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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Hello, Mayflower Cousins.

We have been fortunate to have such a mild winter and little or no snow depending upon where you live in the state. I sure don't miss dragging out the shovel or snow blower.

I had announced at the October meeting that we would return to the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Hartford, but I learned in January that the restaurant was closing. With that said, we will return to Woodwinds in Branford, and that will be our meeting place until I can find a place more centrally located.

At the upcoming meeting, we expect a great presentation from Dr. Vincent Pitts on "Our Marquis, Lafayette and America, A mutual admiration society". A teacher at Quinnipiac University, Vincent is both entertaining and knowledgeable in US History and particularly early modern European history.

Our society is thriving and growing, and we all know that it only grows with volunteers to fill vacancies in our various committees or on the Board of Assistants. I hope you will

want to get involved. If you are not sure what is the best fit for you, maybe you could start out as a member of the new welcoming committee for our April and October meetings. Please email or call me if any of these opportunities are of interest to you, or if you have any questions.

Our Society is very supportive of education and offers scholarships to students wishing to go on to college. Would you like to donate to our scholarship fund? How about creating a new scholarship to honor a loved one or deceased member of your family? Naming opportunities for new scholarships are available, however there are minimum requirements to name a scholarship.



Let me remind you that you can purchase our new Challenge coins at our online store - www.ctmayflower.org. They are \$25.00 each with free shipping.

I look forward to seeing you at our April 22 luncheon meeting. The reservation form is on page 11, and you can always find it on our website - www.ctmayflower.org. If this is your first time at one of our meetings, please introduce yourself. I always look forward to meeting every new member.

Sincerely,
Gregory Evan Thompson, Governor

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In Remembrance of CT Mayflower Society Members Who Have Recently Passed

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Pamela Bochinski, d. 8/21/22, age 80	Catherine Hayter, d. 1/27/23, age 99	Stephen Reiff II, d. 1/6/22 age 50
Eunice H. Brinckerhoff, d. 4/25/22, age 90	Richard T. Ives, d. 11/12/23, age 80	Marianne H. Sheldon, d. 7/27/22, age 73
Joshua Burrow Jr, d. 1/7/23 age 90	Rogers B. Johnson, d. 22, age 94	Vanda Spangle, d. 12/23/22 age 96
Ardienne Damicis, d. 1/25/23 age 84	Marion Lawrence, d. 8/31/22 age 94	Mary Wassung, d. 10/1/22 age 84
William Gills III, d. 1/17/23 age 75	Eugene Lewis, d. 10/11/22 age 92	Howard Willard Jr, d. 2/24/22 age 85
Jeffrey J. Hamm, d. 10/9/22, age 74	Frank McGuire, d. 11/12/22 age 93	Rev. Alan Wyatt Sr, d. 10/31/22 age 95

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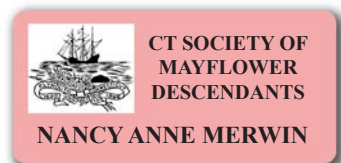
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Make check payable to CT Mayflower Society.

Mail payment with order form to: Nancy A Merwin, 284 Chesterfield Rd, Oakdale CT 06370-1651

Two ways for you to support the Scholarship Program

You can keep our scholarship program growing and vibrant. Become a patron with an outright donation or donate an item to be raffled off at an upcoming luncheon meeting. We hope you will do both.

DONATE AND BECOME A PATRON

In honor of the of 1620 voyage and the continued celebration of our heritage, join in the commemoration with a special commitment to the Connecticut Mayflower Scholarship Program. We must maintain and increase our endowed funds so that we can continue to assist more students.

While our ancestors were passengers and not crew, we must be thankful to Master Jones and his men for the safe journey over hazardous seas and the support rendered by them to our ancestors during the first winter. The bars on our Connecticut Scholarship Scholarship Patron pin indicate ranks of the crew of the Mayflower. Begin with the Boatswain bar, earn the Pilot bar, then the Master’s Mate bar and finally the Master bar to complete your roster.



