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Exhibit Opening at Pottsgrove Manor—Meet Ben Franklin! *Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 1:00pm*

Pottstown, PA (February 22, 2017) – Visit historic Pottsgrove Manor on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 1:00pm for an opportunity to hear Ben Franklin as we kick off the site’s new exhibit, “Rise and Shine at the Manor.” This new exhibition, displayed throughout the historic house is set to run through November 5th.

As the first rays of the morning’s sun streamed through the windows of Pottsgrove Manor, the house would already be busy with a myriad of early morning household tasks and the rituals of starting another day. From cleaning hearths to cooking breakfast, see how these humble activities of daily life differed from- or were often remarkably similar to- the activities we are familiar with today. Visitors can peer into the past as these activities come to life in each room.

As a special treat to open the exhibit, at 1:00pm, guests will have a chance to meet founding father Benjamin Franklin, as portrayed by Bill Ochester. Learn about Franklin’s contributions to everyday life, including the idea of Daylight Savings time and those great sayings often attributed to Poor Richards’ Almanac, such as *the early bird catches the worm*.

After the performance by Mr. Franklin, visitors can take a guided tour of Pottsgrove Manor and the new exhibit. The tour and performance are appropriate for all ages. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 per person for the lecture and tour.

Can’t make the performance but still want to see this exhibit? Visitors can also take a guided tour of Pottsgrove Manor and the “Rise and Shine at the Manor” exhibit during regular museum hours: Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Tours begin on the hour. The last tour of the day begins at 3:00pm.

Pottsgrove Manor is located at 100 West King Street near the intersection of King Street and Route 100, just off Route 422, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Pottsgrove Manor is operated by Montgomery County under the direction of the Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites Division of the Assets and Infrastructure Department. For more information, please call 610-326-4014, or visit the website at www.montcopa.org/pottsgrovesmanor. Like Pottsgrove Manor on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pottsgrovesmanor.