delegates as with our present complement of 31 Companies seating is becoming a problem when more than 2 attend from each Company. There will be a meeting of the Historic Committee preceding the Council Meeting at 7 o'clock.

There will also be a meeting of the Council on Sunday, February 3rd at the Minute Man National Historic Park Headquarters on Route 2A in Lincoln. This is our annual meeting at the National Park at which time the drawing of dates for participation at the National Park for the Musket Firing Demonstrations for next summer will be held. To facilitate these drawings so as to save time it would be appreciated if your Company would advise the Secretary of the Council prior to the meeting of any specific dates when your Company already has commitments on weekends between May and October of '74 that you would not be able to participate. Having this information in advance we would thus be able to quickly determine if alternate dates should be arranged for you if that should be the date you draw. This meeting will also be held at 8 p.m. but there will not be a meeting of the Historic Committee prior to the Council meeting.

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Coming Events:

- Sun., Jan. 13 - Council Historic Meeting, 7 p.m.; Acton Co. Hdqs., West Acton
- Sun., Jan. 13 - Council of Minute Men Meeting, 8 p.m.; Acton Co. Hdqs., West Acton
- Thurs. Jan. 17 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. & Sat., Jan. 25-26 - Bay State Historic League Meeting on subject of Mass. Revolutionary War Bicentennial Celebration, Amherst, Ma., on Fri. evening and all day Sat.
- Sun., Feb. 3 - Council of Minute Men Meeting, Minute Man National Historic Park Hdq. Rte 2A, Lincoln. 8 p.m.
- Thurs. Mar. 21 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 30 - Annual Colonial Fair, Maynard; Assebet Village Minute Men
- Sat., Apr. 13 - Bedford Liberty Pole Exercises, 11 a.m. Bedford Co.
- Mon., Apr. 15 - Patriot's Day Celebration. Arlington Parade (Minute Men) morning. Collation
Lexington Parade, Lexington. Afternoon, collation.
- Fri., Apr. 19 - Concord Patriot's Day Parade; Concord M.M., 9:30 a.m.

Sun., June 23 - Colonial Parade, Muster & Crafts, Maynard; Assabet Village M.M.
Sat., July 27 - Newburyport Marine Militia Tea Burning Party & Muster. Colation
Thurs. Sept. 19 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury. Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 21 - Bedford Installation Ball (Bedford Co.) 8 p.m., Marist Field House
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Sun., Sept. 29 - Crown Resistance Day (Acton Co.) Colation 2 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 12 - Southborough Ball (Southborough Co.), Fayville Hall 8 p.m.
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Sun., Oct. 20 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster. Taunton M.M.
Thurs., Nov. 21 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury. Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 19 '75 - Concord Parade (Concord Co.) 9:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 20 '75 - Review of Arnold Expedition to Quebec Bicentennial. Cambridge
Sun., Sept. 21 '75 - Parade, simulated embarkation of AEG fleet. Newburyport, Ma.
Fri. Sept. 26 - Oct. 5 '75 - Reenactment of AEG through Maine & Canada
Sun., Sept. 28 '75 - Crown Resistance Day (Acton Co. M.M.)
Sun., Oct. 29 '75 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster. (Taunton M.M.)
Sun., Oct. 17 '76 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster (Taunton M.M.)
Sun., Oct. 16, '77 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster. (Taunton M.M.)

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COUNCIL HISTORIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

At the 9th meeting held on November, 1973, 11 representatives from 8 of our 31 Companies were present: Acton, Dracut-Lowell, Holliston, Menotomy, Northbridge, Stow, Taunton, and Westford.

The chief project for the January 1974 meeting will be an examination of the work done by the various Companies on a map of the line of march taken to Lexington-Concord on April 19, 1775. A sketch of what has been learned will be a good start. The town maps for 1794 and 1830 ordered to be printed by the General Court, will show what roads were in existence at those times.

The Stow Company is typing the entries in "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution" which involve Stow men, using the lists of Revolutionary men which appear in our Town history. Vincent Kehoe of Chelmsford has prepared for publication next April a book of the events of April 19, 1775. It includes many rosters, and may be a starting point for Companies unable to locate a list. Westford has already supplied a map of its 1775 march. Northbridge turned in a list of its Revolutionary soldiers; the town in the Revolutionary War; List of men answering the Lexington Alarm; Short sketch of its soldiers. 8 pages in all.

Submitted by Norman A. Castle, Committee Ch.

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BAY STATE HISTORIC LEAGUE MEETING, FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY

The Bay State Historic League Meeting will be held on Friday evening, Jan. 25 and all day Saturday, Jan. 26. The subject will be the Mass. Revolutionary War Bicentennial Celebration, funding and activities for the Bicentennial Projects. It sounds like it will prove to be interesting. All members are urged to have a delegation attend this enlightening program.



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- Sun., Feb. 3 - Council of Minute Men Meeting, Minute Man National Park Hdq., Rte. 2A, Lincoln. 8 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 15 - Woburn Ball, Elks Lodge, Washington St., Woburn.
- Fri., Mar. 8 - Colonial Ball, 7 p.m. 1st Dracut-Lowell Militia
- Thurs. Mar. 21 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury; Dinner, 7:30 p.m.
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- Sun., Jun. 30 - 1st Dracut-Lowell Muster
- Thurs. July 4 - Centennial Commission Parade
- Sat., July 27 - Newburyport Marine Militia Tea Burning Party & Muster. Collation.
- Sat. & Sun. Aug. 3 & 4 - York Muster; York Militia Co.
- Sun., Sept. 8 - Black Powder Shoot, Harvard Sportsman Club; Westford M.M.
- Thurs. Sept. 19 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury; Dinner, 7:30 p.m.
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- Sun., Oct. 13 - Thunderbridge Muster.
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- Sun., Oct. 20 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster; Taunton M.M.
- Thurs. Nov. 21 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury. Dinner 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 6 - Billerica 1974 Yule Ball, Manning Manse, Rte. 129, Billerica
- 1975
- Sat., Apr. 19 - Concord Parade, 9:30 a.m.; Concord Co. M.M.
- Mon., Apr. 21 - Patriot's Day Parade in Arlington; Menotomy M.M.
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- Mon., Jun. 2 - Parade & Installation; Daytime; Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co.
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A NOTE OF THANKS

The Billerica Colonial Minute Men wish to thank all those who attended their 1973 Yule Ball and helped make it such a great success. They will have another Ball this year and are making plans for it already. - Pete Woodbury

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1974 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM 11 COMPANIES

We wish to take this opportunity to thank: Acton, Assabet Village, Charlestown, Dracut-Lowell, Chelmsford, Malden, Northbridge, Stow, Sudbury, Taunton & Westborough for sending in their \$10.00 contribution for the 1974 operation of the Council. It is, indeed, greatly appreciated as the funds are required to handle the monthly publication and distribution of this newsletter, and the efficient notification by telephone and mail of all Companies of latest events and activities, and to facilitate the answering of inquiries and the contacting of out of the area groups with reference to their requests to us for participation.

