

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC NEW UTRECHT
PRESENTED
“GEORGE WASHINGTON RETURNS TO NEW UTRECHT”
AT
NEW UTRECHT REFORMED CHURCH

*EDITORS: Mr. Michael Grillo's public appearance
was free of charge at the
Church Parish House on Thursday, February 23, 2023.*

Image attached shows George Washington portrayer Michael Grillo and our guests

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BROOKLYN -- George Washington's return to Bensonhurst presented at the New Utrecht Reformed Church Parish House, 18th Ave. and 84th St., Bensonhurst, was a rousing success with an in-depth discussion of the life of Washington, which including a lively question-and-answer session with outstanding engagement by our guests.

Michael Grillo, former Education Director at the Van Cortlandt House Museum in the Bronx, has been appearing as Washington for over 18 years at historic sites and events. Mr. Grillo's presentation included a discussion of the Battle of Brooklyn in August 1776, his victorious return to New York in November 1783, and his visit to New Utrecht in April 1790, when he had lunch at Barre's tavern (84th St. and 16th Ave.) and greeted students from the village school nearby.

This year General Washington was joined by moderator **Bill Russo**, creator of the *Fab-Intro Show YouTube Channel and Podcast* and **Anthony Lofasso**, co-host and historian. *Fab-Intro* is a multi-faceted enterprise that brings stories to life and connects people. Visit www.fabintro.com for further details regarding future events. Our presenters engaged in discussions of the beginning of the Revolution in New York's tri-state area through the presidency as seen through the eyes of General Washington.

This presentation was recorded for future release as a YouTube program and companion podcast which will be available in mid-March 2023 to the public through our website www.historicnewutrecht.org and the Friends YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

This event is the first of a series of free history-related and concert events offered each year by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht. Persons interested in learning more about the concerts and other Friends activities or New Utrecht's landmarks and its history are invited to contact 718-256-7173 or mail@historicnewutrecht.org, and to visit www.historicnewutrecht.org or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FriendsofHistoricNewUtrecht.

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