Become a Patron for an initial donation of \$500 and an annual donation of \$100 and receive our newly designed lapel pin and bars to show your dedication to assisting our youth in pursuing higher education. Patron options include the initial donation of \$500 which can be made in installments during the first year. You will receive your pin when you complete your initial donation. The \$100 annual donations can be made in one lump sum and receive all your bars at one time. If you care to donate more you may with our sincerest thank you.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent the IRS will allow.

Please accept my donation of: \$500 \$800 \$100 Other: _____

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Mail this form and your check, payable to CT Mayflower Society, to David L. Grant, 4 Holly Farm Ln, Simsbury, CT 06070. Write CT Mayflower Scholarship Fund in the memo line of your check.

DONATE AN ITEM TO OUR SEMI-ANNUAL RAFFLES

These raffle donations leverage hundreds of dollars as luncheon meeting attendees purchase tickets in the hope of winning one – or more – of the raffle items. Look at that table of goodies from our last meeting. Let’s keep it going!

What to donate? New or well-cared for books; knitted, quilted, or needlework items; candles; note cards; seasonal plants; seed and/or bulb packets; table decorations - the options are really endless. Please be sure that donated items are in new or well cared for and clean condition. Consummable items like candy, maple syrup, jams, etc. must be sealed and unopened.

Bring raffle items to the next membership meeting on April 22, 2023. If you have further questions about what and how to donate to the raffle, contact Scholarship Chair Mary Brown at mbrown06239@gmail.com



TANGIBLE GENEALOGY – Marjorie Hurtuk

When my family dealt with dividing my parents belongings, I ended up with an assortment of seemingly useless items found in my mother's jewelry box – things like my father's college fraternity pin, my grandmother's sewing thimble, my great grandfather's orchestra pin, my mother's baby locket, and tokens to the NYC subway system that transported my father from Grand Central Station to his office every work day. These items certainly had sentimental value, but what to do with them – other than put them in another jewelry box to sit and wait until my belongings were sorted and divided up by my children.

Probably because I was enamored with the Chamilia rage of a few years ago, it occurred to me that these smallish items could make lovely charms for a bracelet – and the result is what you see in the photo. The only investment was the gold bracelet and the cost of a jeweler attaching each charm to it.

The charms are not only reminders of the individuals who owned them, but also mementos of their lives and interests – including college associations, hobbies and sports, military service, and occupations.

This not only solved the problem of what to do with these items that clearly had great meaning to those who owned them, but it gave me a lovely bracelet that I wear frequently. When not on my arm, it is kept in a box with a list of the charms, who they belonged to, and what they represent.



TANGIBLE GENEALOGY!

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: Share your knowledge and stories with fellow members through a newsletter article of your own. Do you have a favorite book to share? Novels or non-fiction, poetry or cooking tips, colonial gardening, life in colonial New England? If you don't feel comfortable writing a piece yourself, send your suggestions to Kathy Simmons, Newsletter Editor at kmsartwrk@cox.net and we'll take it from there.

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Read newsletters at: www.CTMayflower.org.

Have you forgotten to renew your membership? Do it today!

There are two ways to pay your dues:

ON LINE at www.ctmayflower.org via PayPal or credit card.

SEND A CHECK: Joan W. Prentice, CSMD Membership, 32 Nichols Lane, Watercord CT 06385-3611.
Annual dues are \$65 and expire on September 30th of each year.

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Insignia Guidelines

If you have served in multiple positions in the Mayflower Society, either at the state or national level or both, you may have insignia in the form of pins, badges, and neck medallions that you wear in recognition of your service and achievements. The General Society has issued helpful GSMD Insignia Guidelines on how to wear your insignia, See Resources on www.CTMayflower.org. Note that all insignia are purchased through the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Questions, Email: nancyamerwin284@gmail.com.





