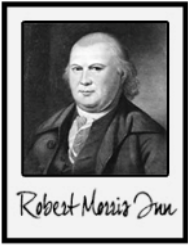


2019 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DETAILS



(credit: the Inn's website)

Following are the details of the 2019 Annual Meeting. Our Mine Hosts, Bill and Lois Shepard, have secured for our location the historic Robert Morris Inn in Oxford, MD, on Maryland's beautiful Eastern Shore. Much effort has gone into organizing this fine event, and we hope you will attend. As always, thank you for your continued support of our Society.

On **Saturday, June 8, 2019**, members and their guests will gather at the Robert Morris Inn, where we will meet in the Dining Room beginning at **11:30 a.m.** The building has wheelchair accessibility for those in need, and parking is easily found. On retiring to the dining area, we will enjoy our traditional libations (spiked and tame), and then partake of a plated lunch of traditional seaport cuisine prepared by the Inn's award-winning chef. Our meal will include a choice of Soup *or* Salad; Crab Cake Sandwich with Chips *or* the Inn's special Chicken Salad on mixed greens with Potato Salad, Tomatoes and Cucumbers; Strawberry Shortcake *or* Fresh Berry Gratin and Vanilla Ice Cream; Coffee, Iced Tea, and Hot Tea. The price per person is \$33, all inclusive. A cash bar will be available. The reservation form can be found on the last page (page 8) of this Newsletter.

Our function will include either a guest speaker, knowledgeable of the history of the tavern and village, or we will enjoy colonial music performed by a local musician who specializes in music of the period. We will adjourn by approximately 2:30 p.m., in time to enjoy other activities and sites in the area. A short list of nearby attractions and activities is presented on page 7. Attendees also may wish to check the internet for more activities in the area. The Inn is present on the internet at www.robertmorrisinn.com, where details about the Inn's other activities may be found.



The Dining Room at Robert Morris Inn
(credit: the Inn's webpage)



Robert Morris Inn
(credit: Groupon.com)

The water-bound village of Oxford was once Maryland's largest port of call and is still an important center for boat-building and yachting. One of Maryland's oldest towns, Oxford was mandated in 1694 by Maryland legislation to be the first and only port of entry on the Eastern Shore. The town gained significant prominence in colonial days and remained a booming port for many decades. The most prominent merchant was Robert Morris, whose son, Robert Jr., was U.S. Superintendent of Finance (becoming known as "Financier of the American Revolution"). A part of Morris's residence is incorporated in the Inn. Some time after the death of Robert Morris, Sr., the house was converted to an Inn called River View House. The prominent Goldsborough family occupied the house for many years during the first half of the 19th Century. In April 1831, the property passed to Charles Willis, who, in 1839, sold the property to William Groome. Groome co-owned the Inn with Elizabeth Kennard for the next 24 years. In 1863, the Inn was again sold to Samuel Pentz, and in subsequent years to R. H. Chamberlain and Albert Robins. Robins changed its name to the Robins Hotel, added much of the interior fabric and the entire exterior frame, which remains intact today.

Entering the Inn from the main street is like stepping back in time. A pristine and historic interior of timber beams, paneled walls, and open fires welcomes its guests. The staircase leading to the Inn's 14 guest rooms is of an enclosed design typical of the Elizabethan period and was built prior to 1710. The flooring in the upstairs hall was made from Georgia white pine. Construction nails were hand made, and the 14-inch square beams and pilasters were fastened with hand-hewn oak pegs. Four of the guest rooms have hand-made wall paneling from earlier periods, and the fireplaces were built of brick made in England and used as ballast in empty sailing ships arriving for trade. The impressive murals in the dining room were constructed from wallpaper manufacturers' samples. The Tavern's slate floor came from Vermont, and over the fireplace is the Morris Coat of Arms carved by John White.

TRAVEL AND DIRECTIONS

Robert Morris Inn is located at 314 North Morris Street, Oxford, MD 21654; telephone 410/226-5111; on the internet at www.robertmorrissinn.com. Directions to the Inn are:

Please be sure to take the Oxford Road and **not** the St. Michaels Road. If you use a GPS navigation system, it may guide you to the Oxford Bellvue Ferry. The Ferry may be closed at the time of your arrival. Exact departure times may be found on their website at <http://www.oxfordbellevueferry.com>.

NOTE: The speed limit is 25 mph in Oxford, and is strictly enforced!

Approximate travel times to Oxford, MD, from area locations:

Annapolis - 1 hour	Ocean City, MD - 1.5 hours
BWI Airport & Train Station - 1.5 hours	Philadelphia - 2.5 hours
Baltimore - Less than 2 hours	Salisbury, MD - 1 hour
Bay Bridge - 45 minutes	St. Michaels, MD - 25 minutes
Bay Bridge Tunnel - 3 hours	Washington, DC - Less than 2 hours

From the Philadelphia area or the Delaware Memorial Bridge: Take I-95 South to Exit 896 (Middletown, DE), then to Route 301 South, then to Route 213 South. From 213 South, turn left onto Route 50 East toward Easton. Bear right onto Route 322. Travel 3.3 miles. Turn right onto Route 333 South. Oxford is 8.5 miles ahead. The Inn is located at the end of North Morris Street, just before the ferry dock.

