

# THE MONSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

## **“LORD MONSON LECTURE – HOW MONSON ACQUIRED ITS NAME”**

LECTURE GIVEN BY NICHOLAS, LORD MONSON OF THE UK

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMORIAL HALL - 198 MAIN ST. – MONSON, MA**

**Extraordinary tales of the family, after whom the town of Monson was named for, will be told, in person, by Lord Monson of the UK.**

Nicholas, Lord Monson, the fourth most senior baron in the United Kingdom Peerage, is currently on holiday in the USA and has kindly accepted an invitation to be a guest of the Monson Historical Society. He has agreed to speak about his family before, during, and after the time the town of Monson was created and named.

Nicholas is the 12th lord of his line and the 16<sup>th</sup> baronet and his talk will begin in the medieval past and progress to the present. **This event is FREE to the public**, but good-will donations will be accepted to benefit the Monson Historical Society.

### **Highlights of the lecture will include:**

- How John Monson, the Quartermaster of Henry V, ensured his king's invading army in France in 1415 had sufficient longbows and arrows to destroy the French army at the Battle of Agincourt.
- How the first Monson to receive a title (1536) was knighted inside the Royal Palace on the day the Queen of England was famously executed just outside of it.
- How the first Monson to be awarded a hereditary title (1611) was made the keeper of the Tower of London, but later ended up inside it as a prisoner (accused of murder) while his brother, an admiral, was in an adjacent cell and arrested for taking bribes.
- How the next generation fought on different sides in the English civil war.
- How the first Lord Monson was created and why.
- How one Monson became a successful soldier in India and the other came to be called, by the Duke of Wellington, "an unlucky general".
- How the ninth and tenth Lord Monsons respectively fell in love with spirited American women, daughters of remarkable men, one of whom led a brigade at Gettysburg and was made a general, while the other was a Captain in American intelligence and then a famous author.
- How another Monson became a brilliant diplomat and possibly re-shaped global destiny with a treaty he designed named the Entente Cordiale, making England and France friends.
- How the titled Monson line is ending with this generation following the murder, five years ago, of Lord Monson's heir, Alexander, in a police cell in Kenya.

**After the lecture, Lord Monson will be available to entertain & answer questions.**