It would be greatly appreciated if the remainder of the Companies could forward their \$10.00 contribution to the Council as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to "The Council of Minute Men" and mailed to the Adjutant.

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COUNCIL MEETING AT NATIONAL PARK, SUNDAY, FEB. 3

The Council's Annual Meeting at the Minute Man National Park Headquarters on Rte. 2A in Lincoln, Ma., will be held on Sunday evening, February 3, 1974 at 8 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting calls for three basis items to be completed. The first and most important will be the drawing of dates for the Musket Firing Demonstrations at the National Park this coming summer. Demonstrations will be held on Saturday and Sunday and you will be drawing for a date between the first of June and the end of October. Some Companies prefer to do only one day while others prefer a weekend. These details will be worked out at the meeting.

Also at this meeting further discussion will be held on the Thunderbridge Muster in October and the Council's part in this activity. Last but not least we will at this time discuss and adopt By-Laws for the Council in preparation to the Council being formed as a non-profit corporation. Copies of the By-Laws were forwarded to you recently in the mail.

Please plan to be at this meeting with one or two members from your Company. Because of seating arrangement it is asked that you limit your Company's attendance to not more than two.

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COLONIAL NIGHT AT THE POPS, MONDAY, JUNE 3

The Colonial Night at the Pops organized by the Council of Minute Men will be held on Monday evening, June 3, 1974. From indications at the last Council meeting it appears that this night will be quickly sold out among the Companies belonging to the Council.

Many groups attending the Pops travel to the event by chartered bus thus facilitating parking and making for congenial atmosphere for the groups to travel together. Several groups have said that they plan to use this method pooling together with other Companies and neighboring towns to obtain busloads.

It is the hope of Col. McCauley and Lt. Maconi, who has been given the job of organizing the event, that this can be a truly Colonial Night at the Pops in that hopefully all that attend will wear their Colonial clothing. If all plans go properly there will be a medley of Colonial tunes played by the orchestra that evening.

Tickets for the event, according to location in the house, will be \$7.50, 6.50 and 5.50 each. All seats will be on the main floor at tables and refreshments are served throughout the evening.

Tickets will be availability on a first come first serve basis. So that your Company can sit together it is advisable that you ascertain and collect your funds for tickets as soon as possible and forward your check for payment for your block of tickets to the Adjutant so that tickets may be distributed to you.

This will be a really outstanding evening and, for any of you who have attended the Pops previously, you know that it will be a really fun night. Let's have a real good turnout and show them that we know how to enjoy ourselves.

I would aks though that I have a contact who will handle the ticket sales and distribution in your Company. Please forward to me as quickly as possible the name, address and telephone number of the individual that will be responsible in your Company. I have asked for this contact in previous newsletters and at the last Council meeting but as of this date I have not received the name and address of a single contact. Would you please take care of this matter immediately and forward the name to me. Perhaps you would be able to give it to me at the Council meeting next Sunday. It would appreciated if you could hand me a card with the name, address and phone number and the word "Pops Contact" written on it. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

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For final reservations, send payment in full for your entire group if you wish to sit together.

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COLONIAL NITE AT THE POPS

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, 1974

ALL SEATS ON MAIN FLOOR AT TABLES....

FOOD AND DRINK SERVICE AVAILABLE....

All tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To have your company seated together send ticket order in group.

Tickets available in three price ranges: \$7.50; \$6.50; \$5.50 per seat.

To have the maximum fun on this evening, it is suggested that Companies get together and travel via Chartered Bus.

In YOUR Company contact:

For final reservations, send payment in full (for your entire group if you wish to sit together) to:

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- Sun., Mar. 10 - Council of Minute Men Meeting, 8 p.m.; Acton Co. Hdqs., West Acton
- Sat., Mar. 16 - Council Safety School Program Day, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Minute Man Hdqs., Lincoln
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COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1974

As noted in the coming events, there will be a meeting of the Council of Minute Men on Sunday evening, March 10th at the Acton Headquarters. Prior to the 8 p.m. Council meeting in West Acton there will be a meeting of the Council's Historic Committee at 7 p.m.

At this Council meeting a report will be given on the Boston Pops Night to be held on June 3, 1974, and coming events will be discussed.

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For any specific information or if you have events for the newsletter please call weekdays only from 9 - 12 at 485-8400.

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MINUTE MAN COUNCIL SAFETY COURSE

Once again the Council of Minute Men will sponsor a Safety Course for all member Companies. To save you time and also to conserve fuel we have changed from a three weekend course to a one day course. To help this become a successful and efficient course we ask you to observe the following:

1. Since we know we have 32 Companies we ask you to send only three men from each Company.
2. Each man is to come in 18th century clothing with musket, cartridge box or pouch, tomahawk and bayonet (if he has one).
3. Each man is to bring his own lunch to be eaten on the premise to avoid a long lunch break. No alcoholic beverages, please.
4. This is most important: Please allow each man who comes to the course to report back to your Company meeting. Whether your Company accepts the information is one thing but it is only fair that each man in your Company be given the information.

DATE: MARCH 16, 1974

PLACE: MINUTE MAN NATIONAL PARK Hq., RTE. 2A, LINCOLN

TIME: 9:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

SCHEDULE OF SAFETY COURSE, SATURDAY, MARCH 16th

- 9:00 - 9:30 Registration, Introduction and comments
- 9:30 - 10:30 Concepts of Safety for use of materials used by the Minute Cos.
- a. Musket safety
 - b. Pistol safety
 - c. Sword handling
 - d. Tomahawk handling
 - e. Use of bayonet
 - f. Preliminary cannon rules
- 10:30 - 12:00 Manual of drill; cartridge making; participants will be divided into two sections.
- 12:00 - 12:45 Lunch hour
- 12:45 - 1:15 Explanation of VIP program of the National Park
- 1:15 - 2:00 Discussion of 18th century dress and uniforms
- 2:00 - 2:30 Discussion of the History of the Companies and how a compiled history can be adopted
- 2:30 - 3:00 Public relations and how it affects your Company
- 3:00 - 3:15 General comments and critique

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CHOOSING DATES FOR THE MUSKET FIRING DEMONSTRATIONS FOR 1974

The February meeting of the Council of Minute Men was traditionally held at Minute Man National Historical Park Hq. for the purpose of choosing dates for the Musket Firing Demonstrations for 1974. The list is elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have reached the point where we have more Minute Companies than Sundays for the Season. Therefore some Companies have been assigned a Saturday date.

