

# Anchor and Pine Tree



## Newsletter of the Order of the First Families of Maine

The Reverend Dr. Dixon A. Barr, President General

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### PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

The Reverend Dr. Dixon A. Barr

Dear OFFME member:

By the time you receive this first newsletter it will be nearly time for this term of office to end. We will hold our annual meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. and I hope you will be able to attend. Specific details are given in the "official call" found in this mailing. It has been a privilege to work over these past two years with a wonderful, dedicated team of officers. They have served you well!

Now is an appropriate time to reflect on our activities since we took office in April 2007:

- + We have become officially incorporated/chartered in the State of Maine
- + Published our first membership directory
- + Admitted 118 members since our founding in 2003
- + Contributed to worthy historic/preservation groups in Maine
- + Developed an attractive website giving pertinent information about the Order
- + Provided an electronic lineage application form
- + Received recognition by the National Gavel Society as one of its constituent hereditary societies
- + Participated in financial support to the Hereditary Society Community and are listed on their website
- + Developed and sold our most attractive and unique insignia for use by our members

+ Continued to provide an attractive membership certificate to all members

+ Strengthen our ties with all members through the implementation of a newsletter, the *Anchor and Pine Tree*

We are "on the move!" I look forward to seeing you on April 18th. It has been a real pleasure and honor to have worked with you over the past two years.

President General 2007-2009

**Please Visit The Order's Website:**  
<http://offme.homestead.com/>

### ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF MAINE 2007-2009 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President General

..... Rev. Dr. Dixon A. Barr  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President General

..... Karen Avery Miller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President General

..... Shari Kelley Worrell  
Chaplain General

..... Rev. Robert Todd Giffin  
Secretary General

..... Susan Young Smith  
Treasurer General

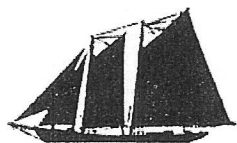
..... Robert Pond Vivian  
Registrar General

..... Dr. Kimberly O. Nagy  
Historian General

..... Timothy C. Finton

## OFFME SUPPORTS MAINE HISTORY

Timothy C. Finton, Historian General



Since one of the primary goals of the Order of the First Families of Maine is to preserve the history of Maine, the practice has been established to make financial contributions to

worthy groups in support of that goal. At the 2008 Annual Meeting, the members of the Order voted to make a charitable contribution to *Maine Preservation*. Founded in 1971, *Maine Preservation* is a private nonprofit statewide preservation organization devoted to preserving Maine's architectural heritage. <http://www.maine Preservation.org/>

In making this contribution, the members followed the Order's previous contribution in 2007 to the endeavor to reconstruct Maine's First Ship. In 1607 at the mouth of Maine's Kennebec River, a group of hardy English settlers known as the Popham Colony created the *Virginia of Sagadahoc*, a 30-ton pinnacle that was the first English-built ship in North America. This is a project to recreate that original ship as an educational tool to teach the history of Maine. <http://www.mainesfirstship.org/>

At the 2009 Annual Meeting on April 18 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC, the members of the Order will continue this tradition of supporting worthy causes by voting on the next Maine-based historical organization to receive our charitable contribution.

### WHERE OUR MEMBERS RESIDE

Shari Worrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. General

We are very fortunate for our membership to be active across the country. Here are our current statistics:

Arizona - 2	California - 8	Colorado - 2
Connecticut - 10	Delaware - 2	Florida - 2
Georgia - 3	Idaho - 1	Illinois - 7
Indiana - 1	Kansas - 1	Kentucky - 12
Mass. - 11	Maryland - 6	Maine - 9
Michigan - 1	Minnesota - 1	Missouri - 1
N. Hampshire - 2	New Jersey - 1	New York - 4
Ohio - 3	Pennsylvania - 2	Tennessee - 1
Texas - 7	Virginia - 12	Washington - 1
Wisconsin - 1		

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE ORDER JOINING SINCE APRIL 2008 MEETING



Dr. Kimberly Nagy, Registrar General

#NO.	MEMBER NAME	ANCESTOR(S)
#101	Louise Palm	John Howland
#102	Charleen Lambert	William Brewster
#103J	Donna Nagy	Richard Ormesby
#104	Melissa Fischer	William Brewster
#105	Dorothy Johnson	William Bradford
#106	Lawrence Mayo	William Brewster
#107	Chester Hardy	Isaac Allerton
#108	George Webber	Thomas Webber John Parker (S)
#109	Elaine Poliey	Edward Small
#110	Donald Darby Jr.	William Bradford William Brewster(S)
#111	Joan McGovern	John Alden
#112	Ward White	William Brewster
#113	Lorene Joy Siegel	William Brewster
#114	Christopher Siegel	William Brewster
#115	Frances Moon	John Alden
#116	Thomas Langdon	William Brewster
#117	Steve Hollands	John Cross
#118	Christy Crigler	Thomas Bradbury
#119	Toby Hurley	Isaac Allerton

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

#### 2009-2011 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

Rev. Robert Giffin, Chair

The Nominating Committee of OFFME, consisting of Rev. Robert Giffin, Chair; Kim Nagy and Tim Finton, submit the following slate of officers for election at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. :

President General — Karen Avery Miller (TX)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President General — Dr. Kimberly Nagy (IL)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President General — Shari K. Worrell (IL)  
Chaplain General — Lawrence K. Casey (TX)  
Secretary General — Susan Young Smith (MD)  
Treasurer General — Judith H. Swan (CA)  
Registrar General — James R. Hancock (KY)  
Historian General — Timothy C. Finton (MD)