



Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute

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Upcoming Muster:

February 6th Muster in the Ballroom, Wayside Inn at 8:00 pm

Our speaker will be General & Mrs Artemas Ward of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Colonel's Corner:

Our 12th Night Ball was a great success both socially and financially. I haven't had a final tally from my adjutant but it appears that we had over a hundred paid adults, six or eight youths, and a number of diners who came in to watch. If anyone has pics of the dance, please send them to me and I'll get them included in next month's muster notice. My thanks to all who attended, our music and caller, to the Inn Keeper and his staff for the prep and cleanup and most especially to Richard who kept the punch bowls filled and brought the cake out on time. Huzzah! It was truly a night to remember.

I had heard that someone was taken from the Inn in an ambulance on the evening of the Ball but rumor had it that it was one of the Inn's guests. I only found out several days later that it was Lynne Dube who had had a "small" heart attack. Anyway I am pleased to report that Lynne received some great emergency care and is already back to work!

On the subject of Balls, I want to warn people that our April ball that is usually held on a Friday evening after our march to the North Bridge will be held this year on the Friday *before* the march. The ink was barely dry on my promotion to colonel when I contacted the Functions Office to set dates for various Militia functions. To my chagrin I found that someone had had the audacity of reserving April 27th (the date I would normally have chosen) for a wedding so I opted to have our **Grand Ball on April 13th** rather than a May date. Mark your calendars please.

Kevin Gatlin has chosen a date, **February 24th**, and menu for our **Ordinary Evening**. Details are at the end of this notice. Please get your reservation and checks in early - we limit this to 25 persons to keep things manageable. And for those of you who have never been to one of these dinners, I encourage you to try it. As in an 18th century tavern, the diners supply their own entertainment. Bring an instrument or a joke or song or poem and don't fret about forgetting a line or being off key and we'll have a grand time. You may copy and send the invitation to anyone that might be interested.

Old Business:

Our first musket drill was snowed out on January 21st and has been rescheduled for February 25th. See the schedule below for all the dates.

Mark Lamkin, Peter Hoover and others have begun work on establishing an online member directory of the Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute.

Your Servant,

Colonel Carl Hutchinson

Messages from the officers:

From the Lt Colonel:

Casting call: The next meeting of the **Route Committee** will take place on **Monday, February 27 at 7:30 at the Inn**. Has the acting bug ever bitten you? Choice roles available, talent not required.

From the Faire Chairman:

The next meeting of the **Faire Committee** will be held on **Tuesday, March 20th at 7:30 pm** at the Inn, please come join us. We still have a few lead positions to fill. If you can't make the meeting but want to comment, volunteer or ask a question you can reach me, Brian Mixter, at faire@sudburymintemen.org or call 978-257-4097 Cell or 978-562-3468 Home.

Musket Drill Schedule

Musket Drills have been tentatively scheduled for the following dates at the Inn. Please wear kit and bring rounds.

Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 1:30 pm

Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at 10:30 am

Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 1:30 pm

Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 10:30 am

Probably a wild card drill TBA in early April for those who haven't been able to make two of the others.

These drills are an opportunity for you brush up on your manual of arms, as well as to meet the qualifications to fire our salute on Old North Bridge on April 19th. Remember, as last year, if you don't meet the National Park requirements by attending at least two drills and demonstrating proficiency in the manual of arms, you'll not be firing on the Bridge.

Upcoming Events:

February 6th Muster in the Old Ballroom, 8:00 pm

February 24th Ordinary Evening, Ford Room, 6:30-9:30 pm

March 5th Muster in the Old Ballroom, 8:00 pm

April 2nd Muster in the Old Ballroom, 8:00 pm

April 13th Grand Ball in the Main Dining Room, 8:00-11:00 pm

April 19th March in Wayland begins 3:45 am

March to the North Bridge begins 5:45 am

Door Duty

2012 Wayside Inn Door Duty List

Date Name Phone

2-5-12	Carl & Ellie Hutchinson	
2-12-12	Allen Van Wert	978-870-0970
2-19-12	Larry & Mary Leonard	
2-26-12	Jack McCarter	
3-4-12	Ruedi & Madeline Arn	508-867-4201
3-11-12	Hal & Betsy Cutler	978-443-2525
3-18-12	Jack McCarter	
3-25-12	Mike Archibald	978-761-0357
4-1-12	Carl & Ellie Hutchinson	508-865-3010
4-8-12	Ed and Lynne Dube	
4-15-12	OPEN	
4-22-12	Larry & Mary Leonard	
4-29-12	OPEN	
5-6-12	OPEN	
5-13-12	OPEN	
5-20-12	Larry & Mary Leonard	
5-27-12	OPEN	
6-3-12	OPEN	
6-10-12	OPEN	
6-17-11	OPEN	
6-24-12	OPEN	
7-1-12	OPEN	

7-8-12	OPEN
7-15-12	OPEN
7-22-12	OPEN
7-29-12	OPEN

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AS GREETERS ON THE FRONT DOOR OF THE WAYSIDE INN. IF FOR ANY REASON YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR COMMITMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE COORDINATORS LISTED BELOW (They will ASSIST you in finding a substitute).

COORDINATORS:

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508-877-1582
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Wayside Inn Front Desk: 978-443-1776

Please call the Inn if you expect to be late arriving.

Reminder: The Inn Keeper graciously provides dinner to the Militia Volunteers completing a day on Door Duty. We are responsible for any alcoholic beverages consumed and a tip to the waitperson serving us. The Inn is prohibited by law from providing free alcoholic beverages to the public.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Sudbury Companies of Militia & Minute are hosting an

“Ordinary” Evening

to be held at the Ford Room at the Wayside Inn
Friday, February 24, 2012 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

The cost of **\$34 per person** provides your choice of:

Yankee Pot Roast or Filet of Sole

(Mixed Green Salad, Oven Roasted Potato, Green Beans Almondine, Deep Dish Apple Pie, Bakery Basket, Coffee and Tea are included with each meal)

We are putting together a night of Colonial entertainment featuring.....YOU!

Music, poems, jokes, skits, limericks, stories, all are welcome.

Bring your talents, whatever they may be, and join the already growing list of entertainments. Let’s see who can outdo the other!

Come and enjoy an 18th Century evening of Food, Fun, Frivolity and Friendship

(Colonial Dress Suggested)

Please complete the form below and mail it to: Kevin Gatlin, 802 Edgell Road, Framingham, MA 01701. Questions? Call Kevin at (508) 877-1582. All checks should be payable to the Sudbury Co’s of Militia & Minute. *Forms and checks must be received by February 17th.*

Name _____ # attending _____

Menu Choice: Yankee Pot Roast _____

Filet of Sole _____