This year we are trying to expand the demonstrations by having your Company perform some aspect of 18th Century life you wish. One thing that will not be allowed is cannon firing; although you can bring your cannon. In order that some sense can be made of the program we ask you to submit an outline of it. If no outline is received we will assume that you wish to go on with the old program (firing every half hour). All outlines must be submitted before April 30, 1974. Please send to Col. McCauley.

Although all members of the Minute Companys who participate in the Musket Firing Demonstrations are considered VIPs (volunteer in Park), there are a group of people who devote more time during the week in the Park. On this program we are going to ask the impossible; we are asking that these people submit some type of schedule for the season as to when they will appear at the Park. Please send this schedule to Miss Cynthia Kryston at Minute Man Park before April 30th. Incidentally, you need not send a roster of your Company to the park this year but if you have new members who will appear at the Park their names should be sent to Cindy.

The last program for the Park is to have men, women and children who would be able to teach 18th century crafts at the Park. Please call Cindy if interested.

Signed,
Col. McCauley

SCHEDULE OF COMPANY PARTICIPATION AT MINUTE MAN NATIONAL PARK FOR 1974

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| June 2 - Assabet | August 3 - Acton | September 8 - Westboro |
| 9 - Framingham | 4 - Littleton | 14 - Lincoln |
| 16 - Westford | 10 - Concord | 15 - Menotomy |
| 23 - Dracut Lowell | 11 - Carlisle | 22 - Holliston |
| 30 - Stow | 18 - Southborough | 29 - Wilmington |
| | 25 - Bedford | |
| July 6 - Charlestown | 31 - Lexington | October 6 - Medford |
| 7 - Woburn | | 13 - Chelmsford |
| 13 - York | September 1 - Billerica | 19 - 14th Continental |
| 14 - Sudbury | 7 - Taunton | 20 - Belmont |
| 20 - Boxborough | | |
| 21 - Newburyport | | |
| 27 - Boylston | | |
| 28 - Malden | | |

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ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The following letter from Maj. James Barry of the Westborough Company was received by your Chairman and Secretary. We both feel that it is most worthy of publication in our newsletter and is food for serious thought by all of us. Maj. Barry writes as follows:

As you know this so-called People's Bicentennial Commission and their rowdies has us a bit riled up and I'd like to share with you some of my thoughts on the subject of the Militia, etc.

While a neophyte as far as knowledge of the activities of the various Minuteman groups in Massachusetts are concerned, it seems that the units from Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Sudbury, etc., were organized for much the same reasons as ours here in Westborough. These are to encourage interest in our history, to teach history, and to have family fun. These objectives are reached in a variety of ways; dressing up in Colonial costumes, parading, lecturing, publishing descriptive material, firing the weapons, and meeting each other in a spirit of good fellowship.

Underlying this is, I believe, a spirit of true patriotism - a desire to keep alive the energy and motives which drove the minutemen to take the actions they did, basically the desire to achieve liberty by self-government - those things which are clearly spelled out in the preamble to the U.S. Constitution and in the main body of many state constitutions (including Massachusetts).

Most, if not all, of the Militia and Minuteman groups are lawfully recognized bodies with support from the towns in which they are located. The state recognizes us through authorization to carry arms in parades, etc. To this extent and for these reasons we can be considered a part of what the left calls the "establishment". We are not revolutionaries unless one can say that we are because we support the Revolution and the fruits which it bore.

To be sure there were excesses and sad and unfortunate acts done to loyalists who refused to support the cause, possibly the least of which was tar and feathering. Houses were burned down, and possibly worst of all families separated and were driven from their communities. Many of these latter acts were committed by a rather tightly organized group called the "Sons of Liberty" under Sam Adams, encourage by Hancock and others. They could be called the "Shock troops" of the revolutionary movement, and it is difficult to condone many of their actions except to the extent

that they helped galvanize the people into active participation.

The job of the Sons of Liberty was undoubtedly facilitated by the fact that foreign troops and a foreign king were involved as well as a Parliament which little understood what was happening here and thus acted rather stupidly at times.

The result was the creation of a system of government and a republic with no equal throughout the world, both in terms of sheer power used predominantly in a benign way, and in terms of the degree of freedom allowed its people. The U.S.A. in spite of its growing pains became the envy of most if not all foreign nations and millions emigrated to it because of the opportunities it presented. In many cases they emigrated because of famine in their own land - such as the Irish, or because of persecution for religious or social reasons. Some came simply because they saw an opportunity to enrich themselves. Some came because they were denied ownership of the land they worked and could come to America and own this land.

In many cases these immigrants were poorly treated by Americans who had far different cultural backgrounds and religious convictions. It was it seems mostly a "fend for yourself" society and "devil take the hindmost".

Nevertheless no country which has ever existed has treated its neighbors with such general kind consideration and charity even including its enemies. Examples of the latter actions include Germany (twice), Japan, and Italy. Whoever heard of spending billions to rebuild countries whom you have just totally defeated in battle and whose soldiers you grew to hate with a passion.

At this point in our history we are faced with a problem quite different from any we have faced before and it stems from a godless and ruthless individual named Karl Marx of whom we have all heard. It is outside of the scope of this paper to detail Marxist/Leninist philosophy except to say that its underlying purpose is to destroy the free systems as we know them, together with the God concept and replace them with the "dictatorship of the proletariat". This "dictatorship" is the utopia envisioned by Marx in which organized government would wither away, so perfect would the new order become.

Justification for the violent elimination of the "bourgeoisie" (i.e. you and me as shopkeepers, merchants, property owners) and the establishment of a strong central government is made by saying that the utopia isn't here yet and counter revolutionary forces may destroy the concept prior to its firm establishment. Thus the need for firm guidance.

The point in describing this is that we have such forces acting toward these ends in this country and actually not totally without success. Interestingly enough their techniques are not unlike those of the original Sons of Liberty, including hate mongering, burning in effigy, acts bordering on violence or actual violence itself, threats, etc.

While not all such actions can be traced to the Marxist philosophy by any means, the pattern of much of it most definitely is. The pattern of the actions of the "Sons of Liberty" of the "Peoples Bicentennial Commission" seems to fall into it. Unfortunately this apparently well financed and highly organized group, however small, took over the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in December of 1973.

As we understand it this group pressured the state and federally recognized organization called the Bicentennial Commission of Massachusetts and even received its

blessings. The reenactment was organized by the official group and was to have been carried out by members of the National Guard with two minuteman companies as unarmed bystanders cheering them on, etc.

Prior to the reenactment, newspaper ads, television coverage, and handbills indicated the intentions of this "Peoples" group and they clearly promised disruptive but non-violent action. They met their promises and succeeded in their apparent objectives.

