Each year, Sons of the Revolution℠ in the State of New York, Inc. hosts the George Washington Birthday Ball in honor of George Washington and to benefit Fraunces Tavern® Museum. The 2023 Ball will be held at the Metropolitan Club, located at One East 60th Street (at Fifth Avenue) in New York City on Friday, February 24, 2023. We will be honoring Mr. David M. Rubenstein, a founder, co-chairman and director of Carlyle, who has a passion for "patriotic philanthropy." To that end, he procured and made available for public display at the National Archives important documents such as a broadside printing of the Bill of Rights and the Magna Carta. He also played a major role in financing the restoration of the Washington Monument. Mr. Rubenstein's passion for educating the public about our Nation’s history complements the role our Fraunces Tavern Museum plays in educating young people about our Nation's founding.

At this year’s Ball, we will also celebrate important additions to our Museum, including a new permanent exhibit - Governing the Nation from Fraunces Tavern - to commemorate the use of Fraunces Tavern from 1785 to 1788 as the Nation’s first executive office building, housing offices of the Departments of Foreign Affairs and War as well as the Board of Treasury. We are also actively working on a new permanent exhibit to commemorate the role of private dining rooms in 18th-Century taverns. And we just opened a new special exhibit, Cloaked Crusader: George Washington in Comics and Popular Culture, to introduce new audiences to the history of the American Revolution.

We do continue to face significant challenges, including expensive capital projects and increases in operating costs that have affected many institutions as we climb out of the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of those challenges, and increased costs charged at the Metropolitan Club, we have been required to implement our first increase in ticket prices since fall 2016.

We invite you to join us at the Ball in 2023. You can find more information and how to purchase tickets through our website by clicking HERE. For those who cannot attend, we hope you will consider a contribution to help us continue our mission.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Hein
President