Three Women in Colonial America – Katherine Simmons

Many assume that life for women in colonial America reads as follows: early marriage, lots of children followed by a notice of their deaths. And, that is often all that we know. But occasionally, there are records that breathe life into the names of those women, their challenges, their aspirations, and, perhaps, some insights into their character.

Dorothy Wright, probably born in England around 1613, appears in the colonial record in 1638 as a widow living with two young sons, aged 3 and 1, in the newly formed town of Sudbury, Massachusetts. Sudbury was formed by residents of Watertown, driven by “straitness of accommodation and want of more meadow.”

It is unknown what happened to her husband, but we do know that she didn’t immediately remarry which would have been customary. Maybe there were no eligible men available to marry, maybe the ones who were available did not hold any appeal. In any event, she stands out and because she is on her own, we find her in the town records.

In the establishment of the town plan for Sudbury, she was granted a six-acre house lot. She received additional grants of meadow, two acres in the first division, four acres in the second division, three acres in the third division, and another eight and one-half acres in 1640.

At last, on 10 March 1642, Dorothy married her neighbor, the widower John Blanford. John arrived in New England in 1638, single, 27 years of age, and an indentured servant to Walter Haynes who settled in Sudbury. John married Mary (____) at the conclusion of his indenture and was granted a three-acre house lot in Sudbury and received about eight acres in the first three divisions of meadow and another seventeen acres in 1640. John’s first wife died in Sudbury on 4 December 1641, leaving John with an infant daughter, also named Mary. Together, John Blanford and Dorothy Wright had four children, Sarah, Hannah, John, and Stephen.

Sudbury fell victim to Indian attacks during King Philip’s War and on 1 February 1675/6, Indians raided a section of Sudbury, now Framingham, that killed John’s daughter Mary and her five children. Later that year, Sudbury was also attacked. John and Dorothy’s family were spared but suffered

property losses for which they were reimbursed by tax abatements or direct remuneration by the General Court. The petitioners for such reimbursement included John Blanford, £10, Dorothy’s son Edward Wright, £100, and John’s son-in-law Elias Keyes, £60.

John Blanford died in at Sudbury in 1687. Dorothy died 16 years later in Marlborough, Massachusetts on 21 June 1703, close to 90 years of age. Dorothy’s will is interesting both for its tone and the fact that upon her marriage to John Blanford, she seems to have retained her own property which she bequeathed to her son Edward.

... to my daughter Sarah Maynard where I now am, and where I have been well treated ever since I came from Sudbury, I will and give my four cows ... Also I will and give to her ... my bed I now lie on with all the furniture belonging to it, my three brass kettles that are with me and one iron pot and whatever else I have in their house ... my will is that they, viz, my son and daughter Maynard do bear my funeral charges . . . Also I will and give to my son Edward Wright and his heirs forever my two pieces of meadow lying in the bounds of the town of Sudbury ... as you will find in the town Book of Records in Sudbury ...

The story of **Dorothy Swan** is curious as she married three times and produced no children. She learned, very quickly, the value of a pre-nuptial agreement in the event that things did not go according to plan. And she learned the hard way.

Dorothy was born about 1636, possibly in England, the eighth of Richard Swan’s twelve children. Richard was part of the Great Migration from England to New England from 1620 to 1640 and settled in Rowley, Massachusetts, north of Boston.

Dorothy married 21-year-old Thomas Abbot in 1655 but he died on 7 September 1659 leaving the bulk of his estate

to Dorothy. But wait. No. Thomas changed his mind and changed his will.

“We whose names are under written being with Thomas Abbott upon the fifth day of the seventh month in the year 1659 before seven o'clock in the morning he being then in his right understanding and memory he said unto us that he had been persuaded to make his will and he was in such extreme pain when he did it so as he did not consider the thing as he should have done, and therefore upon further consideration there was something in his former will he desired to alter which was this that having given his wife his whole estate ... as being his nearest friend; Now considering that my brethren are next unto her; do therefore give my lands unto my brethren in case that my wife die childless ...