Col. McCauley, head of Mass. Council of Minutemen, withdrew the two minutemen companies because of disgust with the mishandling of the celebration and of the possibility of injury to their members. This action is to be commended in this case since it was an excellent means of registering protest with the Mass. Bicentennial Commission for encouraging the "Peoples" group to participate.

It became perfectly evident that this "Peoples" group had as its sole intent the disruption of the activity with no constructive intent. On the surface it seems strange that a group would spend so much time, money, and energy to destroy such an innocuous celebration, such celebration having really nothing to do with modern politics and being essentially nothing more than a show - a patriotic play, if you will.

On reflection, however, it would seem to be a perfect opportunity for the "left" to do its thing, gain national attention, lots of free press coverage, T.V., the works, and while the evidence is mostly circumstantial (and what evidence isn't) the pattern of action, the wording, the very name of the organization is indicative of its far left wing origins.

The latest handbill of the FBC is entitled "Warning - to all Bicentennial Patrons" and accuses us of having Reenactments while the Spirit of '76 is dying, of neglecting our heritage by not crying out against present day tyrannies, of having feet of lead, guts of wax, etc. It ends by informing us that our "ideological mime will not be tolerated as bicentennial homage to our patriot heritages."

Note that "ideological mime" bit. So we are accused of an ideological farce. Possibly we are at the point when we must decide whether we do in fact have feet of lead and guts of wax and whether we do in fact entertain an ideological mime in our parades on celebrations.

With a threat such as described above, are we to quit the show and return to the safety of our homes with our tails between our legs, or are we to show our true patriotic spirit and show up these impostors for what they really are? Are we to blindly stumble to our games with no preparation, no security plan, no counter plan only to be intimidated and turned back from our purpose of rekindling the real spirit of '76. In short are we to be intimidated by a minority gang of ruffian troublemakers who would make fools of us and win a victory for the "third world", new left, or whatever they might be?

^f we are, then we should be ashamed of our hollow salutes to Revolutionary dead, to the "embattled farmers" and yes to the very flag which we raise with such formality.

We continually see attacks upon the freedoms and rights which "They" earned for us, often in the name of the very freedoms which they intend to destroy. Do we intend to sit idly by while this happens, or shall we act as freemen defending what is rightfully ours.

What greater error is there than for "good men to do nothing"?

Let us therefore assert our rights, show our colors and proudly, and plan carefully for the eventualities which may meet us. Let us project an image of solidarity, of single mindedness, of gentle (if possible) firmness and carry on.

Maj. James M. Barry
Westborough, Mass.

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"COLONIAL NIGHT AT THE POPS" PROGRAM WELL UNDER WAY

The Steering Committee for the Colonial Night at the Pops have met and established the procedure for the sale of tickets for this event.

Tickets, as you know, are available on the floor in all three priced seats - from the \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$7.50 seats. All seats are at tables and food and drink service is available throughout the evening. The Colonial Night at the Pops with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra on Monday evening, June 3, 1974 should be one of the outstanding events in the Colonial Minuteman Program for 1974.

As of this date representatives to handle ticket sales and arrangements for each Company have been requested and the names, addresses and phone numbers of these representatives have been received from approximately half the Companies. It is most important for dispersing the information that we have the name, address and phone number of a representative for every Company.

As of this date contacts have been established for Assabet, Bedford, Boylston, Dracut, 14th Continental, Holliston, Lexington, Lincoln, Arlington, Northbridge, Westborough, Westford, Carlisle, Newburyport, Southborough, Sudbury and Billerica. We also have contacts for the 1st N.H. Regiment and for the Mass. Bay Colonials. If your Company is not in the list above please provide the contact as soon as possible to either Jim O'Halloran, 37 Benjamin Rd., Belmont, Ma., or Roger Maconi, P.O. Box 280, Southborough, Ma.

The Committee feels that it is most important that a concentrated effort be made to contact every member of every Company to make sure that all have an opportunity to attend if they so desire. Tickets will be made available to the Companies on a first come, first served basis. Therefore it is most important that contact be made with all of your Company to first determine the price tickets that you desire; then to determine those that wish to attend; then, to collect the money for these tickets so that it can be forwarded to the Committee so that the Committee may distribute the tickets to you. Again, we wish to point out, that tickets will be distributed on the basis of first come, first served so therefore the earlier you have your tickets ordered and the funds in the better seats you will attend.

We have been asked as to which are the best seats in the house. This, naturally, is governed by the price of the tickets. Your best seats are the \$7.50 seats and respectively go back as you go to the \$6.50 and eventually to the \$5.50 seats. This does not mean to say that the \$5.50 seats are not good seats - all seats on the floor in Symphony Hall are good. It merely means that you are farther back from the stage.

The dates established by the Committee are as follows: Orders will be accepted starting March 1 through Saturday, April 27. Ticket distribution will be made by registered mail to the Company representative on May 2nd.

It is suggested that Companies that are near each other get together and possibly charter a bus to travel to the Pops and back. Using the experience of the Southborough Rotary Club, they have chartered buses to the Rotary Night at the Pops each

year and it has cost but \$1.00 per person round trip from Southborough to Symphony Hall via the Mass. Turnpike. The fee is most reasonable and if you break it down to the cost of parking facilities, tolls, and gas and oil it is cheaper than driving yourself. Companies such as Stow and Acton and Chelmsford might get together, or Westborough and Southborough and Framingham. It will be up to each Company to contact the other to make such arrangements.

We have been asked if the prices quoted for the tickets contain an override, as most organizations when they have nights at the Pops do charge a premium over the actual ticket price to make a profit for the organization. The prices quoted are the exact price printed on the ticket. No override has been added.

The Committee is hopeful of maintaining the Colonial attire only aspect for this evening at the Pops. So far all Companies participating have voiced there approval of this dress request. Let's see if we can stick to it as it will make it a very colorful and enjoyable event if we so do.

Your Boston Pops Steering Committee consists of Capt. James O'Halloran of the Menotomy Menotomy Company, 37 Benjamin Rd., Belmont, Ma., 02178 (phone 484-2896); Capt. Harry Norman of the Billerica Company, 14 School Lane, Billerica, Ma. (phone 667-7754); Sgt. Jack Taub, Acton Company, Littlefield Rd., Boxborough, Ma. (263-2940) and Lt. Roger Maconi, Adj. of Council, P.O. Box 280, Southborough, Ma., 01772 (485-8400).

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COUNCIL ADOPTS FORMAL BY-LAWS AT LAST MEETING

Your Council adopted formal By-Laws by a unanimous vote at the last meeting of the Council held at the Minute Man National Park at the beginning of February. A copy of the By-Laws as adopted is enclosed with this newsletter for your information and files.

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From the Minute Man National Historical Park, please note the following: Because of the demand the Park has encountered in continuing to loan copies of colonial patterns, we are adopting these new procedures. Patterns may be used only at Park Headquarters and will NOT be loaned out. You are welcome to bring tracing paper to copy the patterns and directions, consult our reference library and ask questions of the staff.

