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NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013

11:30 A.M. SOCIAL, 12:00 NOON PLENARY—SINBAD'S RESTAURANT

Program on the American Revolution and Native American Traditions

COMPARATIVE LAW LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS

VALUE OF FREEDOMS PAID FOR IN BLOOD

"I am proud to be an American citizen!" So said Prof. Christian Okeke, who has dual U.S. and Nigerian citizenship, speaking to our second annual Constitution Banquet. "You value your freedoms more because you fought for them," he told sons and daughters of the American Revolution." The internationally renowned professor of law added, "Freedoms are not valued as much when they are obtained by negotiation." Nigeria negotiated independence from Britain in 1960. Having a population of 180 million, Nigeria is, like the U.S., a federation having three branches of government. Unlike America, Okeke said, Nigeria's judiciary is not truly independent but is dependent on the executive. He voiced "concern" that some of the freedoms Americans enjoy are being d i m i n i s h e d .

The professor told the story of his religious upbringing, legal studies and teaching around the world, and his interests in comparative, international, and human rights law. Interrupted by applause and later given a standing ovation, he was presented with an SAR award for academic excellence at the Sept. 14, 2013 banquet. Okeke, director of the international law institute at Golden Gate University School of Law, was awarded the Cross Ecclesia et Pontifice "Cross of Honor" in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI, for "outstanding services to the Church and humanity."

S.A.R. DELEGATES HONOR LAFAYETTE DURING A VISIT TO UNITED KINGDOM

SFSAR and LAUX members went to London and honored an American Revolution hero Sept. 16, 2013 at the Victoria and Albert Museum. The delegation assembled around a tall golden vase that was awarded to General Lafayette for his service in the War for American Independence and the French Revolution. The all-gold vase features a 3-D image of Lord Cornwallis on Oct. 19, 1781 offering his sword to General Washington, and images of Lafayette in Paris. The vase stands on





a plinth with canted corners having allegorical figures that represent Liberty, Equality, Strength, and Wisdom. Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, on his own initiative in 1777 sailed to join the American cause and was given an honorary commission as a major general by the Continental Congress. He became a close friend of General Washington, was responsible for several important actions against the British in America, and was present at Cornwallis' capitulation. He returned to France, was made a brigadier general by Louis XVI. The silver-gilt, cast gilded copper, cast brass, iron and ormolu (high-carat gold) vase was designed by Jean-Etienne Chaponniere and made in the early 1830s. It is on loan at the London museum from the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert collection. Compatriot brothers Fred and Tony Bothwell and wives Pat and Cindy stopped in

London on the way to vacation in Ireland.



NEW SFSAR MEMBERS

INSTALLED SEPT. 14, 2013

Donald and Nathan Bent, descendants of Nathan Bent, a fifer in the Massachusetts Militia. Richard Bruce, descendant of Charles Bruce, member of the Provincial Congress of North Carolina, and recruiting officer. Charles and Todd Cruff, descendants of Lewis Redden Cruff who served aboard the USS Franklin, commanded by Capt. John Turner. Charles accepted the membership certificate of his grandson, Hared Alexander Gonzales. Ross Holman, descendant of Daniel Holman who furnished supplies to the militias of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Thomas Bothwell, descendant of Jacob Dreibelbis, captain in Pennsylvania's Berks County Militia.

COMING EVENTS

138th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting. Nov. 1-2, 2013, Los Angeles.

124th NSSAR Congress, July 18-24, 2014, Greenville, SC.

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