

THE TORCH CLUB OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND

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Frederick Torch Dinner Meetings

Welcome back to in-person meetings.
Sorry, no more Zoom so be sure to join us.

After careful consideration, your club board decided to resume in-person meetings for the 2021-22 Torch year while continuing to keep close watch on national and local Covid situations including the omicron variant appearance. The board has verified that Ceresville Mansion's pandemic policies and practices are safe.

As ordinary consideration of others, dinner attendees must be fully vaccinated. Please bring your proof of vaccination with you to dinner meetings and consider getting your Covid booster shot.

2021-22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome

President Tom Gill and the other members of the Torch Club of Frederick's board of directors trust that you will enjoy this Torch year's interesting programs. The following members are serving as your 2021-22 board of directors.

President	Thomas Gill
Vice President	John Hewetson
Secretary	Peter Michael
Treasurer	Claire Kondig
Assistant Treasurer	John Kondig
Presentation Support Chair	John Menke
Reservations Chair	John Hewetson
Membership Chair	Frank Sledge
Program Chair	Angeline Gaffigan
Website Editor	Meg Menke

NEED A LIFT?



Membership Chair Frank Sledge invites you to get in touch with him and he will do his best to arrange your transportation to and from club dinners as we again meet at Ceresville Mansion.

You can reach Frank at f.sledge@comcast.net or at 301.980.2019.

DINNER SIGN-UP

Attending or not, please let Reservations Chair John Hewetson know and, if you plan to attend, your seating requests and the names of your guests. Please respond to John soon at torchreservations@gmail.com (preferably) with “Torch” in the subject line of your email, or call John at 301.663.8130.

Sign-up Deadline— Preferably five days before the dinner but later OK

Cost— \$35 per person (also payable if a signed-up no-show)

Cancellations— Email the address above before the day of the dinner.

NEXT PRESENTATION

DECEMBER 20, 2021

Frederick Torch President Tom Gill on "The Supreme Court and the Bill of Rights"

The US Constitution creates many limitations on the government's right to interfere with the people's liberties. A few are: "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech...[or denying] the right to peaceably assemble," "people to be secure in their homes from unreasonable search and seizure," and [No state] "shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process...nor deny any person...equal protection of the laws."

The Supreme Court has become the protector of the people against government infringement of these rights. This presentation discusses how the current protection of civil rights came to be and what the future holds.

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTER

Tom Gill

Torch Club President Tom is a trial attorney who began his legal career as staff council to National Labor Relations Board Member Hunter. In that position he wrote appellate decisions in labor cases.

Tom became a partner in a New York law firm with over 400 lawyers throughout the state. His practice involved employment, civil rights, and complex commercial cases, largely in federal courts. He argued appeals in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th 6th and 7th federal circuits and presented or opposed petitions to the Supreme Court.



MOST RECENT PRESENTATION

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Peter Michael on "1704: Western Maryland's First Explorer Arrives"

Pete's illustrated talk introduced us to Frantz Ludwig Michel who in 1704 opened exploration beyond America's eastern seaboard with his six-week trek through western Maryland and the Shenandoah Valley.

The Swiss humanitarian founded American refugee colonies where he resettled thousands fleeing religious persecution and war in Europe, many of whom made their way to Frederick County.

Michel's intercontinental refugee resettlement enterprise, believed to be a world first, long outlived him, and today is operated officially by the United States Department of State.

2021-22 PRESENTATIONS

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

Many thanks to last year's Program Chair Ed Montgomery for lining up the following presentations for the 2021-22 Torch year.

September 27, 2021

Dorothy Bonett on “China’s First Female Architect: Lin Huiyin”

October 18, 2021-

Syl Schieber on “Need for Police Reform Regarding Sex Crime Investigations and Responses”

November 15, 2021

Pete Michael on “1704: Western Maryland’s First Explorer Arrives”

December 20, 2021

Tom Gill on “The Supreme Court and the Bill of Rights”

2021-2022 PRESENTATIONS

JANUARY - MAY

January 24, 2022

John Menke on a topic to be announced

February 28, 2022

Roser Caminals-Heath on "The American Seduction"

March 28, 2022

Bill Heath in a reading from his new book of poetry

April 25, 2022

Ed Seidewitz on "Einstein's Greatest Equation (No, it isn't $E = mc^2$!)"

May 16, 2022

John Clarke on "An Absurdly Short History on the 'Art' of Solving Equations"

NEW MEMBERS



At our next dinner, be sure to welcome our ten new members: **Dedra and John Salitrik, Roser and Bill Heath, Angeline Gaffigan, Tesfalidet Kifle, Ed Seidewitz, Deborah Baker, and Margaret and Michael Procario.**

As one of the largest of Torch International's more than 60 clubs, our success has relied in large part on strong recruiting. **We are always recruiting** so please do invite your acquaintances who enjoy stimulating company and fascinating presentations to attend a fine club dinner or two and then to join.

Club Membership Chair Frank Sledge is here to help. You can reach Frank at f.sledge@comcast.net or at 301.980.2019. For additional information and to download the club membership application, visit the website at fredtorch.org.

CLUB ARCHIVES

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Past issues beginning with October 2017 are archived and may be viewed, downloaded or printed [here](#).



2021-22 Program and Member Roster

The *2021-22 Program* and the club's *Member Roster* are updated regularly. View, download or print [here](#).



The Newly Updated Club Website

Board meeting minutes, past presentations and more may be reached at the club website [here](#).



Member Survey

Survey results may be viewed, downloaded or printed [here](#).