Also, please remember that, for those companies participating in musket firing at the Park, we must have any additions to your company rosters for 1974. You need only drop Cindy Kryston a note (POBox 160, Concord, Ma 01742) with the new names. If there are any members under 18 years of age, include a parental or guardian permission slip.

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Please remember, at the risk of being repetitive, any news or notes for the newsletter should be mailed according to deadlines listed to us in good time - it's easier for us if you do. Any questions regarding records, or verbal notes for newsletter, should be telephoned to my office, 485-8400 - Yankee Colour Corp., between 9 a.m. and noon - Monday - Friday. The one who really keeps tabs on everything is Mrs. Varney and she will be glad to help you out and it will save you time and money doing it this way.



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Coming Events:

1974

- Sat, Apr. 6 - Bedford Liberty Pole Exercises, 11 am; Bedford Co.
- Sat, Apr. 6 - Fiske-Hill Ceremony; Concord, 1:30 p.m.
- Sat, Apr. 6 - Paul Revere Capture Ceremony, 3 p.m. M.M. National Park Hqds., Lincoln
- Sat, Apr. 6 - Meriam's Corner ceremonies, 2 p.m., Concord
- Mon, Apr. 15 - Patriot's Day Celebration, Arlington Parade, morning; collation, Menotomy M.M.
- Mon, Apr. 15 - Lexington Parade, Lexington 1:30 p.m.; collation
- Thur. Apr. 18 - 199th Patriots' Day Ball; 8 p.m. Army National Guard Armory, Concord
- Fri. Apr. 19 - Concord Patriot's Day Parade; Concord M.M., 9:30 a.m.
- Fri. Apr. 19 - Patriot's Day Activities; Acton M.M.
- Fri. Apr. 19 - Flag Raising; Carlisle M.M.
- Fri. Apr. 19 - Commemorative March; 8 p.m. Northbridge to Uxbridge by candlelight
- Sat. Apr. 20 - Bay State Historic League Spring Meeting 9-4 pm, S. Church, Andover
- Sat. Apr. 20 - Fort Devens Retreat Parade; 1500 hours
- Sun. Apr. 21 - Colonial Church Service in Carlisle
- Sun. Apr. 28 - Council Historic Meeting, 7 p.m.; Acton Co. Hqds., West Acton
- Sun. Apr. 28 - Council of Minute Men Meeting, 8 p.m.; Acton Co. Hqds., West Acton
- Sat. May 4 - Lexington Ball; 7:30 p.m. Lexington Armory
- Thurs May 16 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury; Dinner 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. May 19 - Wilmington Liberty Pole Parade & Capping; Collation. Wilmington M.M.
- Mon. June 3 - Parade & Installation, daytime; Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co.
- Mon. June 3 - Colonial Night at the Pops, Symphony Hall, 8 p.m.
- Sun. June 9 - 250th Anniversary Parade; 12 noon; Holliston M.M.
- Sun. June 23 - Colonial Parade, Muster & Crafts; Maynard; Assabet Village M.M.
- Sat. July 27 - Tea Burning Parade & Muster; black powder shoot; Newburyport M.M.
- Sat & Sun Aug 3 & 4 - York Muster Weekend; York Militia Co.
- Sun. Sept. 8 - Black Powder Shoot; Harvard Sportsman Club; Westford M.M.
- Sat., Sept. 14 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury; Dinner, Ladies' Nite
- Sat. Sept. 21 - Bedford Installation Ball, 8 p.m.; Marist Field House; Bedford Co.
- Sun. Sept. 22 - Patriot's & Prisoner's Day Celebration; Chelmsford M.M.
- Sun. Sept. 29 - Crown Resistance Day, 2 p.m. Collation; Acton Co. M.M.
- Sat. Oct. 12 - Southborough Ball, Fayville Hall, 8 p.m.; Southborough Co. M.M.
- Sat. Oct. 12 - Chelmsford Ball, Chelmsford Elks; Chelmsford Co. M.M.
- Mon. Oct. 14 - Southborough Heritage Day, all day; Parade, 9:30 am
- Sat. Oct. 19 - 200 Celebration of Continuous Service, Kentish Guards, R.I. M.M. 10 am
- Sun. Oct. 20 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster; Taunton M.M.
- Thurs. Nov. 21 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury. Dinner 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. Dec. 6 - Billerica 1974 Yule Ball, Billerica Elks, Billerica

Coming Events Continued

1975

Sat., Apr. 19 - Concord Parade, 9:30 am; Concord Co. M.M.
Mon., Apr. 21 - Patriot's Day Parade in Arlington; Menotomy M.M.
Sun., May 25 - Stow Bicentennial Celebration; Contact Ron Carbary of Stow
Sat., May 31 - Medford Bicentennial Parade & Celebration; Medford Co. of M.M.
Mon., June 2 - Parade & Installation; daytime; ancient & Honorable Artillery Co.
Sun., June 15 - 275th Anniversary Parade; Framingham
Sat., Sept 20 - Review of Arnold Expedition to Quebec Bicentennial; Cambridge
Sun., Sept 21 - Parade, simulated embarkation of AEG Fleet; Newburyport, Ma.
Fri., Sept 26-Oct. 5 - Reenactment of AEG through Maine & Canada
Sun., Sept. 28 - Crown Resistance Day; Acton Co. M.M.
Sun., Oct. 19 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster; Taunton M.M.

1976

Mon. Apr. 19 - Patriot's Day Parade in Arlington; Menotomy M.M.
Mon. Jun. 7 - Parade & Installation; Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co.
Sun., Oct. 17 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster; Taunton M.M.

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Mon., Jun. 6 - Parade & Installation; Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co.
Sun., Oct. 16 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster. Taunton M.M.

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COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1974

As noted in the coming events, there will be a meeting of the Council of Minute Men on Sunday evening, April 28 at the Acton Headquarters. Prior to the 8 p.m. Council meeting in West Acton there will be a meeting of the Council's Historic Committee at 7 p.m.

It is hoped that each Company will have its delegate at this meeting and its historian at the Historic Meeting.

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BOSTON POPS TICKETS GOING VERY WELL

The Colonial Night at the Boston Pops to be held on Monday evening, June 3, 1974 is proving to be extremely popular among the members of this Council.

Reservations for the event at per seat costs of \$5.50, 6.50 and 7.50 are being made very rapidly. As of the writing of this item for our newsletter the \$6.50 seats had been completely reserved and reservations were coming in at a good pace for the \$5.50 and \$7.50 seats. All seats, as mentioned previously are at tables on the main floor where refreshments and drink will be served throughout the evening. The event is strickly colonial dress and it should prove to be a most colorful and enjoyable event attending the concert at which Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra will be playing in Symphony Hall, Boston.

