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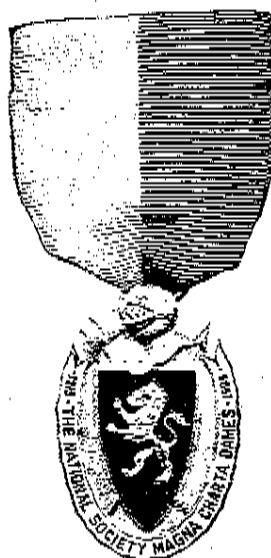
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# The National Society Magna Charta Dames

Instituted on March 1st, 1909, at the Capitol of the United States, in the City of Washington. An hereditary Order it is directed by a Council and composed of women who are lineal descendants of one or more of the Barons of England who in or before the year 1215 rendered actual service toward securing, and who, after many defeats, finally did secure the articles of constitutional liberty, properly called the Magna Charta, from their sovereign, John, King of England, which he ratified and delivered to them "in the meadow which is called Runnemede between Windsor and Staines," on the Thames, above London, on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1215.



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PHILADELPHIA, the city of brotherly love, the  
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 cradle of American liberty and the birthplace of the  
 Constitution, again welcomed the gathering of mem-  
 bers and their friends for the annual celebration of  
 the Society at the Barclay on June 15, 1943, which was also  
 attended by officials of the British government and represen-  
 tatives of the various branches of the armed forces.

A memorable day was this, the 728th anniversary.  
 More than two hundred members and their escorts assem-  
 bled, many from afar, and were heartily received. The  
 attractive ballroom was the scene of this brilliant luncheon  
 meeting, and a more appropriate setting could not be found,  
 with the crimson portiers and gold furnishings reminding  
 one of the colors of the Society. These were further empha-  
 sized in the decorations of the round tables set for ten, the  
 ruby goblets and vases, the red and gold ribbon and the  
 gorgeous flowers, which were the gift of Mrs. Hooper, Mrs.  
 Donner and Mrs. Henderson.

Seen at the President's Table, seated in the following  
 order, were:

Mrs. John S. Wurts	Bishop Taitt
Mrs. William E. Lockwood, Jr.	Mrs. William H. Donner
Mrs. Eugene F. Marsh	Mrs. Laurence M. Robinson
Mrs. Robert P. Hooper	Mr. John S. Wurts
<small>British Consul General</small> Laurence M. Robinson	Mrs. Chichester du Pont
Mrs. John Leonard Eckel	Mr. Tristram C. Whitaker
Captain Minchin	Mrs. Henry Belin du Pont
Miss Alice Elizabeth Trabue	Mrs. Edward O. Troth

The guests having found their places at the tables, Miss  
 Trabue called upon Bishop Taitt to offer the invocation.

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THE RT. REV. FRANCIS MARION TAITT, S.T.D., LL.D.  
January 3, 1862 - July 17, 1943

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## Grace Before Meat

June 15, 1943

An Invocation

offered by

The Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S. T. D.

Bishop of Pennsylvania

**I** GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord; in knowing of whom is eternal life and whose service procures for us perfect freedom; we thank THEE that in times when freedom in Church or State has been in jeopardy, men have been raised up to defend these inalienable rights. Especially we thank THEE that when in our mother country, a monarch handed over the liberties of his country to a foreign potentate, the Barons of Runnymede compelled his granting the Great Charter of liberty for Church and State.

May this spirit be in the descendants of these noble men. May THY Fatherly Hand be ever over them and THY HOLY SPIRIT ever with them and lead us all in the knowledge and obedience of THY Holy Word. Bless us as we gather 'round the festive board. May THY goodness make us love and serve THEE and make us ever mindful of the wants of others, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

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The Rt. Rev. Francis Marion Taitt, S. T. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, was born in Burlington, New Jersey, January 3, 1862.

In early Colonial days Bishop Taitt's maternal ancestors settled on the Eastern shore of Maryland, and their descendants are still occupying these ancestral properties. About the year 1800 his paternal grandfather, a schoolmaster of Edinburgh, also removed to the same region. Bishop Taitt is connected with the families of Richardson, Donoho, Marshall and Ward and with General Francis Marion.

His parents, James M. Taitt and his wife, Elizabeth Ward Conway, moved to Philadelphia when he was eight years of age and the family became affiliated with Old Christ Church. A graduate of the Boys' Central High School and the Philadelphia Divinity School, Bishop Taitt was in 1885 advanced to the Priesthood by the late Bishop Scarborough of New Jersey. Following his ordination he became Assistant Minister at St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, and on Advent Sunday, 1887, he became Rector of Old Trinity Church, Southwark, then located on Catharine Street west of Second Street.

