

**MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2008**

Date: April 28, 2008

Place: Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, Mass.

Time: 12:30 PM

Governor Wigmore Pierson called to order the 112th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants. In the absence of Elder Rev. John McLaughlin, Jamie Williams gave the invocation and grace. Captain Gail Terry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Guest pianist, Sunny O'Malley led in the singing of the National Anthem.

Governor Pierson recognized the following distinguished guests:

Guest speaker, Nathaniel Philbrick, Author of *Mayflower*.
Past Governor, Robert Whitaker Proctor and his wife Ann.
Past Governor, W. Howard Mayo the Third.
Past Governor, Virginia Mucciaccio.
Barbara Lambert Merrick, Past Historian General.
Alicia Crane Williams, Assistant Historian General.
Peggy Baker, Director and Librarian for the Pilgrim Society and Pilgrim Hall Museum.

Governor Pierson also introduced the present Officers and Board of Assistants along with the following guests:

Mariann Alford from the Bank of America.
Scott Andrew Bartley, Librarian/Archivist and Editor of the *Mayflower Compact*.
Cynthia Bailey Brown, James Klim and Robert Webb, incoming members of the Board of Assistants.
Governor Pierson's wife, Molly, son Morgan and daughter Beth.

Governor Pierson mentioned that our attendance is over 220 and likely the most at a meeting since the 1920s. First time attendees and new members introduced themselves and former officers and members of the Board of Assistants were introduced. Governor Pierson presented retiring Board of Assistants member Jane Nerney, with a plaque recognizing her service to the Society.

Governor Pierson introduced the speaker of the day, Nathaniel Philbrick, author of the national best seller *Mayflower*, as well as other books. His writing has appeared in many national newspapers. He has appeared on several television shows and national public radio. He is a member of many organizations on Nantucket, where he lives with his wife and two children. Governor Pierson presented Mr. Philbrick with tokens of Mayflower significance following his talk.

Immediately following the program Governor Pierson called a Business Meeting to install the new officers and to vote on the changes to the Bylaws.

Counselor Richard Gilmore, Esq. determined that a quorum of at least twenty five was present for the Business Meeting. W. Howard Mayo III, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for election:

Governor Wigmore Pierson
Deputy Governor Michael Hunt Studley
Secretary Alice LaRose Mohnkern
Treasurer Judith Chace Needham
Historian James W. Lucas
Surgeon Dr. Nancy Edwards
Counselor Richard Standish Gilmore, Esq.
Captain Gail E. Terry

Board of Assistants 2008-2011
Cynthia Bailey Brown
James Klim
Robert Webb

There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one vote to elect the slate as presented. The motion was seconded. All were in favor. Past Historian General Barbara Merrick installed the newly elected members to their respective offices.

The proposed changes to the Bylaws were presented by Dr. Nancy Edwards. Following the presentation, Dr. Edwards answered any questions. It was moved that the changes to the Bylaws be accepted and seconded. All were in favor.

Alice Mohnkern, Secretary