We hope that no Company is disappointed in not being able to attain tickets. It behooves you to forward your check in payment for the tickets you desire as quickly as possible to the Pops Committee, care of the Adjutant so that your seats may be allocated. While the tickets will not be mailed (by registered mail) prior to May 3rd, it is anticipated now that all seats will be reserved well in advance of that date.

I have been asked on many occasions which price seats are the best. I would like to say that all seats are excellent for hearing the music, but for viewing the orchestra as it plays I personally, of the seats available, would prefer the \$7.50

seats. This is not to say that you would be disappointed in the \$5.50 seats, but if you feel you can afford the \$7.50 seats I think that you would be most pleased.

It is grateful to see that several of the Companies are planning to take our suggestion and charter buses to travel to Boston for this event. Also several of the Companies are getting together and combining to use a chartered bus. When you figure the cost of gasoline, parking and the inconvenience of finding a parking space, it is by far financially cheaper to go by chartered bus and much easier and enjoyable.

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BAY STATE HISTORIC LEAGUE MEETING, APRIL 20th

The Bay State Historic League will hold its annual spring meeting in Andover, Massachusetts on Saturday, April 20, 1974 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

At this meeting the business meeting will be at 10 am with round table programs on "How to Trace the Family Tree", "How to Establish a Community Archive", "Massachusetts Place Names", and "Tourists in Your Community in '74?". Following the noontime luncheon a tour of the towns' historic sites and museums will be conducted. The round table discussions will be repeated again at 2:30 and refreshments to close the meeting will be served at the Blanchard House in the latter part of the afternoon.

As this meeting is on the same date as the review at Fort Devens in which most of the Minute Companies are planning to participate, it has been decided by your Chairman and Adjutant that your Adjutant and his wife will attend the Bay State Historic League on behalf of the Council and it's members who are also members of the Bay State Historic League and make available any information gathered to them. Hopefully we will be able to present a good report of the meeting in the May Newsletter.

To new companies in the Council who have not heard of the Historic League, about half of the older Companies do belong individually to the League and have found it most beneficial not only in some of the informative programs that they have but also in news received through their quarterly magazine and in the various workshops that they have available. If any Companies who do not belong wish additional information on becoming members of the League please communicate with the Adjutant who will be glad to send you all the details.

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RADICALIZATION OF 200TH ANNIVERSARY IS UNDER WAY

by Andrew C. Seamans from "Human Events", March 9, 1974

Wrapped in patriotic bunting and funded by a bevy of well-heeled, tax-exempt foundations, private citizens and the federally financed National Endowment for the Humanities, a young leftist ideologue and assorted militant followers are parlaying the coming 200th anniversary of the American Revolution into a call for radicalism.

While the official, congressionally approved American Revolution Bicentennial Commission is floundering in true bureaucratic fashion, the so-called People's Bicentennial Commission (PBC) founded by activist Jeremy Rifkin, has been building a veritable mini-empire through slick packaging and sharp public relations campaigns that have even hoodwinked some conservatives.

Aided by a \$7,210 handout from the tax-funded National Endowment and with healthy doles from tax-free foundations, the PBC has been on a binge of publicity-grabbing at every opportunity:

PBC conducts daily radio programs over 600 commercial, educational and college stations.

The group produces propaganda books - thanks to lucrative publishing contracts with Simon & Schuster and Bantam Books.

PBC sponsors a dramatic group in the tradition of the "guerrilla theater" street demonstrations staged throughout the anti-Vietnam War drive.

It supports Bicentennial Workshops for church, labor, school and community presentation, and a multi-media project using live music, two screens, dramatic monologues and taped interviews.

PBC publishes a bi-monthly tabloid entitled "Common Sense" (naturally) and similar broadsides detailing "programs" for special projects for students and teachers or community activists to follow.

It is in its publications that much of the PBC's biases surface.

Included: Any information promoting increased welfare spending, Naderesque consumerism, federal interference in free enterprise, student control of school administration and curricula, and union control over industrial production.

Excluded: Any word favorable to business, any calls for cutbacks in government spending in the social sphere or for decreased government influence on free trade or words encouraging a competitive spirit among young Americans.

One PBC publication, in fact, even deplores student competition for better grades, college admission or jobs.

In yet another handbill, PBC's opinion-formulators moan: "The White House will try to use the Bicentennial to glamorize the role of individuals in pulling themselves up by their own bootstraps without the assistance from unions, community organizations and the federal government."

The PBC much prefers emphasis on establishing worker control over factories and clerical employees' control over corporate decision-making, to be accomplished under the aegis of the unions, which many Americans (or most, if some polls are to be believed) already fear are too powerful.

Though Rifkin told this writer his attack on "a new tyranny, in this case a corporate tyranny" does not include small business, the PBC literature refutes this, suggesting that local revolutionaries counter celebrations sponsored by local Chambers of Commerce, which are most often comprised of small businessmen.

Actually, the PBC's whole range of local activities seems oriented in attacks on either the political or commercial "establishment". Among suggested programs are: the tarring and feathering in effigy of "present-day Tories", who are defined as "local government and corporate members of the 'official' Bicentennial Commission"; staging counter-bicentennial programs, preferably at the same time as those planned and run by the local (organizations); threatening boycotts or the use of "ridicule and mockery" against official celebrations and leaders unless sponsors agree to local PBC organizers' demands.

The Rifkin group also wants its followers to use the public spotlight on the Bicentennial era to agitate for more student power in school administrations.

...in Rifkin's words - PBC wants ... to turn the nation's 200th birthday into a liberal-left revolution...Happy Birthday, America!



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METTING OF THE COUNCIL - June 30, 1974

There will be a meeting of the Council of Minute Men at the Acton Minute Man Headquarters in West Acton, Ma., on Sunday June 30, 1974 at 8 p.m.

In accordance with the previous vote of the Council this will be the last meeting at which new members may be proposed. A moratorium on new membership exists from July 1st of this year through 1976.

All member companies should have their representatives present at this council meeting as not only will the question of new membership be brought up but hopefully a safety program for cannons will be adopted.

Prior to the council meeting there will be a meeting of the historians of all companies with the Council Historic Committee, Norman Castle, Chairman, at 7 p.m. You should have your historian attend this meeting.

As seating is very limited in the Acton Minute Man Headquarters it is requested that you only have two representatives from your company attend. We now have nearly 40 companies which would mean 80 persons attending if each company stuck to the two limit. There are not that many seats available.

See you on the 30th of June.

COLONIAL NIGHT AT THE POPS BIG SUCCESS

On Monday evening, June 3, 1974 this council sponsored a Colonial Night at the Boston Pops. Nearly 500 Minute Men and their wives, all in 18 century dress, attended the Pops conducted by Arthur Fiedler.

