May 2014 will mark the 750th anniversary of the Battle of Lewes, Sussex, England. The Battle of Lewes 1264 was fought between the armies of King Henry III and Simon de Montfort, and was part of an English civil war for fairer government and individual freedoms. After defeating the king, de Montfort set about calling England’s first representative government, which makes Lewes, Sussex the focal point for one of England’s most significant political conflicts.

Sussex, England composer Helen Glavin, has created a new choral work “The Sword of Freedom” to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the Battle of Lewes 1264, which became one of the most politically important battles ever fought in Britain.

To honor this historic milestone in democracy, the town of Lewes, Delaware will help commemorate the Battle of Lewes 1264 by having a short presentation on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 at 2:30pm. Mayor Ford will give a proclamation and the men’s chorus, The Nautical Sounds, will perform part of the “The Sword of Freedom” composition. This will be done at the same time The Everyman Ensemble men’s choir in Lewes, Sussex performs the composition to demonstrate musical solidarity between two towns in the UK and the US.

You are invited to join the City of Lewes, along with the Lewes Historical Society, to help Lewes, Sussex celebrate the Battle of Lewes 750th Anniversary at the Lewes Historical Society on the front lawn of the Hiram Rodney Burton House at 110 Shipcarpenter Street.

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