Undeterred by this experience, Dorothy married Edward Chapman on 24 November 1659, two months after the death of her first husband. Edward was 24 years her senior with grown children and the marriage lasted 19 years. In Edward's will, he notes that:

... my beloved wife there being a covenant and contract between us upon marriage my will is that it be faithfully fulfilled, twenty pounds of that contained in the covenant to be in such household goods as she shall desire ...

Twenty pounds is the equivalent of about \$5,000 in today's dollars and that wasn't the whole of her covenant with Edward Chapman. In April 1678, the same month and year that Chapman died, Dorothy's father died and left her £20.

Dorothy remained an optimist concerning marriage and seven months after Chapman's death, Dorothy married Archelaus Woodman on 13 November 1678 in Newbury, Massachusetts. Again, Woodman was a man 22 years her senior with grown children from a previous marriage. On 24 December 1680, two years after their marriage, Woodman made the following announcement.

... know ye that I the said Woodman having made a contract with his wife Dorothy before their marriage wherein the said Dorothy reserved a considerable sum to layout upon buildings & upon lands of hers which she reserved to be at her dispose at her death ...

In 1702, Archelaus Woodman died and Dorothy was a widow again, a woman who had accumulated a tidy estate sufficient to provide for her final years. Dorothy died in Rowley, Massachusetts on 21 October 1710 at the age of 74. From her will, dated 3 June 1706, it is clear that she had a plan for her final years.

To my cousin and nephew John Boynton who hath formerly lived with me ... whom I trust will be a comfort to me when I

may be cumbered with things beyond my capacity to manage in my old age and having formerly promised to bestow upon him all my housing and lands and meadows wherever they be together with all the priviledges in, on, or any ways belonging or pertaining to me.”

Tryphena Hinds seems to have been made of tempered steel, navigating through her quiet but long life very well. She was born in 1728 in Brookfield, Massachusetts, the 10th of 13 children born to John and Hannah (Corliss) Hinds.

She married Edward Wright - the great grandson of Dorothy Wright - at the tender age of 17 in 1745. Soon after their marriage in Brookfield, they resettled in the small town of Chester in western Massachusetts where they raised their family.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Tryphena and Edward were well into middle age and had produced a large brood of 14 children. Chester was red hot for independence, voting on 17 June 1776 “that the Continental Congress declare independence from Great Britain to a man in full meeting.”

Imagine the scene when Edward, age 56, informed Tryphena that he had enlisted as a fifer in the Massachusetts Militia, joining two of his sons in the company that answered the call to arms in October of 1776. Was there flying crockery?

Maybe, but looking at her life history, it is also probable that she took it all in stride even though, at the time, five of her children were under the age of 15. Chester was gung-ho for revolution so she may have felt that she was surrounded by a community to whom she could look for moral and other kinds of support. She certainly understood that in times of stress, large families pulled together of necessity.

Six of her eldest sons served in the Revolutionary War and survived the experience, and all but 3 of her children survived well into adulthood producing children of their own. Tryphena survived her husband's death in 1803 by 17 years dying at the ripe old age of 93 on 15 November 1820 in Middlefield, Massachusetts, a neighboring town to Chester.

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From the Bookshelf – Katherine Simmons

CAMBRIDGE COMEOS by Roger Thompson

Published 2005, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston MA. 378 pages. Available in paperback from the [New England Historic Genealogical Society](http://www.newenglandhistoricalgenealogy.com) and from www.Amazon.com.

“Roger Thompson provides us with the rare opportunity to hear these early New Englanders speak for themselves and to experience seventeenth-century life as directly as possible.”

– Robert Charles Anderson, Director of The Great Migration Study Project

The appetite for the “real” past is obvious given the success of heritage sites like Plimoth Plantation, sales of David McCullough’s *John Adams*, and the popularity of the PBS series *Finding Your Roots* as Henry Louis Gates Jr. explores the ancestry of celebrities using standard genealogical tools and the science of DNA. But what about the common folks of history, wouldn’t we all like to know more?