After more than five years at Trinity Church, Bishop Taitt on June 1, 1893, became Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, which had its organization back in early Colonial days. When called by the Diocese in June, 1929, to be Bishop Coadjutor, he was entering the thirty-seventh year of his rectorship at St. Paul's. Following Bishop Garland's death on March 1, 1931, Bishop Taitt became Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the spiritual leader of the oldest and second largest Protestant Episcopal Diocese in America.

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Since the above sketch was prepared, Bishop Taitt died at Chester, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, July 17, 1943. All flags on municipal buildings in Philadelphia and Chester were flown at half staff in tribute to one of the community's most beloved men. In addition to services in Chester where the Bishop made his home, there was held on the Wednesday following, in Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, a memorial service attended by Pennsylvania's most prominent citizens, clergy, officials and a great company of his friends of all denominations, who came to pay him tribute.



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Among other persons present were:

Mrs. J. Nelson Allison, Mrs. G. Hulings Atkins, Miss Josephine Parry Amos, Dr. and Mrs. Leighton F. Appleman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis Appleton.

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President Trabue warmly spoke the following greeting:

*Ladies and Gentlemen:* It is a very great pleasure to be with you in Philadelphia again, to see so many old friends and familiar faces, and to welcome the members of our Society and their guests.

A great change has come over the world since we last met here, in November of 1941, and I feel perfectly convinced that the spirit and determination, the valor and courage, exercised by the Barons in 1215, has had much weight in influencing the English and American leaders in the present struggle to throw off the yoke of tyranny that is so rampant over the world. Freedom is our birthright.

One of this nation's most forceful writers has declared that, with their British cousins, Americans share in the glories and recollections of the land of their forefathers, until the time of colonization. There is a tendency in certain quarters to discredit the recognition of such influences. There are even those who characterize them as unAmerican. Yet Burke has said: "In respecting your forefathers, you are brought to respect yourselves" and Sir Walter Scott declared that the recognition of the responsibility of a noble ancestry stimulates and inspires to a chivalrous conception of duty.

We who descend from the Barons value our English heritage and many here even claim descent from Alfred the Great. When, however, they point with pride of ownership to his coat of arms, I am reminded of the small boy whom I knew in Washington whose father had an office in the Capitol building. The boy often showed visitors a picture of the Capitol as a picture of "my daddy's office".

Claiming descent from the Barons and King Alfred is, however, a just pride and I would like to close with a few lines inscribed to King Alfred, which might well apply to our own heroes today:

He flashed, a meteor in the island skies.  
But o'er the whole wide world there flamed the light  
Of steady purpose, masterful command,  
To lead against the Wrong, the Hosts of Right.  
He bade the best in man awake, arise,  
And meet undaunted, fiercest foes of life.

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He opened pathways for the human race  
Of soul and mind in noblest human strife.  
He lived, he died, he gave us life,  
Despite the lapse of all the thousand years.  
And so, Columbia, with a crown of bay,  
Would wreath the shrine of his immortal fame:  
Her millions cry, "God bless King Alfred's name!"

I will now ask Mr. Wurts to introduce our speaker.



Mr. Wurts responded as follows:

*Madam President, Guests of Honor and Magna Charta Dames:* The day and the occasion are alike significant. They bespeak responsibility and herald freedom. On this day through the centuries Magna Charta has rightly been celebrated. At your celebration of it, twelve years ago, you will recall, at a meeting in this room, another son of Britain, Dr. George Campbell Morgan, addressed you on "Two Principles of Magna Charta". Nor has that meeting been forgotten. He has a brief message for today, which we will hear later.

I am glad that our President, Miss Trabue, whose name I like at times to mis-pronounce as "Miss Alice Truc-blue", I say I am glad that Miss Alice has voiced that beautiful tribute to King Alfred the Great. He was the ablest and best king that ever sat upon the English throne, and as wise and good as he was able. And it is interesting to see the good and noble traits of so excellent an ancestor descend and rest upon a representative lineal descendant of our day. I refer of course to Captain Humphrey Cotton Minchin.

