

Why should I belong?

Membership provides the following opportunities:

- ❖ A chance to participate in the historic and vibrant Welsh-American community
- ❖ Enjoying a variety of Social and Heritage Events
- ❖ Singing and Community Spirit at the Gymanfa Ganu
- ❖ Members receive our timely notifications of our upcoming activities.
- ❖ Recognizing outstanding Welsh Americans through the Robert Morris Award

Who can belong?

The Society has members that have a wide range of ages and interests. All men and women who share our interest in keeping current with area Welsh-American events are most welcome.

Classes of Membership

Full Member - Open to persons who are of Welsh descent and are over 18 years of age. A full member has voting rights. Dues: \$50 annually.

Life Member - Full membership for life. A life member has voting rights. Dues: \$500 single payment.

Junior/Student Member - Open to persons under 25 years of age. A junior member does not have voting rights. Dues: \$35 annually.

Associate Member - Open to persons who are not of Welsh descent, but who have an interest in The Welsh Society of Philadelphia. An associate member does not have voting rights. Dues: \$35 annually.

All Dues subject to periodic change

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Membership Application

Name: _____

Street Address/Post Office Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please describe your Welsh heritage and genealogy (attach additional sheet(s) if necessary):

Sponsor (see Note A below): _____

Areas of interest in Welsh culture (optional): _____

I am applying for:

Full Membership Life Membership Junior Membership Associate Membership

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note A: Please disclose the name of your sponsor. If you do not have a sponsor, please state "request sponsor" and the membership committee of The Welsh Society of Philadelphia will contact you and provide a sponsor for you.

Please return the completed application, together with a check payable to The Welsh Society of Philadelphia for the amount of dues related to the applicable class of membership, to the address on the front of the application.

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The Welsh in Pennsylvania

The Principality of Wales and the Colony of Pennsylvania were closely connected from the very beginning. William Penn, proprietor of the Colony, was himself of Welsh descent. He had wished to call the Colony "New Wales". The bulk of his early colonists were Welsh Quakers. Penn's great doctrine of liberty of conscience was an outgrowth of the maxim to which the Welsh cling with such wonderful tenacity - Y Gwir Yn Erbyn Y Byd (The Truth Against The World).



The Founding of The Society

The Welsh Society of Philadelphia is the oldest ethnic society in America. It began in March 1729, as recorded in Ben Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette:

"Last Seventh Day many Gentlemen and others of the Ancient Bretons met, and walk'd in a regular Order with Leeks in their hats to the Church, where was preach'd in the old British language (as it's said), an excellent Sermon on the Five first Verses of the 3rd Chapter of the 2nd Book of Timothy."