



# Introducing the *Peter Muhlenberg* Classic Marzen Oktoberfest

The classic Märzenbier is full-bodied, rich, toasty, typically dark copper in color with a medium to high alcohol content.

The common Munich Oktoberfest beer served at Wies'n (the location at which Munich celebrates its Oktoberfest) contains roughly 5.0-6.0% alcohol by volume, is dark/copper in color, has a mild hop profile and is typically labeled as a Bavarian Märzenbier in style. Our Peter Muhlenberg is made in this classic Marzenbier style and is dedicated to the honor of John Peter Muhlenberg.

**Peter Muhlenberg:** Born John Peter Muhlenberg in Trappe, Pennsylvania in 1746, he received a classical education at the Academy of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania) and was ordained as a Lutheran Minister in 1768. In 1772 he accepted the call to a church in Woodstock, Virginia but traveled to England first to be ordained as an Anglican minister since the Anglican Church was the official state church of Virginia.

Toward the end of 1775, Muhlenberg was authorized to raise and command as its colonel the 8th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army.

According to a biography written by his great nephew in the mid-19th century, on January 21, 1776 in the Lutheran church in Woodstock, Virginia, Reverend Muhlenberg took his sermon text from the third chapter

of Ecclesiastes, which starts with "To every thing there is a season..."; after reading the eighth verse, "a time of war, and a time of peace," he declared, "And this is the time of war," removing his clerical robe to reveal his Colonel's uniform underneath. Outside the church door the drums began to roll as men turned to kiss their wives and then walked down the aisle to enlist, and within half an hour, 162 men were enrolled. The next day he led 300 men from the county to form the nucleus of the 8th Virginia Regiment.

Rising to the rank of Brigadier General, Muhlenberg fought with distinction in the Continental Army throughout the American Revolution, including enduring the brutal winter of 1777 -1778 at Valley Forge. The 8th Virginia Regiment fought with distinction at the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth and anchored the right flank of Lafayette's Light Brigae at the Battle of Yorktown.

Muhlenberg is the only clergyman ever honored with a statue in the Statuary Hall of the US Congress.