A world traveller, born in 1894, Captain Minchin attended Eton, and the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. He became an officer in the Cameronians, the Scottish Rifles, before the last war. Then he served at the Front in France from before Mons until the winter of 1917. After the Armistice he rejoined his regiment and served in India three years, eventually on the staff of Sir William Birdwood. For many years active in various appointments in many parts of the world, he was later, as representative of His Majesty's Government, sent on important official missions to India and to the United States, and now is attached to the British Embassy in Washington. When a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps, and his plane was brought down in France, he was wounded in conflict.

I do not need to tell you that war is a serious business. It entails sacrifice and suffering. And then, as in this present conflict, many a mother, and father too, experienced anxious moments. And what of the days to come? To us all in our anxiety Dr. Campbell Morgan sends this message:

Look up!  
Your Lord is near,  
And those you love  
Both here and there  
Are in His care.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor to introduce to you as guest speaker our worthy friend, Captain Minchin.

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# Magna Charta at Home and Abroad

an Address by

Captain Humphrey Cotton Minchin

of the British Embassy

delivered before

The National Society Magna Charta Dames

Meeting at The Barclay

Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia

June 15, 1943

*Madam President, Mister Bishop, Officers of the Armed Forces,  
Members of The National Society Magna Charta Dames,  
and my fellow Guests:*

**I** CONSIDER it a high honour as a Briton to address you on this 728th Anniversary of the Charter which your Society delights to honour. Not only is the idea admirable but at this moment when the forces of evil are aligned against us, forces whose success would destroy not merely every fruit of the charter but would destroy our very civilisation itself, it is most meet and proper to pause for a moment to consider the debt we owe to these others.

The wise appreciate that if we can claim any stature it is solely because we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. This has been faultlessly termed our finest hour by a great Englishman, Mr. Winston Churchill, but if we are to acquit ourselves in worthy manner it will be because we merit the temporary upholding of the torch which brave and honest men and women throughout the history of our civilisation have held and handed to us.

I repeat it is good therefore to pause and consider the scene and purpose of the meeting on Runnymede these

many centuries ago. Indeed I know those lush meadows well and as a boy I plied an oar — incidentally with conspicuous ill-success — on the lovely reaches of that very river Thames, beloved of Englishmen and honoured for all time by gentle Spenser. But how different the occasion of that memorable day we are now commemorating! Three parties were gathered together and only one, the King, was to be the loser. The charter did not introduce new ideas but it did confirm and restore liberties on which a bad monarch had encroached. Admitted the liberties were largely those of the Church and Barons, but far better that some should have some freedom than none any, and later those liberties were to be extended beyond the thought of those present on that day. For they could not have realised that they were actually lighting a candle from whose flame future generations would kindle not only candles but lamps, not only lamps but beacons, not only beacons but search-lights to illumine yet further dark corners of the world where darkness still shuts out all liberty and freedom. The intransigent king, the proud prelates, the bold barons were all alike in their natural blindness to the course to which their hand had then irrevocably set the ship of state. Conspicuously absent, too, from their thoughts was the idea that the common people would eventually assert their own rights and found their own conceptions of liberty on the very charter by which these privileged few were safeguarding their own advantages. Five hundred years later another English voice would be raised in impeccable verse to honour unknown village Hampdens, mute inglorious Miltons and Cromwells guiltless of their country's blood, may be, but nevertheless deliberate fashioners of ever widening and protecting freedom.

Still later a people on a continent unknown and not thought of in King John's day would rise and in the true tradition of their forefathers break what they considered fetters and as free men steel themselves to forge their own destiny.

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Magna Charta was — as are all turning points in His-

tory — both an end and a beginning. It closed an epoch and heralded an era. An era, indeed, which will know no end until God's Kingdom reigns on earth and the divine purpose permeates all human mind and all human conduct. How far we are from that is plain to all today, but far from being despondent we should be inspired in thought and deed by the responsibility and task that are ours. We are the heirs to a noble tradition, we are blessed by the actions of those who have gone before and we are blessed again by the example set by our sons today.

For what is tradition? Tradition is that force which to those who are conscious of it, is continually moulding the character of the living and — “so great is the immensity cloistered in the womb of time” — of those yet unborn. It is the very oriflamme which illumines the life and conduct of all patriots. For patriotism is only worthless to the unworthy, it is only ignoble to the mean and to the base, it is only a shameless shibboleth to the shameful. Patriotism is the truly divine sap which courses through the veins of millions who will gladly undergo want and privation, endure punishment and defeat, face up to death itself because they could and can do no other. Knowingly their course is set and for them the dangers and the hardships are as nought. For them patriotism is freedom, for the others it is cant.