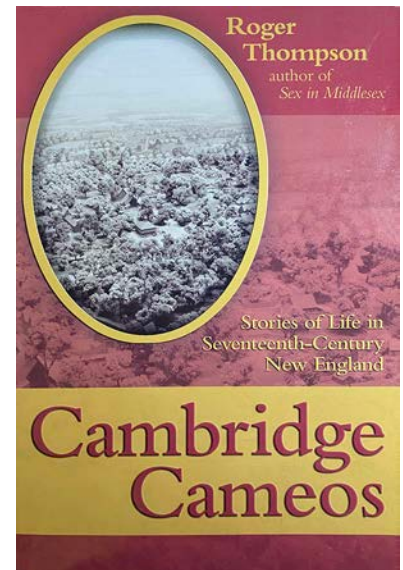
Many historians have called for a literature of fact that provides vivid but genuine insight into the intimate, personal lives of our ancestors in the 1600s rather than mythical and often romanticized caricatures. Simon Schama laments “history textbooks the size of telephone directories, and about as thrilling to read.” David Cannadine despairs that “more and more academic historians are writing more and more academic histories which fewer and fewer people are reading.”

Enter Roger Thompson’s *Cambridge Cameos* that offers up real stories based on petitions, probate records, witness statements, appeals, interrogations, church records, and financial accounts. Literature of facts. Thompson presents forty-four cameos of real people. The cast ranges from a Deputy Governor, a Commander of the Colonial Militia and a President of Harvard College to a manipulative servant, a Nipmuck Indian who worked at the college printing press, and the wife of a Quaker serving a long prison term who refused to bow to authority.

And, just as today, Cambridge of the 1600s had its share of eccentrics, rascals, and thieves, from the wife who preferred the company of her ox rather than her husband to the 70-year-old jailer on his fifth marriage caught in *flagrant delicto* with a pregnant prisoner, from servants who made their employers’ lives intolerable to investors bamboozled by a smooth talking con artist.

The introduction to this well-sourced book sets the stage for the subjects of Thompson’s cameos: their origins, the Cambridge town government, their early spiritual leader Thomas Shepard, land apportionment, lifestyles and social organization. The appendices identify the English origins as well as the crafts and professions for his cameo subjects.

Do you have some favorite books to share? Novels or non-fiction, poetry or cooking tips, colonial gardening, life in colonial New England? Send your suggestions to Kathy Simmons, Newsletter Editor. Not comfortable writing a book recommendation yourself? Send your suggestion for a book to Kathy, with bullet points on why you recommend the book and we’ll take it from there.



ENROLL YOUR YOUNG FAMILY MEMBERS AS JUNIOR AFFILIATE MEMBERS.

We believe that families become more engaged in their Mayflower heritage when children are included. A Mayflower Society member may sponsor any person under 18 years of age for Junior Affiliate Membership. The Junior Applicant must be a blood relative of a current or past member of the Mayflower Society. At age 18, the Junior Affiliate may apply for adult membership in the Society via the usual application process.

Download **Junior Affiliate Enrollment Form** at http://www.ctmayflower.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2021_JrAffForm.pdf.

Need more information? Contact Junior Affiliate Chair Judi Paige at jphearts67@gmail.com.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE SEEKS YOU

Are you interested in serving as an elected officer in the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants?

Our next election will take place on October, 2023, at the scheduled meeting. Please take the time to consider which office you are able to fill and submit this form to our nominating committee at Mrs. Mary Brown, 3 Mountain View Landing, Danielson, CT 06239 by June 1, 2023 for consideration.