From the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (near Annapolis): Stay on Route 50 East toward Easton. About 26 miles from the Bridge, bear right onto Route 322. Travel 3.3 miles. Turn right onto Route 333 South. Oxford is 8.5 miles ahead. The Inn is located at the end of North Morris Street, just before the ferry dock.

From the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (at Virginia Beach), Ocean City, or Salisbury: Take Route 13 North to Route 50 West. Travel through Cambridge, MD. As soon as you cross the Cambridge Bridge (Frederick Malkus), travel exactly 7.4 miles and move into the left lane. Turn left on Almshouse Road. Continue 6 miles to Oxford. NOTE: If you miss the turn at Almshouse Road, continue west on Route 50 for approximately 2.5 miles. Exit onto Route 322 (left exit) and continue to Route 333. Turn left on Route 333 and continue 8.5 miles to Oxford. The Inn is located at the end of North Morris Street, just before the ferry dock.

By Sea: The Tred Avon River and Town Creek at Oxford, MD, offer excellent, protected anchorage and marina facilities. From the Chesapeake Bay, enter the Choptank River to the Tred Avon.

Maps to the Robert Morris Inn are available on their website. Visit www.robertmorrissinn.com and click on the **ROOMS** tab below their page banner. On the drop-down menu, select **DIRECTIONS**. Four lines down in the text, you will see the note "Click here for Maps" – a hyperlink to maps from all directions.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Oxford

Robert Morris Inn - When calling to make reservations specifically with the Robert Morris Inn, mention Flagon & Trencher luncheon to receive a special rate.

Sandaway Suites – on the water at
103 West Strand Road, Oxford, MD 21654
Telephone 888-726-3292

Oxford Inn – 504 South Morris Street, Oxford, MD 21654
Telephone 410-226-5220

Easton

Tidewater Inn – 101 East Dover St., Easton, MD 21601
Telephone 855-213-0582

St. Michaels

The Inn at Perry Cabin – 308 Watkins Lane, St. Michaels, MD 21663 Telephone 410-745-2200

St. Michaels Harbour Inn, Marina and Spa –
101 North Harbor Road, St. Michaels, MD 21663
Telephone 410-745-9001

Cambridge

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Resort – 100 Heron Boulevard,
Cambridge, MD 21613 Telephone 410-901-1234

Additional

There are numerous additional accommodations along Route 50 outside Easton

SOME LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Annual two-week-long Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival in Easton and its environs. Daily performances beginning June 4. Visit their webpage at www.chesapeakemusic.org/festival.

First Friday Gallery Walk - Easton, MD, 5-9 p.m. Telephone 410-770-8350. First Friday of every month (June 7 will be of interest to our members), enjoy the exhibits at galleries, shops, and restaurants at Easton's Town Center. Refreshments and discussion are available at several galleries and many shops stay open late during this event.

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, MD. Telephone 410-745-2916. www.cbmm.org

Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center – 4068 Golden Hill Road, Church Creek (near Cambridge), MD 21622. Open 9-5 Monday-Saturday. www.nps.gov/hatu/planyourvisit/basicinfo.htm

Oxford Museum – 101 South Morris Street, Oxford (across from Town Park) – Learn about Oxford's 300-year history. www.oxfordmuseummd.org Also, ask about the Walking Tour of Oxford, which involves historic homes, boatyards and excellent vistas.

Town Park and Strand Beach - Morris Street and East Strand Road - The park has great shady spots, swing sets (for the kids), a small sandy area, and great views of the river to watch the sailboats go by. The Strand Beach is great for relaxing in the sun, taking a swim, kayaking, or boating. It is the site of the annual Cardboard Boat Races in late June.

Also available to visitors: Golf, Horseback Riding, Kayaking and Boating, Fishing Charters and Cruises, and numerous opportunities to explore and appreciate local wildlife.



Tavern Scene

by David Teniers II, 1658

(credit: on the internet in the public domain)

Reservation Form – 2019 Annual Meeting

Please reserve _____ places for me at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Flagon & Trencher.

Enclosed is my check, **payable to “Flagon & Trencher”** in the amount of \$ _____
(*\$33 per person – please calculate carefully*)

Please note: Reservations must be received by May 25, 2019.
Cancellations will not be honored after that date.

Mail your reservation form and your check PAYABLE TO “FLAGON & TRENCHER” to:

Bill and Lois Shepard
28605 Clubhouse Drive
Easton, MD 21601-8382

If you have questions, e-mail Bill and Lois at shepinc@aol.com; or telephone them at **410/820-8604**.

Name _____

Name(s) of Guest(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____