



# Lessons & Luminations

curated conversations about life & leadership

— with America's nation builders —

**S**tep into a deep conversation about the course of a nation at the moment of its inception... with the extraordinary men and women who dreamed, debated, and delivered the grandest experiment in liberty and leadership ever known... by special invitation to historical venues where the story is best shared.

## The Voice of Liberty: An Evening with Patrick Henry

Tuesday, February 4  
7-8:30 pm

Kimball Theatre  
Duke of Gloucester St  
Colonial Williamsburg

**\$30** general admission

Join us for an unforgettable evening with one of America's greatest orators – Patrick Henry – who will transport you to the pivotal moments of the American Revolution.

Known for his fiery speeches and unwavering dedication to freedom, Henry's words — most famously, “Give me liberty, or give me death!” — ignited the spirit of independence that shaped a nation.

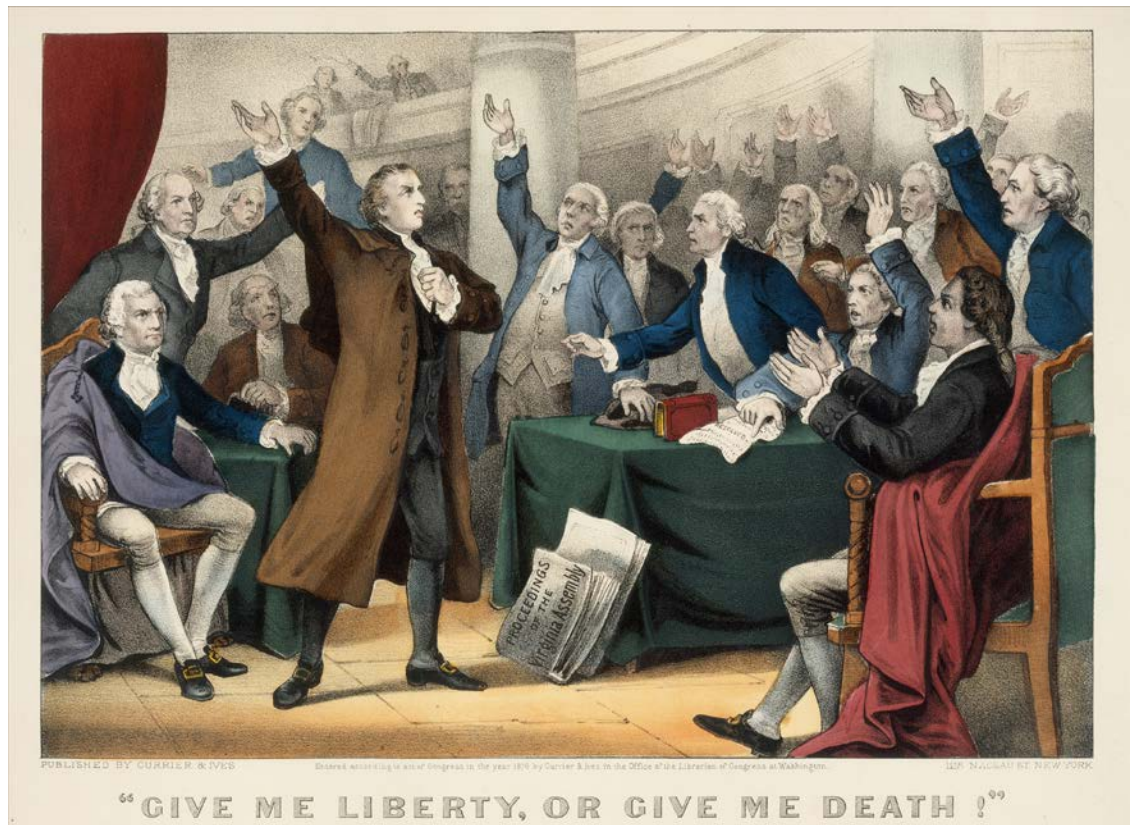
Through dramatic storytelling and thought-provoking insights, this program explores the ideals of liberty, the challenges of leadership, and the enduring relevance of Henry's vision

in today's world. Engage with the legacy of a patriot who dared to defy tyranny and inspired a movement.

A Q&A session with Mr. Henry will follow.

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Patrick Henry delivering his great speech on the Rights of the Colonies before the Virginia Assembly, convened at Richmond, March 23, 1775. His oration's concluding words beamed the rallying cry of the American Revolution

# Wit and Wisdom: The Many Facets of Benjamin Franklin

Wednesday, April 23

7-8:30 pm

Kimball Theatre  
Duke of Gloucester St  
Colonial Williamsburg

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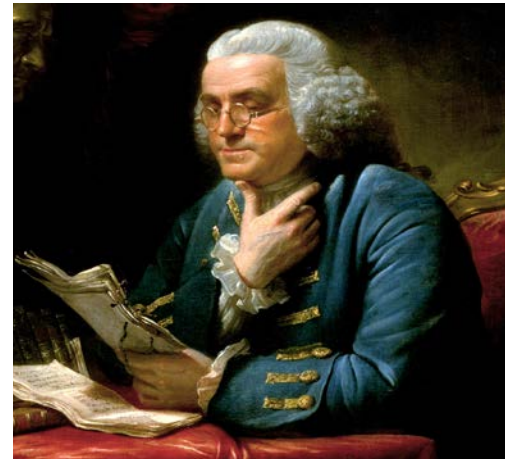
Join America's most versatile Founding Father for a delightful evening of humor, insight, and inspiration as Benjamin Franklin comes to life to share his timeless wit and practical wisdom.

Drawing on his remarkable life as a statesman, inventor, author, and philosopher, Franklin will entertain with anecdotes, proverbs, and reflections that reveal the character and intellect of one of history's greatest polymaths.

Whether recounting tales from his days as a printer's apprentice or offering sage advice from *Poor Richard's Almanack*, Franklin's humor and insight continue to resonate in our modern world.

A lively audience Q&A with Benjamin Franklin will follow, offering participants the chance to ask questions and gain unique historical perspectives

Spend an evening in the company of a unique legend, and leave inspired by Franklin's enduring legacy of curiosity, creativity, and common sense. This is history as you've never experienced it before — lively, thought-provoking, and full of charm.



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# Untold Histories: Rev. Gowan Pamphlet and The Williamsburg First Baptist Church of 1776

Tuesday, May 13

7-8:30pm

Kimball Theatre  
Duke of Gloucester St  
Colonial Williamsburg

**\$30** general admission

Step into the world of Reverend Gowan Pamphlet – a pioneering Black Baptist preacher and enslaved man – in this compelling one-man program.

Through the lens of Gowan's life, the program weaves together personal narrative and broader history, shedding light on his journey to faith, leadership, and resilience.

You will explore the significance of the Baptist church he founded in Williamsburg, a sanctuary of resistance, hope, and spiritual empowerment during a time of profound change. The performance



brings history to life, honoring the courage and enduring legacy of Rev. Pamphlet and his community.

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## About Lessons & Luminations

Join us on a journey rooted in our past, relevant to our present, and endowed with wisdom for our future. Proceeds from these one-of-a-kind living history lessons benefit [The Williamsburg Institute](#) and the [Osher Institute at William & Mary](#). The three events listed here are open to the public; Osher membership is not required. Seating is limited; reservations are required.

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