But as a noble woman, legally murdered by the precursors of the Nazis, nobly said Patriotism is not enough. Nor is Liberty enough for both are windy meaningless things if the will and character be not there to give them vitality and life. Freedom cannot be given. It is not a gift to be used as a dollar bill or a ten shilling note to purchase something else. It is a quality of the mind which character based on tradition will fashion into a flaming purpose. It is no catchword for politicians to toss back and forth on the floor of a legislature. It is no abracadabra with which the weak can spell open the doors of their prison house. It is the

clear note of summons in the call of duty, unmistakable to the ears of the free, signalling them to gird themselves gladly for the fight, telling them to cast aside foolish and selfish things.

It is the note that Poland heard and in whose music Poland will live again. It is the note which roused the people of England and the free peoples of the free and far-flung Dominions to leave home and family, desk and plough. It is the note which in its most carefree form caused men and women to dance on a Saint's bridge in Avignon. It is the note of sublime inspiration which lead the people of Marseilles to assail the barricades and which will ever inspire men as long as there are barricades yet to assault. It is the cadence of the momentarily muted music which the deathless underground of enslaved Europe and Asia still hear and to which their peoples are dedicating every perilous moment of their perilous lives. To some it is the voice of God, to others the look in their child's eyes, and to others again it is the very breath of their being and the sole consecration of their transitory life.

Many might say we have strayed far from the terms of our reference but they would be in error. So small may be the seed from which so great and bounteous is the harvest. The lonely fighter on Guadalcanal, the unknown casualty a-sprawl on the Libyan sands whose poor body never lived to see the desert victory, the nameless pilot of a bomber or fighter in the chartless immensity of the sky, were each fulfilling, unaware, purposes which had their origin in a meeting on a little green island lapped by the flowing waters of the Thames seven hundred years and more ago. And here in this Pennsylvania city where once was struck on a bell a note whose reverberations time has not yet stilled we are gathered to remember things which should be remembered and — I would like to think — to honour those who in their countless host have made possible the promise inscribed in a time-mellowed parchment, of



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treasured keeping in your Library of Congress today.  
"Therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It  
tolls for thee."

America and Great Britain have each gone their several ways. Free and independent, they are yet united at the moment in facing a common foe and a common danger. They will be triumphant and they will regain their several paths. They have, however, and (just as there is no setting back the hands on the clock there is no eluding the record of History), they have a joint share in a joint tradition which fashions them now as it did when they were young. It is a tradition of which both can be proud, of which both should be aware, of which both should be tenacious. It is not the lifeless framework of things which were but the solid immovable foundation stone of the building of things to come. It is no museum piece which all may see and none may use, it is the essential pattern by which the whole world without let of race or colour or creed can design its future.

And what is this special tradition? It was essentially an English tradition since the mother is older than the child and the tradition was a proud five hundred years in growth before the child chose to leave the mother. But in so many of its aspects it has become part and parcel of American national life as it was the unmistakable guiding and inspirational thoughts behind the framing of your Declaration of Independence. Those "self-evident truths" would have rejoiced the hearts of many Englishmen sleeping in peaceful English churchyards and you will remember that those truths did not lack English admirers even when bloodshed and passion were filling the day. Thomas Jefferson wrote for all free men and lovers of freedom when he took up that pen.

In its simplest form our tradition may be said to be the antithesis of all for which the Axis gangsters hold the gun. For by it, man is greater than the State, government is the choice of the governed, prisons are only for the tried and

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proved guilty. Then America made its great and lovely contribution. Life, liberty and — most Voltairean of all — the pursuit of Happiness are not merely the unalienable rights of man but man is therewith especially endowed by the Creator. Later a great British Prime Minister, Mr. Gladstone, was to term the Constitution which followed the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man. Ladies and Gentlemen, with such a flowering, how can any intelligent man deny what should be plain to all?

But close on one hundred and fifty years later, our tradition was to reach its apotheosis, for all that for which your forefathers laid down their lives and shed their blood was to be granted by an English parliament to the Great British Dominions by the mere stroke of a pen. Not only were they to become as free and independent as are the United States of America but they were to practise the very thing which your far-seeing ancestors had once proclaimed as their aim: Allegiance to the crown with divorcement from parliament. It was on American shoulders therefore that the signers of that tremendous document, the Statute of Westminster, stood.

