

Special Revolutionary Affair Dinner on November 18th at the Grain House Basking Ridge

(Basking Ridge November 1, 2010) On Thursday, November 18, 2010, the historic Grain House Restaurant in Basking Ridge, NJ will host a Revolutionary Affair Dinner, featuring special “guest” Patrick Henry. The event will run from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, and will include an authentic colonial dinner. Reservations are required for this event; please call 908-696-2304.

This dramatic American Historical Theater program will feature well-known actor-historian Chris Johnson as Patrick Henry. Chris Johnson was selected to perform for the United Nations in Paris during 2008 in the role of Abraham Lincoln. He has also performed at the White House Visitors Center, Independence Hall, the National Archives, Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. His programs combine entertainment and education.

The Revolutionary Affair Dinners are a tradition at the Grain House. The restaurant is located in a building constructed in 1768 and provides the ideal backdrop for this journey back into history.

Born in 1736, Patrick Henry was an American founding father who used his exceptional oratory talent to change the course of history. He was a radical in his time and was known as a firebrand. He first realized his unique ability to influence others while arguing cases as an attorney during the 1760's, and he subsequently became involved in politics for the state of Virginia. He served five terms as Governor of Virginia.

At the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1774, Henry urged the colonists to rebel against British rule; "The distinctions between Virginians, Pennsylvanians, New Yorkers, and New Englanders are no more," Henry said. "I am not a Virginian, but an American."

Patrick Henry is probably best known for the following quote from his speech to the Virginia Convention on March 23, 1775, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

During the May 6, 1776, Virginia Convention, Henry strongly advocated the call for independence from British rule that resulted in the signing of the Declaration of Independence by Congress on July 4, 1776. He was also instrumental in the adoption of the Bill of Rights in 1791.

The Grain House Restaurant is part of the historic 10-acre Olde Mill Inn estate in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. The restaurant is housed in a building constructed in the 1760's as a mill barn that stored grain for soldiers during the American Revolutionary War. The original historic structure has been carefully preserved, and the Grain House offers traditional and contemporary American cuisine by nationally renowned Chef Walter Leffler.

The Olde Mill Inn provides 102 guest rooms and suites that include an option for special “Pure” rooms. Together, the Olde Mill Inn and the Grain House Restaurant provide elegant settings for large, small or intimate weddings, celebrations, social and corporate events.