



# Muskets & Cannons

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Dear Members,

October of 2010 ushered in a new hereditary society to finish "First Families" in all six New England states. The First Families of Vermont held its inaugural meeting at the Hildene Mansion home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Alex Bannerman is Founder/Governor General. Members and guests had a wonderful time enjoying a wine and cheese tasting before dinner and their trip from Vermont to Connecticut for the rest of the meetings.

The Plymouth Hereditary Society, this Society, The Order of the First Families of Connecticut and The Hereditary Order of the First Family of Massachusetts held their meetings in Roxbury, CT, in the historic Christ church and at the Hopkins Inn in Warren, CT, where lunch was held. After the meetings at the church there was a rededication of the Col. Seth Warner Memorial Monument which had as a participant, Tim Beard, the then current Governor General of The Order of the First Families of Connecticut.

We all enjoyed a delicious dinner at an inn in Woodbury, one of the oldest, continuously operating inns in Connecticut. Four new leaders of the societies, who were appointed on Saturday, had their picture taken after dinner.





## ANNUAL MEETING

**OCTOBER 7-9, 2011**

**BAR HARBOR, MAINE**

Earlier this summer, you should have received information about the meeting and the planned activities. If you did not receive that information, please contact me by phone: 815-385-3373 or e-mail: [genie90@comcast.net](mailto:genie90@comcast.net) and I will forward it to you.

A lot of work has gone into planning a great week-end for everyone. There are plenty of activities in Bar Harbor to keep you busy or you can relax on tours. If you like lobster, this is the place to be! The Acadia National Park, the ocean, shops and the diversity of the area make it a beautiful place to have our meetings. Don't forget your binoculars and cameras

## NEW MEMBERS & SUPPLEMENTS

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
#133 Sue Ann Gardner Shreve	16 Dec 2009	Robert Williams
#134 Mary Elizabeth White May	22 Nov 2010	William Spencer
#135 Hal Boyd Pickard	22 Nov 2010	William Spencer
#136 Cherry Ellen Walker	08 Apr 2011	Gov. Thomas Dudley
#137 LTC Lawrence King Casey, Jr.	08 Apr 2011	Rev. Joseph Hull
#138 Marlene Rathbun Wilkinson	08 Apr 2011	William Clark(e)
#139 David Lawrence Grinnell	08 Apr 2011	John Severance
#139.1 David Grinnell	08 Apr 2011	Richard Brackett
#139.2 David Grinnel	18 Apr 2011	Abraham Morrill
#140 Dr. Doraine Arlene Easter Dorman	10 May 2011	Thomas Jones
#141 Bernadette Annette Roback	16 Jun 2011	Richard Gridley
#141.1 Bernadette Roback	16 Jun 2011	Samuel Thaxter
#142 Lowry Rush Watkins, Jr.	22 Aug 2011	Joseph Weld

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We are working hard to increase our membership, so if you know of prospective members who might be interested in joining, please send them my way or to our Genealogist General, Cherry Walker. My goal is to have 60 members before the end of my term. It is an honor to be your Governor General and I hope to see you in Bar Harbor!

Lynn Long, Governor General  
Order of the Descendants of the  
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Inc.

THE ORDER OF DESCENDANTS OF THE  
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY, INC.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Amendments to the Bylaws require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Officers and Members at the Annual Meeting (October, 2011) after the proposed changes have been received 30 days prior to the meeting.

**Article IV Section 2. Terms of Office:**

Charles Owen Johnson shall serve as Governor General from the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in 2004 to the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in 2006. He will be succeeded as Governor General from the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in 2006 to the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in 2008 by Alden Atwood. All subsequent terms of office shall be from the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership in an even-numbered year to the fall Annual Meeting of the General Membership held in the next even-numbered year. **Men and women shall serve in alternating two-year terms as Governor General.** Each Governor General shall appoint all the various officers set forth in Section 1, above, to serve at his or her pleasure. Although a Governor General may not immediately succeed himself or herself, he or she may again serve later as Governor General. All other officers may serve additional consecutive terms, at the pleasure of the Governor General. A retiring Governor General shall name his or her successor, and there shall be no election of officers.

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Rationale: It is necessary to delete a sentence in Article IV. Section 2. of the bylaws because the language is too restrictive in finding qualified leaders for the Order.

**Article IV Section 2. L. Succession:**

In case of multiple death, resignation of other permanent absence or inability to act, the line of succession to the office of Governor General is as follows: 1) Deputy Governor General, 2) Recording Secretary General, 3) Corresponding Secretary General, 4) Treasurer General, 5) Chancellor General, 6) Genealogist General, 7) Chaplain General, 8) Historian General, 9) Marshal General, 10, 11) and 12) Councilors-at-Large in the order in which they became members of the Order. Should any successor to the office of Governor General serve less than a year and a day, **the rule of gender alternation does not apply and** the successor may appoint himself or herself or any other member to a full two-year term as Governor General.

With the sentence in red removed, the paragraph would then read:

In case of multiple death, resignation of other permanent absence or inability to act, the line of succession to the office of Governor General is as follows: 1) Deputy Governor General, 2) Recording Secretary General, 3) Corresponding Secretary General, 4) Treasurer General, 5) Chancellor General, 6) Genealogist General, 7) Chaplain General, 8) Historian General, 9) Marshal General, 10, 11) and 12) Councilors-at-Large in the order in which they became members of the Order. Should any successor to the office of Governor General serve less than a year and a day, the successor may appoint himself or herself or any other member to a full two-year term as Governor General.

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## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 3. Emergency Telephone **and E-Mail** Meetings. When it is deemed impossible to hold a meetings of the Council in person and there is urgent business to be conducted, such business may be transacted by telephone **or by e-mail**, provided all members of the Council shall be notified of the occurrence and a majority of the Council shall express their approval of the transaction. This action shall be noticed at the next meeting of the Council and reported to the next meeting of the General Membership.

With the words in red added to the section, the paragraph would read:

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Rationale: Article V. Section 3. Since the Society meets only once a year, it is conceivable that important business could arise that would require attention immediately or before the next annual meeting would occur. This allows for the unexpected business of the Society to be handled in a timely manner.