**Current office holders who would like to be reelected must fill out this form.*

Yes, I would like to be considered for the following position:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> Corresponding Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recording Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder | <input type="checkbox"/> Archivist | |

**Note: All terms of office are a three-year commitment and require attendance at 2 general society meetings and 3 board of assistants meetings per year.*

My qualifications for the position are: _____

References and contact information: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____ Email _____



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<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/footer/thepilgrimpress/>

CONNECTICUT MAYFLOWER SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2022, The Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford CT 06405

Call to Order, Invocation and Presentation of Colors: Governor Gregory Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. Elder-Elect Sandra Bullock delivered the invocation. Captain William Lane presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Governor Thompson introduced the Board of Assistants: Deputy Governor Kerry Comisky, Recording Secretary Katherine Simmons, Corresponding Secretary Nancy Merwin, Treasurer David Grant, Historian General and CT Historian Midge Hurtuk, Captain William Lane, and Assistants, Deputy Governor General Mary Brown, Bylaws Committee members Sara Champion and Dayna Drake, Junior Affiliate Program Chair Judi Paige, Membership Chair Joan Prentice, and Randy Russell. Thompson also recognized General Society Assistant Governor General Donald Studley.

Necrology and Memorial Prayer: Elder-Elect Sandra Bullock read the necrology and delivered a memorial prayer.

Reading of the Mayflower Compact and Roll Call of the Ancestors: David Grant read the Mayflower Compact and led the Roll Call of the Ancestors. William Brewster and his family had 23 descendants present. The tally of descendants (present at the meeting) of other Mayflower passengers and their families included John Howland (17), William Bradford (15), Francis Cooke (13), Richard More (12), Stephen Hopkins (10), John Tilley (10), James Chilton (8), Edward Fuller (8), John Alden (7), Isaac Allerton (6), William Mullins (6), Edward Doty (5), Henry Sampson (5), John Billington (4), Thomas Rogers (4), George Soule (4), Samuel Fuller (3), William White (3), Francis Eaton (2), Peter Brown (1).

Minutes of the April 23, 2022 General Membership Meeting: The minutes of the April Meeting were approved following a motion by Mary Brown and seconded by Kerry Comisky.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer David Grant reported that we are in a good financial position and able to meet our obligations. The Wells Fargo Operating Account is currently high at \$93,626.29 due to collected dues that will be paid to the General Society. Following payment of dues, the operating account will return to a more normal level; in April of 2022, the operating account stood at \$55,873.93. He further reported that the William Murray Fund, Life Membership Fund and Scholarship Fund stand at \$4,397, \$239,680, and \$245,377, respectively.

Historian's Report: Historian Midge Hurtuk read the names of 40 new members. On a motion made by Mary Brown and seconded by Kerry Comisky, the new members report was accepted. New members present at the meeting were recognized by the membership.

Connecticut Governor's Appreciation Awards: Governor Gregory Thompson presented awards to Catherine Maxim, a new member who has been very active in making the raffle successful and to Randy Russell for his support of the Native American Scholarship Fund.

Anniversary Certificates: Thompson also presented anniversary certificates to Nancy Merwin and Frank Jenks in recognition of their memberships of 30 years and 5 years, respectively.

Meeting Recess: At 12:21 pm, Governor Thompson recessed the meeting for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 1:32 pm.

Raffle: Governor Thompson thanked donors and organizers of the raffle. The raffle raised \$1,200 for the Scholarship Fund.