A most enjoyable program was heard including a sing along of about 12 popular old tunes which everybody thoroughly enjoyed participating in. Needless to say I am sure that many of you never thought you would have the opportunity to sing with the Boston Symphony.

The program was delightful, the audience was appreciative and was quiet while the music was being played so that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Col. McCauley, our Chairman presented Arthur Fiedler with a check as a contribution toward the Arthur Fiedler Boston Pops Fund. The presentation was made on stage just before the beginning of the third portion of the program.

POPS SUCCESS CONTINUED

Many have expressed the desire to do this again next year (1975) and have expressed a further desire to do it during the month of May so as not to conflict with the Ancient and Honorable Installation or Bunker Hill.

I would be most appreciative if each company would drop me a note and let me know exactly what their feeling is to reference to repeating this event again next year. Frankly, even though it was a lot of work, I thought it was a wonderful evening and I would look forward to participating again next season but it is up to you and while I am sure it will be brought up at future council meetings, I would appreciate a note from each of you stating what your feeling is on this matter.

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MATERIAL WANTED FOR NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is YOUR house organ. It is prepared and distributed to assist you in knowing what the events are that are coming, to distribute information to all of you that will be of interest to you.

If any have any news items that you would like published, if your company has any material that it wishes to distribute or if you have items that your company has available for sale and wish to advise others of it, or if you would like to prepare an article about an historic event, place or happening, please send the material in. It will be used as quickly as possible and it would greatly assist us in preparing this newsletter.

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COMING EVLNTS:

1974

- Sat., June 15 - Battle of Bunker Hill; Charlestown M.M.
- Sun., June 23 - Colonial Parade, Muster & Crafts; Maynard, Assabet Village M.M.
- Sat. July 27 - Tea Burning Parade & Muster; black powder shoot; Newburyport M.M.
- Sat & Sun Aug 3&4 - York Muster Weekend; York Militia Co.
- Sun., Aug 11 - Bristol Ball & Cruise; Bristol M.M.
- Sat., Sept. 14- Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury; Dinner, Ladies Nite
- Sat., Sept. 21- Bedford Installation Ball, 8 pm; Marist Field House; Bedford Co.
- Sun., Sept. 22- Patriot's & Prisoner's Day Celebration; Chelmsford M.M.
- Sun., Sept. 29- Crown Resistance Day, 2 pm collation; Acton Co. M.M.
- Sat., Oct. 5 - Sudbury Colonial Fair & Fyfe & Drum Muster, Wayside Inn; Sudbury M.M.
- Sat., Oct. 12 - Southborough Ball, Fayville Hall, 8 p.m.; Southborough Co. M.M.
- Sat., Oct. 12 - Chelmsford Ball, Chelmsford Elks; Chelmsford Co. M.M.
- Mon., Oct. 14 - Southborough Heritage Day, all day; Parade, 9:30 am
- Sat., Oct. 19 - 200th Celebration of Continuous Service, Kentish Guards, R.I.M.M. 10am
- Sun., Oct. 20 - Liberty & Union Day Parade & Muster; Taunton M.M.
- Fri., Sat., Sun., Nov. 8, 9 & 10 - 200th Anniversary, Colonial Muster & Parade; Malden M.M.
- Thurs. Nov. 21 - Colonial Craftsmen's Club, Wayside Inn, Sudbury; Dinner, 7:30 pm
- Fri., Dec. 6 - Billerica 1974 Yule Ball, Billerica Elks; Billerica M.M.

1975

- Sat., Apr. 19 - Concord Parade, 9:30 am; Concord Co. M.M.
- Mon., Apr. 21 - Patriot's Day Parade in Arlington; Menotomy M.M.
- Sun., May 25 - Stow Bicentennial Celebration; Contact Ron Carbary of Stow
- Sat., May 31 - Medford Bicentennial Parade & Celebration; Medford Co. M.M.
- Mon., June 2 - Parade & Installation; daytime; Ancient & Honorable Artillery
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OFFICE OF ADJUTANT MAINTAINS THE BASIC RECORDS OF THE COUNCIL

I would like to take this opportunity, for old and new members of the council alike to again explain how the office of the adjutant will work.

This office maintains the basic records of the council and has it available when needed at meetings and other events. It keeps the records, as supplied by the member companies of the up to date officers lists and committee chairmen.

I know fully that they are not all accurate as we do not have good correspondence with the various companies. While most of the companies are very faithful about notifying me of a change of officers or a change of committee chairmen, some never do and we are still carrying officers and committee chairmen that were given to us several years ago. But on the whole the lists are pretty accurate.

We maintain lists of all Commanders, all vice Commanders, Adjutants, Chairman of the companies Historic Committees, their Musket Safety Officers, and their Public Relations Chairman.

This information is available to any company when they desire it. All names are on address plates and are coded, such code providing their telephone number if it was provided to me. This office will also assist any company in obtaining such trivial information as how to obtain a post office box, or information on liability insurance, on corporation filing, on becoming a non-profit organization, etc.

The most important function that we have, though, is publishing and distributing a newsletter each month. The news letter comes out approximately 10 or 11 times a year, with certain periods in the summer not having issues published.

In this newsletter we list a schedule of coming events. The idea of the schedule of coming events is not only to inform each company of what is planned and going to take place, but providing you with a basis of information so that when you are planning your events you will not duplicate dates and thus cause problems on attendance.

Several different efforts have been made by Col. McCauley and myself to have people assist in the newsletter. It has all proved useless. In order to have a good, informative newsletter it is necessary for every company to take an active interest in it and to send dates of coming events that they have planned, even though it may be two or three years hence, immediately. Also it behooves each company to send any news items that they would like published and distributed to the other companies. Historic stores are also welcome.

In the past I have tried to start swap columns in the newsletter where companies could list items that they make or have available for sale to other colonials. If you have any such information please send it in.

ADJUTANT'S OFFICE continued

In this office Mrs. Helen Varney is in charge of all the Minute Men material. She is available by telephone at 617/485-8400 on Monday through Friday from 9 to 12 am. If you have any information that you wish to have placed in the newsletter please either send it by mail or call and give it to Mrs. Varney during these times.

If you require any information on any events or other matters please call during these hours and speak to Mrs. Varney. While calls to me at my home in the evening, when I am there are gladly accepted I do not have all the information at my finger tips. It is kept in the office and Mrs. Varney is the best one to pass this along to you.

If it is difficult for you to call during the day please drop a post card or a note. It will be answered promptly. Any information you want to put into the newsletter or the schedule of coming events will also be taken care of promptly.

PLEASE, SEND YOUR NEWS ITEMS AND SCHEDULES OF EVENTS AS QUICKLY AS YOU KNOW THEM.

