

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



## 2018 Chairman's Report

Compton Reeves

The most enjoyable episode of the last year for the American Branch was most likely our General Members Meeting, organized and hosted by the Michigan Chapter. The event was well attended and witnessed good fellowship and interesting inquiries into the life and times of King Richard III. Those who made the GMM happen deserve the great thanks of those who were present for the event.

The most challenging episode of the previous year had to do with the office of Treasurer. Joanne Smith, our previous treasurer, retired after a successful term in that post of conscientious stewardship, and a volunteer came forward who in the end was unable to take up the office. The financial stability of the Branch was then in a state of suspended animation for a time until our Vice Chairman, Deborah Kaback, volunteered to take on the position of Treasurer. The transfer of authority over the Branch's finances was something of a saga, but in the end all came to be settled in a satisfactory manner.

As we move into the coming year, we face the exciting project of organizing for the General Members Meeting of 2020. Susan Troxell has taken the lead in developing the plan for that event to take place in Philadelphia. Any who wish to volunteer to assist in bringing the next GMM into being are encouraged to contact Susan, who remains our Research Librarian.

Our tireless REGISTER editor, Joan Szechtman, would greatly appreciate having members of the Branch offer the results of their research for publication in the outlets available to the membership. Please do not be shy about sharing the results of your research labors.

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## 2018 Membership Report

Cheryl Greer

Greetings Ricardians! GMM years are always busy and 2018 was no exception. It was wonderful meeting some of you in person in Detroit, especially our valiant GMM-runners and members of the Board. This year saw 55 new members joining the ranks but due to losses from attrition and, alas, deaths, our numbers still hold steady at just under 400 total members. The American Branch now covers 48 states (we're missing Delaware and Idaho if anyone's curious.) California narrowly edged out NY for most number of Ricardians per state. Perhaps a West Coast GMM is in our future?

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## 2018 Secretary's Report

Emily Newton

I have organized and recorded the quarterly meetings of the American Branch Richard III Society Board. In addition, I have created a template for meeting minutes.

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## 2018 Treasurer's Report

Deborah Kaback

The primary expenses for the Richard III Society American Branch are publication and shipping expenses, as well as the UK dues. Of note, the UK dues for 2017 were paid in May of 2018. The 2018 UK dues were paid by the American Branch in January 2019.

For the Richard III Society American Branch, \$60 individual or \$65 family memberships are counted as dues. Any additional amount is counted as a gift. If not otherwise specified, gifts are allocated to the general fund.

The preparation of financial reports is attended to by the Treasurer, with annual Federal and NY state tax filings prepared by Wojeski & Co., CPAs.

<b>Income</b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
Dues	\$ 24,363	\$ 21,440
Gift General Fund	3,840	6,595
Investment Income Unrealized Gain/Loss	(3,488)	1,488
Dividends	3,412	3,710
Blue Pay Transactions	253	424
Amazon Smile	88	66
Interest	35	0
Sales Depart	20	15
Gifts McGee Fund	0	0
Gifts Schalleck Special Projects Fund	0	0
Gifts Weinsoft Fund	0	100
GMM Destination	0	0
GMM Registration Fees	0	0
<u>Additional Registers</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 28,523</b>	<b>\$ 33,838</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
UK Society Dues	\$ 10,274	\$9,327
Ricardian Register PPS UK Pub	7,226	5,503
Publication Shipping Bookmaster Sungraphics	3,262	4,664
Fiction Library Expense	680	0
Non-Fiction Library Expenses	668	417
Bank Wire	648	175
Neon Monthly Fee	637	588
Acc Federal NY State Tax Filing Fees	550	550
Blue Pay Monthly Fees	329	200
Conference Calls	327	90
Sales Office Expense	200	138
Blue Pay Volume Fees	167	627
PayPal Transaction	80	71
Blue Pay Compliance Fees	80	370
Reimbursement	48	46
GMM Costs	0	0
Publicity	0	1,214
Website	0	28
Bank Fee Adjustments	<u>0</u>	<u>46</u>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,176</b>	<b>\$ 24,054</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	\$ 149,350	\$ 144,219
Bank of America Business Fundamentals Checking	53,570	48,980
PayPal	1,091	1,028
	<b>\$ 204,011</b>	<b>\$ 194,227</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	\$ 149,309	\$ 149,350
Bank of America Business Fundamentals Checking	53,731	53,570
PayPal	4,319	1,091
	<b>\$ 207,359</b>	<b>\$ 204,011</b>