Let those of us therefore who value tradition (and I speak today to those who are proud to confess that faith) renew our strength in the pure waters of this commemoration. Let us return to our tasks refreshed and ennobled by this momentary slipping back into the cool halls of remembered time. Let us treat falsehood and calumny and insinuation with the contempt these lackeys of the devil deserve. Tradition breeds respect and with mutual esteem for each other we can face the imponderable problems of the peace with the proud confidence that brooks no indecision and which will overcome every impediment.

God of our fathers, known of old  
Lord of our far flung battle-line,  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet  
Lest we forget — lest we forget.

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The Magna Charta Dames, ever deeply interested in loyal American patriotic and hereditary movements, feel that these are not only most helpful but quite necessary, especially at the present time and can be used to accomplish much toward establishing a greater respect for constitutional law. In pursuance of this aim the Society has shown itself to be great — great in vision, great in standards, and great in influence. This Society is of service to all its members and each shares alike in its advantages and privileges. And it is not for the members only, but for their children and all those who come after them, and there is a definite place, indeed a real need for the message which it proclaims.



This Society rests upon a provision quite unique in that a perpetual life membership consists of "two persons at one time in the same family". These persons are known as the Primary member and the Hereditary member. While both are members for life, the dual membership itself is perpetual, being carried on by younger members of the family as they succeed to it from time

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to him, upon the death of the Primary member whose place is  
then taken by the Hereditary member. The latter thereupon selects  
one to become the Hereditary member who in her turn will be a  
Primary member and who will then name someone to succeed her.

As there are two grades of membership, Primary and Hered-  
itary, so there are two classes of members: The Baronage, which  
is composed of women who are lineal descendants of one or more  
of the Sureties for Magna Charta, and the Knighthood, which com-  
prises women other than those descended from a Surety, who may  
be enrolled as descended either from a Baron, Prelate, Knight or  
other influential person present on the field of Runnemedes or  
recognized for loyalty on behalf of the Charter.

### HELD IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. SAMUEL I. ADAMS (Caroline Howell Jessop)	December 24, 1939
Mrs. CHARLES LEWIS APFLEGARTH (Sibyl Clopton)	
Mrs. FRANK ARTZ, Sr. (Irene Conway Boile)	
Miss FRANCES RITTER BARTHOLOMEW	November 26, 1939
Mrs. HORACE D. BELLIS (Cora Stevenson)	March 23, 1940
Mrs. ALFRED R. BERKELEY (Sarah Bernard Manning)	May 26, 1939
Mrs. JOSEPH ELMER BIRD (Annie Dudley Bedford)	November 17, 1940
Mrs. WILLIAM KENNEDY BOONE (Anne Gordon Herbert)	1941
Mrs. EDWIN LEROY BOWEN (Ellen Brooks Culver)	October 26, 1941
Mrs. WILLIAM ERNEST BRACKETT (Lydia Sherard)	September 6, 1941
Mrs. BERNICE FROST BULLARD (Elizabeth Millar)	
Mrs. MARY TAYLOR BURBANK	
Mrs. WINTHROP BUZZ (Frances Pauc)	January 13, 1939
Mrs. GEORGE W. CARR (Louise Clarkson Murphy)	February 17, 1939
Mrs. ALFRED H. CARRIGAN (Lulu Butwise)	June 13, 1937
Mrs. MERRITT E. CARTER (Mabel Woodruff Porter)	October 7, 1942
Mrs. WESTOVER CHANNON (Vesta Miller Westover)	June 17, 1943
Mrs. CHARLES CURRY CHASE (Maria Melvina Sawyer)	July 30, 1935
Mrs. EDWARD WINSLOW CLARK, 3RD (Hazel Mills Dolph)	November 2, 1940
Mrs. SAMUEL M. CLEMENT (Mabel Victorine Richardson)	June 13, 1943
Mrs. ELIJAH AMOS COLLINS (Mary Alice Rodhouse)	March 13, 1942
Mrs. GIBSON PERRY COMER (Laura Randolph)	October 3, 1940
Mrs. HENRY VAIL CONDUCT (Anna Cuyler Hudson)	February 23, 1938
Miss CAROLINE PARKMAN CORDEN	February 28, 1940
Miss LIZZIE BELLE COWLES	February 11, 1941
Mrs. CALER CRESSON (Helen Anderson Wilson)	April 20, 1942
Mrs. EUGENE HASLET DARRACH (Maudie Huntington)	March 6, 1941
Miss ANANDA ROBERTSON DEAN	
THE COUNTESS DE TRAMPE (Rachel Barker)	May 23, 1942
Miss DOROTHY MUNNINKHUYSEN DEWEESE	June, 1940
Mrs. M. WOOD DIAZ (Marisne Wood)	January 10, 1943
Miss HARRIET CORY DICKINSON	October 10, 1939
Mrs. KERN DODGE (Helen Peterson Greene)	July 12, 1943
Miss MARY ELIZABETH DOOLITTLE	1941
Mrs. JOHN ROBERT DOWNING (Evelyn Southworth Craig)	September 17, 1939
Mrs. CHARLES ARTHUR DRAPER (Martha Washington Stark)	December 3, 1939
Mrs. CALER C. DULA (Julia Womack)	
Miss EDITH EDWARDS	
Mrs. WILLIAM WHITEHEAD ERWIN (Lucy Lane)	June 16, 1942
Mrs. FELIX GRUNDY EWING (Jane Washington)	March 14, 1941
Mrs. HENRY WHIPPLE FARNUM (Anna Scott Wharton-Bickley)	
Mrs. JAMES ROBERT FERENS (Edith Hunt Weatherby)	November, 1942
Mrs. CHARLES CARROLL FOLLWER (Edith May Rogers)	June 14, 1938
Miss LURANA ZEMILSE FRANKLIN	January, 1940
Mrs. WILBOURN SMITH GIBBS (Annet Nugent)	February 21, 1939
Mrs. NORMAN T. GILL (Winifred Stone)	April 7, 1941
Miss LENA ROSA GILMER	September 17, 1940

