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Sons of the RevolutionSM in the State of New York, Inc. to honor Dr. Laurence S. Simpson at their annual George Washington Birthday Ball

New York: On February 21, 2020, Sons of the RevolutionSM in the State of New York, Inc. (SRNY) will host the 143rd Annual George Washington Birthday Ball in honor of George Washington and to benefit Fraunces Tavern[®] Museum. This year's **Distinguished Patriot Award** will be presented to **Dr. Laurence S. Simpson**, General President, General Society Sons of the Revolution. The award ceremony and gala dinner will take place at The Metropolitan Club in Manhattan and will be emceed by NY1's **George C. Whipple III** and his nephew **William Whipple Rockefeller**.

The evening will feature a host of patriotic festivities to honor George Washington's 288th birthday, including a procession featuring displays of historic flags from SRNY's Color Guard and the Veteran Corps of Artillery of the State of New York, as well as a variety of inspiring patriotic toasts, gourmet cuisine, a live band, dinner, and dancing. The evening's highlight will be the presentation of the Distinguished Patriot Award to Dr. **Laurence S. Simpson**.

Dr. Simpson was elected to the position of General President of the General Society Sons of the Revolution (SR) in 2018 and first joined Sons of the Revolution in the mid 1980's. Over the years, Dr. Simpson has held many positions in Sons of the Revolution including Chairman of Fraunces Tavern Museum, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Secretary, 1st Vice President, and President of the NY Society. Dr. Simpson is also the Secretary of the NY Society of Colonial Wars, and a Founding Member of the Palm Beach Chapter of the SR in FL. He has also held membership in the St. Andrew's Society, War of 1812 Society, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in NY and the Colonial Order of the Acorn.

Tickets to the Ball are on sale through February 15 at www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/gw-ball. All funds raised from the event benefit Fraunces Tavern Museum, a program of SRNY that has been serving the NYC community for over 110 years and is home of the historic site where George Washington gave his final farewell toast to his officers on December 4, 1783.

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About Fraunces Tavern Museum:

Fraunces Tavern Museum's mission is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. This mission is fulfilled through the interpretation and preservation of the Museum's collections, landmarked buildings and varied public programs that serve the community. You can stand in the room where General George Washington bid farewell to his officers and explore eight additional galleries that focus on America's War for Independence and the preservation of early American history. To learn more, visit our website at frauncestavernmuseum.org.

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