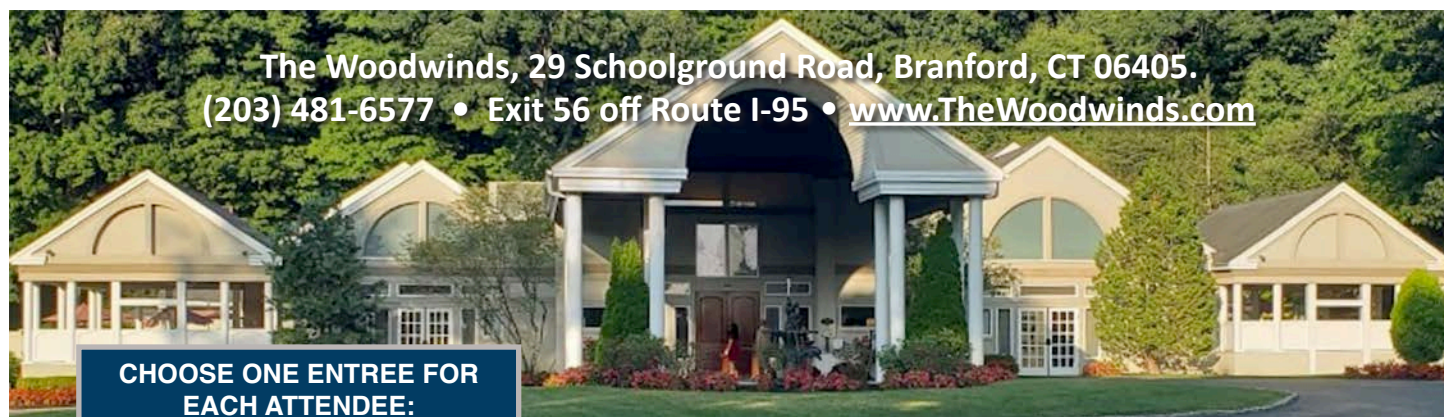
Presentation of Slate of Officers: The slate was read by Joan Prentice: Sandra Bullock as Elder, Louise Wagner as a new member of Board of Assistants, and Sara Champion to a second three-year term on the Board of Assistants. On a motion made by Mary Brown and seconded by Kerry Comisky, the slate was approved.

Quilts of Valor Presentation: Mary Brown introduced Nancy Burns, Jane Dougherty, and Chuck and Claire Larkins, representatives of the Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream as vivid as real life. Quilts equal Healing. Quilt of Valor are hand-made quilts, that are quilted, not tied, which means hand or machine quilting. Each quilt is awarded to a military veteran in appreciation for their service to our nation. Seven men were awarded Quilts of Valor at the meeting: Frank Jenks, David Grant, Benn Bullock, Rod Hurtuk, Jack Costello, Robert Newell, and Fred Jones.

Retirement of the Colors, Benediction and Adjournment: Captain William Lane retired the colors and Elder Sandra Bullock provided the benediction. Governor Thompson announced that the next meeting will be held at the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Hartford April 15, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.

Saturday, April 22, 2023 Membership Luncheon Meeting, 11:15 am–2:00 pm

“Our Marquis”: *Lafayette and America, a mutual admiration society!* Dr. Vincent Pitts, PhD, will introduce us to Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de La Fayette, affectionately referred to as “Our Marquis”, a French aristocrat, freemason, and military officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War, commanding American troops in several battles, including the siege of Yorktown. Dr. Pitts earned his PhD from Harvard University and is a teacher of Early Modern European History. He has written 6 books on the subject. He currently teaches at Quinnipiac University. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Order of the Founders and Patriots of the United States; treasurer of the Avery Memorial Association; and a member of the Connecticut Academy of the Arts and Sciences and the Yale Club of New Haven.



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| Filet Mignon with Demi-Glace Sauce, \$43, | x ___ number of meals = \$ _____ |
| Stuffed Filet of Sole, \$43, | x ___ number of meals = \$ _____ |
| Chicken Parmesan, \$43 | x ___ number of meals = \$ _____ |
| Vegetarian Lasagna, \$43 | x ___ number of meals = \$ _____ |
| Child’s Meal of Chicken Tenders and Fries, \$18 | x ___ number of meals = \$ _____ |
| <i>12 years and under only please.</i> | |
| | Total Amount Submitted \$ _____ |

Dinner includes choice of vegetable, potato, house rolls with butter. Dessert, coffee, and tea served. Cash bar available.

**Please send this completed form and payment (checks payable to Mayflower Society of CT) by April 7, 2023 to:
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