

The American Friends of Lafayette
ANNUAL MEETING

June 12-14, 2008 – New Hampshire

Upon our arrival on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at Concord, New Hampshire, there will be an informal dinner at a restaurant within walking distance of the hotel.

At 10:00 o'clock on Friday, we will assemble at the New Hampshire State House, the oldest state house still in use in the country, for a guided tour of the building where Lafayette was greeted and feted by Granite Staters in June of 1825.

At 11:00, we will cross the street to the New Hampshire Historical Society Library where we will view a case containing items in the collection of the Museum of NH History relating to Lafayette, including the wine glass which he used to toast New Hampshire at the banquet at the State House.

At about 11:45, we will board a charter bus which will transport us along Lafayette's Route towards Maine, stopping for lunch in Durham, NH, where Lafayette stopped en route in 1825. Durham is now the home of the University of New Hampshire.

After lunch, we will detour from the General's 1825 Route southeast to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, which Lafayette visited on September 1, 1824. There we will visit Strawberry Banke Museum, a history museum containing 40 historic structures, including a tavern which Lafayette is said to have stopped at. We will also visit an historic house within walking distance at Strawberry Banke, which Lafayette also stopped at.

We will reboard the bus, reverse course and return to Concord for our formal dinner at 7:30. Our guest speaker will be Peter Wallner, author of a two-volume biography of New Hampshire's only President, Franklin Pierce. Peter will tell us why Franklin, the son of Benjamin Pierce, a former comrade-in-arms who greeted Lafayette both in Portsmouth in 1824 and Concord in 1825, should not be ranked at the bottom of the list of our Presidents.

On Saturday morning, the AFL will conduct its annual business meeting at the hotel. Available for individual site-seeing in Concord is the Museum of NH History, also within walking distance from the hotel. Fifteen miles south in Manchester, NH, you may visit Currier Museum of Art and/or its Frank Lloyd Wright home, the "Zimmerman House."

For those of you staying over Saturday night, an informal cook-out will be served at Alan Hoffman's house in Londonderry, NH, ten miles south of Manchester and 25 miles from the hotel.

Arrangements details: Our hotel, **The Holiday Inn–Concord**, is holding a block of rooms until May 15 at the rate of \$105 for Thursday June 12 and \$115 for Friday, June 13, single or double occupancy, free parking, plus tax of course. Reservations may be made by calling 603-224-8266; be sure to specify "The American Friends of Lafayette" when making your reservation. The AFL reservation fee will be \$135 per person and will cover Friday's luncheon at Three Chimneys, dinner at The Common Man-Concord, our charter coach on Friday, all admission fees, and AFL's expenses for reserving dining and meeting rooms on Friday and Saturday. The fee will not cover dinner on Thursday, breakfasts, and lunch on Saturday.

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