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MISS EMMA WILDER HAST	
MRS. HERBERT WADE HEMPHILL (Emma Bryan Bradley)	April 13, 1939
MISS JULIET FIELD HAYL	
MRS. JOHN ANFORD HIGGONS (Ella Willard)	November 5, 1941
MISS M. ELLA HOOPES	June 23, 1941
MRS. THEODORE JESSE HOOVER (Mildred Brooke)	September 3, 1940
MRS. ARNOLD HARRIS HORD (Annie Robb Firth)	January 16, 1940
MRS. EDWIN CLARK HORN (Mary Louise Erwin)	1942
MRS. EDWARD BENTLEY HULING (Sarah Julia Hawke)	October 11, 1940
MRS. JOHN HERNDON JAMES (Marie Aurelia Williams)	April 13, 1940
MRS. CHARLES O. JENNS (Della Downing)	January 17, 1940
MRS. CHARLES NEIL JEWETT (Julia Ann Gatty)	September 9, 1939
MRS. BEN JOHNSON (Annie Kouwenbergh)	June 20, 1939
MRS. GUSTAVUS TOWN KIRBY (Wilhelmine Stewart Dunn Claffin)	December, 1941
MRS. ROBERT WHITMAN LESLEY (Eulalie Wilcox)	March 19, 1940
MRS. ROBERT ERNEST LEWIS (Addie Lucile Applegate)	January 22, 1940
MRS. WILLIAM FRANKLIN LONES (Lullie Capitola Southwick)	1942
MRS. GEORGE HORACE LORIMER (Alma Viola Kniss)	January 19, 1941
MRS. GEORGE ANTHONY LUSKE (Augusta Bernadine Kimball)	March 14, 1941
MRS. FRANK MARSHALL (Ada Isabel Jones)	August 16, 1939
MISS KATHERINE LIVINGSTON MATHER	August 9, 1939
MRS. WILLIAM ALEXANDER McCAYN (Mary Louise Early)	July 1, 1942
MISS GERTRUDE LAURA McCLURE	October 24, 1940
MRS. JOHN KING McLANAHAN, JR. (Ella Ambury Spendley)	September 4, 1942
MRS. WILLIAM SWAIN MEEK (Adelaide Newell)	
MRS. WILLIAM CATLIN MILLARD (Cora Sprague)	November, 1942
MRS. WILLIAM LEWIS MOODY, JR. (Libbie Rie Shearn)	March 24, 1943
MRS. JOHN WESLEY MOYER (Harriet Wheeler)	February 12, 1940
MRS. JULIEN ORTIZ (Alice Eugénie duPont)	November 5, 1940
MISS ELIZABETH LEE OTTO	
MRS. HEATON OWSLEY (Caroline Dudley Harrison)	
MRS. WILLIAM ROCK PAINTER (Cora Herndon)	October 24, 1941
MRS. ROBERT ROSE PETERS (Mary Helen Baylies)	
MRS. SHERMAN IRA POOL (Minnie Alice Lewis)	November 18, 1939
MRS. ROBERT CARTER RANDOLPH (Isabel Wurts Harrison)	October 2, 1939
MRS. FREDERICK TAPMAN RANNEY (Mary Elizabeth Balch)	March 29, 1940
MRS. J. LAURENCE RAYMOND (Edith Anderson)	
MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS ROBERTS (Elizabeth Kimball Hyde)	August 14, 1942
MISS MARY HILL ROSS	
MRS. WINTHROP SARGENT (Emma Worcester)	December 7, 1942
MRS. FRED A. SAWYER (Mary Stone Moore)	1940
MRS. J. LAIRD SCHORER (May Wyatt Gillam)	
MISS EMMA JULIA SCOTT	May 30, 1941
MRS. HENRY PEPPER SCOTT (Mary Wonderly Brown)	
MRS. JOHN SCOTT, JR. (Mary Lane Landis)	August 19, 1942
MRS. HORACE HARKSTER SEARS (Mary Belle Hedges)	January 28, 1939
MRS. JOHN BALCON SHAW (Allena Bassett)	
MRS. WILLIAM THOMSON SHERRON (Gertrude R. Gill)	April 19, 1940
MRS. JOSEPH FERRIS SIMMONS (Mabel Louise Storm)	November 4, 1939
MRS. GEORGE MILWARD SMITH (Fannie Brownell Brown)	May 30, 1940
MRS. M. F. MONTGOMERY SMITH (May Forbush Montgomery)	October 20, 1938
MRS. GEORGE GRANT SNOWDEN (Pearl Pinkerton McClelland)	May 27, 1943
MRS. EDWIN D. STALFORD (Frances Polk Pyle)	July 10, 1942
MRS. WILLIAM S. STEWART, II (Mattie Hotchkiss)	April 13, 1942
MRS. CHARLES JENNINGS STRANG (Henrietta Wallis Oliphant)	April 3, 1940
MRS. JAMES FRANCIS SULLIVAN (Lafue Romaine Nichols)	January 29, 1939
MRS. WILLIAM HOWARD TART (Helen Herron)	May 23, 1943
MRS. WILLIAM THOMAS (Emma Adeline Gay)	December 23, 1941
MRS. HAROLD B. THORPE (Elizabeth Pendleton Robinson)	December, 1940
MISS MINNIE PACKWOOD TILDEN	1939
MRS. JOHN A. VANDERPOEL (Emily Caroline Noyes)	1940
MRS. IVAN LARUE VANSANT (Magdalena Beverlin)	December 20, 1942
MRS. HENRY PEPPER VAUX (Frances Alice Cramp)	August 12, 1939
MISS SUSAN MORRIS VAUX	August 12, 1939
MRS. JOSEPH REEVES WAINWRIGHT (Laura Lloyd)	February 2, 1941
MRS. BLANTON CHARLES WELSH (Emilie Benson)	1940
MRS. O. HARVEY WILLARD (Frances Burdick)	October 7, 1940
MRS. DAVID EVANS WILLIAMS (Mary Vaughan Merrick)	March 27, 1940
MRS. EDWARD REES WILLIAMS (Nina Estella McPherson)	August 14, 1939
MRS. WALLACE COATES WILLIAMS (Maria Louise Chandler)	October 18, 1940
MRS. WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMSON (Mary Ready Weaver)	1941
MRS. J. MERRILL WRIGHT (Laura A. Peatee)	December 1, 1938
MRS. EDWARD VANCEN WURTS (Elizabeth White Robins)	March 5, 1939