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POPS TO BE CONDUCTED AGAIN IN '75

At the council meeting it was unanimously voted to again hold a Boston Pops Colonial Night in 1975. Hopefully the night can be held on an evening in May so as not to conflict with other activities.

In line with holding such a night it is imperative that each and every company appoint one person who will actively take care of the ticket sales within their company, and that the name, address and phone number of this person be forwarded to the Adjutant immediately.

Several complimentary letters, especially from the ladies, have been received and it is hoped that we can make next year a bigger and better event. It can only be done, though, if each and every company that wishes to participate will select a person who will actively pursue the matter within their own company and will get that person's name and address in as soon as possible.

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THUNDER BRIDGE - TO BE HELD OCTOBER 13, 1974

Thunder Bridge is on. Ten minutemen Companies have sent in their checks. There are 3 more due this week. With 54 Minute Men Companies now formed we surely can do better

The medals are on order - including the prizes which includes prizes for a flint lock rifle.

Newburyport Marine & Militia have come through with flying colors on colonial crafts. There are a lot of excellent talent in the council area. If your wife has a colonial dress and she can do crewel work, needlepoint, weaving, set up a company project, please let me know. If your company has a selling project, let me know. Do you have anyone who can do any colonial crafts? Don't be bashful, show up! That's what we're here for!

Cannon shooting, team shoot, tomahawk, knife throwing, musket flint, pistol flint, rifle flint, liberty pole climbing; if we have time there will be more coming. When a meeting is held later this month will you, the captain or a representative please show up. There is no reason why we can't have a great day. The whole thing depends on you and your help. Let's show each other that we have the Colonial Spirit. If music is needed at such a late date, we will have to depend on the Minute Companies. Let me know who we can depend on. Chairman, Harry Norman, 14 School Lane, Billerica., Ma., 01821., Phone 617/667-7754

ALL ABOUT FRAMINGHAM'S ADDRESS

After many, many months of wondering what Framingham's real address is, we have finally gotten it straightened out. Their correct address is the Framingham Company, of Militia & Minute, P.O. Box 1775, South Station, Framingham, Ma., 01701.

Unfortunately Framingham with 4 post offices only has one zip code. No place that we know of is set up that way, but Framingham is and boxes are duplicated by number in the various post offices so that it is absolutely necessary that the wording "South Station" appear in the address or the personnel at the main post office will return it rather than sending it on to the other office.

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COUNCIL ADMITS 22 NEW COMPANIES

At the last three meetings of the Council of Minute Men 22 new companies were admitted as members of the council.

Admitted as associate members were The Naval Cadet Corp. of Weymouth and the Massachusetts Loyalist. Admitted as full members as they have attended Safety Courses were Bolton, Barnstable, Beverly, Canton, Danvers, Groton, Hubbardston, Longmeadow, Methuen, Medway-Millis, Northborough, Randolph, Reading, 7th Worcester County Regiment, Sharon, Upton and Wareham.

Admitted as provisional members dependent on their successful completion of the Safety Course were companies from Bridgewater, Needham and Saugus. However, as of this date we have not received information sheet or dues not have they attended the safety meetings as per the vote of the Council at it's last meeting their provisional membership is therefore dropped and they are no longer on the list.

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome these new companies into the council and we hope that they become full active members and participate in the various activities that the various companies offer. We will, indeed, look forward to having them along.

We regret to advise that the Belmont Company has been unheard from for several months now, and their mail is being returned as there is no forwarding address. Therefore, as they have not paid their dues, they are being removed from the membership.

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WEY A COUNCIL OF MINUTE MEN - Submitted by Col. McCauley

In 1966 the existing Minute Companies began to see the necessity of some form of information and coordination center. After a meeting with representatives from all of the Companies, the Council of Minute Men was formed. It had a chairman and a secretary. There were no by-laws nor any dues. Meetings were held at the decision of the chairman.

As the years went on, so did the number of member companies and although the council has no law making authority, agreements among the companies made certain standards and procedures possible.

Also as the number of companies increased we became acutely aware of a safety problem. It was decided among the members to set up safety standards. These for the most part have been adhered to and fortunately there have been no serious accidents.

To help us to determine what a Minute or Militia unit should be and to help create quality units a procedure for accepting Minute or Militia units into the council was adopted and proved successful.

Information on safety, public relations, history, 18th century dress was gathered by the council and distributed among the companies by way of seminars, courses and lectures.

WHY A COUNCIL - continued

By February 1974 we began to receive a tremendous increase in the number of applications for membership into the council. Because of the work load and time involved to form a company it was decided to close off accepting membership from July 4, 1974 through April 19, 1976. This we have done. We now have 48 fully accepted companies and a number of associate members. By the way Minute Man Park also has stopped accepting VIPs for the same time period.

Now that we have completed our roster for the Bicentennial years, I believe it is time to increase the quality of our companies. Some of the older companies have probably peaked and are at a stand still. Creative ideas from active leadership can help these companies overcome their problems.

For the newer companies: you have all types of problems and the biggest of all is that you are trying to rush the formation of your units. Research into the areas necessary for the formation and the choice of active and able leaders (not a popularity contest) will help tremendously.

One of the hardest decisions we have to make is what activities do we take part. You have probably noticed a large increase in the requests for your presence at all types of events, I have. I would say choose them wisely and space them evenly throughout the year. Make up your 1975 calendar now. Anticipate what events you will take part. Remember you belong to an organization for enjoyment; this is not your job. Think of your family and job before voting aye to all the events on the calendar. It will be more enjoyable for all of us this way.

Although we enjoy marching and mustering together, your main responsibility is to your own community. Take part in events there, make yourself known and be ready to give assistance for the Bicentennial there.

Before you offer your assistance, check yourself and your company. Is your dress suitable? How about your music, is it coordinated? The drill should be polished up (remember Von Stueben) and above all, are all of your muskets safe? How about the history of your area, do you know it?

Pray excuse my rambling, but we have come a long way and we will be expected to be the leaders of 18th century life during the Bicentennial years in this area. The best thing we can give to the visitors next year is the thought that we know what we are doing and we look well doing it.

The Council of Minute Men (that's you by the way) stands ready to collect and give information, coordinate ideas and plans to make those thoughts a reality.

Col. McCauley

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COLONIAL CRAFTSMEN'S CLUB TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The Colonial Craftsmen's Club, a Masonic Square and Compass Club consisting of members of Colonial Companies in the council, will hold it's installation of officers at a Ladies Night at the Wayside Inn on Saturday evening, September 14, 1974. James Edgar of the Lexington Minute Men will be installed as Captain of the club for the insuing year.

Persons interested in information on the club or in reservations for the installation should contact either the club's secretary, Roger Maconi, Box 280, Southborough, Ma., 01772 or the chairman of the installation Ladies Night, Harry Norman, 14 School Lane, Billerica, Ma., 01821.

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