

Membership Application/Renewal Dues

Regular Membership Levels

Individual \$60.00\$_____

Family membership: add \$5.00 for each additional adult at same address who wishes to join. \$_____

Please list members at the same address (other than yourself) who are re-joining

For non-U.S. mailing address, to cover postage please add: \$15.00: \$_____

Contributing and Sponsoring Membership Levels

Honorary Fotheringhay Member \$75.00 \$_____

Honorary Middleham Member \$180.00 \$_____

Honorary Bosworth Member \$300.00 \$_____

Honorary Plantagenet Angel \$500.00 \$_____

Donations*

Judy R. Weinsoft Memorial Research Library \$_____

General Fund \$_____

Morris McGee Keynote Address Fund \$_____

Schallek Special Projects Fund \$_____

Total enclosed \$_____

*The Richard III Society, Inc., is a not-for-profit corporation with 501(c)(3) designation. All contributions over the basic \$60 membership are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Circle One: Mr. - Mrs. - Miss - Ms. - Other: ____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Country (if outside of U.S.): _____

Residence Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

____ New ____ Renewal ____ Please check if new address

Date of birth to register with Parent Branch of the Richard III Society _____

Note: Registration is required for receipt of the UK publications including the Ricardian Journal and Bulletin. If you are renewing your membership and have registered, then you do not have to reregister.

____ Please check if you wish to OPT OUT of registering.

If this is a gift membership please place the following message on the gift acknowledgement email:

Make checks payable to: THE RICHARD III SOCIETY, INC. (U.S. Funds only, please.) For information of where to mail the check please contact our membership chair at membership@r3.org.



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American Branch Website: r3.org

Mission Statement

The mission of the American Branch of the Richard III Society is to bring forward a historically-accurate, balanced, and fair assessment of a controversial English king, and to support educational initiatives to interpret his times. The Branch connects Americans with the global Ricardian community through joint membership with the Richard III Society (CLG) in the UK, and with one another by organizing events that expand on our knowledge of medieval history.

Who We Are

The American Branch was founded in 1961 and incorporated in 1968 as The Richard III Society, Inc. In 1970, the Branch was granted status as a non-profit educational organization under section 501c3 of the IRS code.

Members of the American Branch also hold membership in the original "parent society," The Richard III Society CLG of the UK.

The American Branch publishes its own *Ricardian Register* and *Chronicle* periodicals (each twice per year), and also distributes the Parent Society publications, the *Ricardian Bulletin* (quarterly) and research journal *The Ricardian* (annually), to all American Branch members.

The American Branch holds a General Membership Meeting at different locations around the country, or online as warranted, to conduct Society business and present relevant papers and presentations. The meetings are held in September or October every two years on even numbered years.

Membership in the Richard III Society is open to all. The Society's unique blend of professional scholars, theater professional and general readers with a love of history & literature fosters an especially vigorous exchange of ideas & information.

Who Was Richard III?

Richard III reigned from 1483-1485, and in that brief period became one of the most controversial kings in English history. His bad reputation is chiefly the result of the work of popular Tudor propagandists and authors, most notably Thomas More and William Shakespeare. The Richard III Society's purpose is to dig beyond these myths, and through rigorous research, help a more accurate, fair, and balanced picture of King Richard III to emerge.



Quick Facts:

- Born: 2 October 1452 at Fotheringhay Castle in Northamptonshire
- Parents: Richard, Duke of York, and his wife, the former Cecily Neville
- Youngest brother of King Edward IV
- Married to Anne Neville, daughter of the Earl of Warwick. Had one son, Edward of Middleham
- Fathered two other children, Katherine and John, before marrying Anne Neville
- Had scoliosis, not a hunchback, which was fully concealed when clothed
- Also known as: Richard, Duke of Gloucester
- Died: In battle on 22 August 1485 at Bosworth Field
- In September 2012 his remains were found under a car park within the site of the Grey Friars Priory in Leicester.

Programs and Projects

The William B. and Maryloo Spooner Schallek Memorial Graduate Fellowship Awards

Administered by the Medieval Academy of America the Schallek Awards program offers five annual dissertation awards of \$2,000 each and a dissertation fellowship of \$30,000 annually.

The Judy R. Weinsoft Memorial Research Library Fund

The Judy R. Weinsoft Memorial Research Library Fund supports the purchase of books for the Branch to keep pace with the explosion in fifteenth century studies and to give members access to the kinds of materials on Yorkist-era England found only in major library centers.

McGee Fund

The McGee fund is an endowed fund to provide Honoraria for our General Membership Meeting speakers.

Programs and Projects continued:

Schallek Special Projects Fund

In addition to the Schallek Fellowship Awards, Maryloo Spooner Schallek established a fund to support young scholars of Richard III and his time period through high school essay contests and bursaries given to

undergraduate research projects. In 2009, this fund was expanded to include the Medieval Artifacts Conservation Fund, creating the "Schallek Special Projects Fund" (SSPF). This fund and member donations the American Branch supported preservation work on copies of the Edward IV Roll held by The Free Library of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania. More recently, we donated to the Wallace Collection (UK's premiere collection of medieval arms and armor).

Why Join the American Branch of the Richard III Society?

By joining the American Branch, you get a "two-for-one" deal. You receive all the benefits of the American Branch, but you are also eligible to become a full member of the Richard III Society's parent organization in the United Kingdom. The latter has Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) status. In order to complete the process and to comply with British law, your name, address, and date of birth need to be enrolled with the CLG.

New members please note: To ensure that you promptly receive all your member benefits, we will register your name, address, and DOB with the CLG when you first join the American Branch. Should you wish to "opt out" of membership with the CLG, you can contact our Membership Chair at membership@r3.org and ask to be removed.

Benefits of the American Branch include:

- Biannual Ricardian Register
- Electronic newsletter Ricardian Chronicle
- Invitation to participate in the biennial General Membership Meeting
- Invitations to lectures, talks, or events sponsored by the Branch
- Access to over 1,000 books, fiction and non-fiction, in our lending libraries
- Access to a community of like-minded history enthusiasts
- Volunteer opportunities

Benefits of the Richard III Society, Ltd., UK (CLG) include:

- Quarterly magazine Ricardian Bulletin
- Annual academic journal The Ricardian
- Invitation to participate in Annual General Membership meetings
- Invitations to lectures, talks, or events sponsored by the CLG
- Discounts on tickets to historical sites and venues in the UK

Start here to join online: r3.org/join/