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## SOME MEMORABLE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

- June 10, 1929. Guests of Mrs. James Large at The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia. Address by John S. Wurts, LL.B., "A Priceless Heritage."
- November 21, 1929, at The Copley-Plaza, Boston. Addresses by Mrs. Daniel Kent and Mrs. William S. Hallowell, "Magna Charta Ideals."
- March 1, 1930, at The Drake, Chicago. Address by Miss Isabel Wurts Page, "Our Twenty-first Anniversary."
- June 12, 1930. Guests of Mrs. Julien Ortiz at "Valmy," Greenville, Delaware. Address by John S. Wurts, LL.B., "The Field of Runnemede."
- November 3, 1930, at The Willard, Washington. Addresses by Dr. Marcus Benjamin and Dr. Joseph G. B. Bulloch, "Magna Charta and the Ladies."
- March 17, 1931, at The Vanderbilt, New York. Address by Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, "The Trend of the Times—A Plea for the Christian Faith."
- June 11, 1931. Guests of Mrs. James Large at Strawberry Mansion, Philadelphia. Address by Miss Sarah D. Lowrie, "A New Era of Hospitality."
- November 12, 1931, at The Barclay, Philadelphia. Address by Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, "Two Principles of Magna Charta."
- June 11, 1932. Guests of Mrs. Finley J. Shepard at "Lyndhurst," Irvington-on-Hudson, who also made the address.
- November 16, 1932, at Green Hill Farms, Overbrook. Addresses by Anna Lane Lingelbach, Ph.D., "Magna Charta and William Penn"; Rev. D. Wilmot Galeson, M.A., "The Pen and the Sword."
- June 12, 1933. Guests of Mrs. James Starr at Fort Hunter on the Susquehanna. Address by Mrs. Edward B. Meigs, "Fort Hunter."
- November 14, 1933, at The Barclay, Philadelphia. Address by Frances Lester Warner, "A Foot-Note to Magna Charta."
- June 12, 1934. Guests of Mrs. John T. Dorrance at "Woodcrest," Radnor. Address by Dr. Leicester Crosby Lewis, "The Ordered Liberty of Magna Charta."
- November 20, 1934, at Sherry's, New York. Addresses by Major Montgomery Schuyler, "Early Settlements in America"; Major John V. Bouvier, "Our Political Recession"; Dr. William Schier Bryant, "Allegiance."
- June 18, 1935. Guests of Mrs. George Harrison Houston at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Address by Hon. Gilbert Holland Montague, "The Constitution and Magna Charta."
- November 12, 1935, at The Belvedere, Baltimore. Address by Hon. Daniel R. Randall, "Lest We Forget."
- March 3, 1936, at The Shoreham, Washington. Address by Hon. Daniel O. Hastings, "Our Democratic Form of Government Shall Endure."
- June 16, 1936, at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Address by Mr. George Harrison Houston, "The American System."
- November 10, 1936, at The Plaza, New York. Address by Clarence Blair Mitchell, Esq., "The Influence of Magna Charta in Our Times."
- March 2, 1937, at Somerset Hall, Glenside, Pennsylvania. Address by John S. Wurts, Esq., "Chief Sources of Information Concerning Old English Family Descents."
- June 15, 1937, at The Barclay, Philadelphia. Addresses by Frances Lester Warner Hersey, Litt.D., "Magna Charta in the Home"; Mr. Samuel Price Wetherill, "Magna Charta and the Constitution."
- November 9, 1937, at The Pendennis Club, Louisville. Address by Hon. James A. Emery, "Magna Charta—the Corner-stone of the Constitution."
- June 2, 1938, at The Barclay, Philadelphia. Address by Henning W. Prentis, Jr., LL.D., "The Tripod of Freedom."
- November 1, 1938, at the Town and County Club, Hartford, Connecticut. Address by Walter Phelps Hall, Ph.D., "Magna Charta and Liberty."
- March 1, 1939, at Somerset Hall, Glenside, Pennsylvania. Reception and tea to celebrate the Thirtieth Birthday of the Society.
- June 13, 1939, at The Barclay, Philadelphia. Address by Hon. Hamilton Fish, "Magna Charta and Tomorrow."
- October 10, 1939, at the British Pavilion, New York World's Fair. Address of welcome by Sir Louis Beale, K.C.M.G., C.B.E.; G. T. Hankin, Esq., "Magna Charta Hall"; John S. Wurts, Esq., "The Romance of the Great Charter."
- March 5, 1940, at The Alcazar, Baltimore, at the invitation of Mrs. Alexander Gordon, Regent. Address by Rev. Theodore Parker Ferris, "The Meaning of Freedom."
- October 22, 1940, at The Pendennis Club, Louisville. Address by Hon. James Walker Stites, "Magna Charta—The Basis of Our Constitution."
- June 12, 1941, at Hotel Lafayette, Marietta, Ohio. Address by Hon. George White, "Magna Charta, the Bulwark of Freedom."
- November 18, 1941, at The Barclay, Philadelphia. Address by Robert Wilberforce, C.B.E., "Freedom in Magna Charta."
- June 15, 1943, at The Barclay, Philadelphia. Address by Captain H. Cotton Minchin, "Magna Charta—At Home and Abroad."