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## 2018 Editor's Report

Joan Szechtman

In 2018 we continued the two publications: Ricardian Register in March and September with both print and digital editions; and Ricardian Chronicle in June and December as a digital edition. The Register is oriented towards academic articles about Richard III, fifteenth-century English culture, and events around and about the Wars of the Roses.

The March 2018 edition featured an article by Susan Troxell, "Thomas Langton: Richard III's Character Witness." The September 2018 edition featured two articles: "The Royal Progress of Richard III" by Susan Troxell, and "Gile's Chronicles of the Lancastrian Era" by Compton Reeves.

The Chronicle is a newsletter that focuses on members' activities, such as meetings, interviews with members, and Ricardian travel logs. The June 2018 Chronicle featured "Analysis of Eleanor Butler" by Nance Crawford. The December 2018 Chronicle reported on "Philippa Langley's Missing Princes Project Comes to America" by Sally B. Keil, who is coordinating the research being done by the American Branch for this project.

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## 2018 Non-Fiction Library Report

Susan Troxell

In 2017-18, our Non-Fiction Library continued to grow as a credible source for fifteenth century medieval research and as a repository for books published on the subject of Richard III, his family, and his contemporaries. We acquired additional primary sources, as well as recently-published biographies of Richard III's father, mother, and sister Margaret. We try to stay abreast of anything that concerns the Wars of the Roses and other topics pertinent to our time period of interest. The library also successfully completed the project to digitally scan and upload its collection of *Ricardian Registers/Newsletters*, which date back to the founding of the American Branch in the 1960s. All those are now available to view under the "Members" section of our website. Hard copy backups will be retained, and we have already offered excess duplicates to members for the price of postage. A handful of members responded, and with no requests being received in the past 6 months, we **will be disposing of duplicate Registers, Ricardians, and Bulletins on January 1, 2019**. The Non-Fiction Librarian would like to thank Cheryl Greer, Marietta Shafer, Gilda Felt, and Elisabeth Lee for donating materials.

The follow were acquired by the non-fiction library in 2017-2018:

- Chris Skidmore, "Richard III: Brother, Protector, King"
- Edward L. Meek (ed.), "The Calais Letterbook of William Lord Hastings (1477) and Late Medieval Crisis Diplomacy 1477-83"
- Peter Hammond, "The Children of Richard III"
- Amy License, "Red Roses: Blanche of Gaunt to Margaret Beaufort"
- Anthony Musson & Nigel Ramsey (eds.), "Courts of Chivalry and Admiralty in Late Medieval Europe"

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- Gerald Prenderghast, “Richard III and the Princes in the Tower”
- Hollie L. S. Morgan, “Beds and Chambers in Late Medieval England”
- Susan Powell, “The Birgittines of Syon Abbey”
- J. L. Laynesmith, “Cecily Duchess of York”
- Harry Schnitker, “Margaret of York: Princess of England, Duchess of Burgundy”
- Nathan Amin, “The House of Beaufort: The Bastard Line that Captured the Crown”
- K. L. Clark, “The Nevills of Middleham: England’s Most Powerful Family in the Wars of the Roses”
- Kathryn Warner, “Richard II-A True King’s Fall”
- Matthew Lewis, “Richard, and Duke of York”
- Noel Fallows (trans.), “Ramon Llull’s The Book of the Order of Chivalry”
- Matthew Ward, “The Livery Collar in Late Medieval England and Wales: Politics, Identity and Affinity”
- Nicholas Orme, “From Childhood to Chivalry: The education of the English kings and aristocracy 1066-1530”
- Ruth Mazo Karras, “Sexuality in Medieval Europe – Doing Unto Others”
- John Ashdown-Hill, “The Private Life of Edward IV”

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