

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

October 6 – 8

Our headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Downtown

100 E River Drive

East Hartford, CT 06108



Greetings from Connecticut

THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF CONNECTICUT

HEREDITARY ORDER OF FIRST FAMILIES OF MASSACHUSETTS

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THE WINTHROP SOCIETY

This hotel does not offer breakfast

Triple -A Diner, Maddie's and The Place 2 Be

are less than 10 minutes away

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6- AGENDA

2-3:30: Registration – Hotel check-in.

5-7 P.M. – The Hartford Club 46 Prospect St. Hartford, CT is a 8-min drive from the hotel.

The Hartford Club opened in 1873 as a union of several local clubs and soon developed a reputation as a literary club. Mark Twain joined in 1881 and other famous names you may know have been members: Katharine Hepburn, Wilbur Cross, J.P. Morgan, Richard Gatling, Igor Sikorsky and Samuel Colt of the Colt firearm company.

While at our reception we will be treated to our own private room, passed chef-d 'oeuvres, one drink ticket for your choice of beer, wine or soft drink followed by a cash bar.



Dinner: On your own after reception

8 P.M. – Capital Ice Cream 389 Capital Ave. Hartford, CT is a 8-min drive TIME PERMITTING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7 – AGENDA

9 - 11 A.M.: Meetings – Order to be TBD

11:30: Lunch on your own. Suggestions in Essex, CT for lobster rolls are: Dockside at Dauntless 37 Pratt St, Essex, CT; Siren Kitchen and Bar 11 Ferry Street Essex, CT; The Griswold Inn

36 Main Street Essex, CT

1:30: Arrival/Check-in The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat

1 Railroad Avenue Essex, CT is a 41 minute drive from the hotel.

1:45: board and ride the steam train for 1 ½ hours through 12 miles of the beautiful scenic Connecticut River Valley then we disembark the train for a one-hour riverboat excursion. After both our land and sea adventures we can visit the museum or just take a stroll down through Essex. What a wonderful way to get to enjoy some of what Connecticut has to offer in the fall.



6:30-7: Social time

7 P.M.: Banquet at the ballroom of the Holiday Inn Downtown.

PLATED DINNER –

APPETIZER - New England Clam Chowder

STARCH – Roasted red bliss potato

ENTREE CHOICES -

Cranberry walnut stuffed chicken breast with chicken velouté sauce

Alfredo pasta primavera

New England baked scrod w/traditional breadcrumb topping and lemon butter

DESSERT – Cheesecake

8:30 P.M. Ben and Jerry's 5 ½ S Main Street West Hartford is a 13 min drive Or Main Street Creamery & Café a 9 min drive from the hotel

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 – AGENDA

10 A.M.: Wadsworth Atheneum Museum 600 Main Street is a 6 min drive from the hotel.

The Wadsworth Museum is the oldest public art museum in the United States founded in 1842. Originally envisioned by its founder as a gallery of fine arts, the institution was

instead established as an “atheneum” – a 19th century term for an institution devoted to the study of the humanities and science and including a library and works of art and artifacts.

about 50,000 objects that span from antiquity to the contemporary The Atheneum’s collection is made up of period.

The museum is opening just for us to have a private tour until it opens at noon.



11:30 a.m.: Lunch on own. Suggestons – Black-Eyed Sally’s 350 Asylum St(Southern); Red Rock Tavern 369 Capital Ave.

1:15 p.m.: Mark Twain House and Museum 351 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT

Our Living Experience Tour will include a film on Mark Twain’s life, the house, the gardens and than we will be headed to the barn for our 45 minute question and answer session. In this session you will be able to ask any questions you have about Samual Clemins(Mark Twain).



be able to ask all questions about Samuel Clements(Mark Twain) expereinces, family, etc.

6:30 p.m.: Farwell Dinner - The North House 1 Nod Road Avon, CT

Here we will get together for our final gathering before departing until our New England Gathering in 2024.

The home and land were owned by Thomas North son of John North settled on site in 1678. An Inn was established in 1678 known as Marshall Tavern and both founding fathers and Presidents George Washington and John Adams are rumored to have taken shelter and imbibed at the North House. Now part of the Avon Old Farms Inn – the foyer, lobby, Private Dining and other areas are part of the original home. The forge has not been touched since it was built in 1832.

Dinner choices: -

Reception Upon Arrival

Local Cheese & Charcuterie Slate

Assorted Local Cheeses & Cured Meats, Honeycomb, Marmalade, Red Table Grapes, Candied Nuts, Pickled & Roasted Vegetables, Crostini's

Soups

New England Clam Chowder or

French Onion Soup

Entrees

Salmon

Wild Rice, Cucumber Salad, Herb Beurre Blanc

12oz NY Strip

Loaded Smashed Potato, Grilled Broccoli, Beurre Rouge

Half Chicken

Duck Fat Fingerling Potatoes, Mushroom & Sweet Chard Fricassee, Chicken Jus

Desserts

Flourless Chocolate Cake, Chocolate Sauce, Chocolate Ganache Whipped Mousse

Crème Brulee



Monday October 9 – Agenda

Shopping the boutiques and exploring the old homes in Wethersfield at your pleasure.

Wethersfield is hosting this October - The Scarecrows on Main Street

On behalf of the Order of the First Families of Connecticut it has been an honor and a pleasure to host the New England Gathering this year. We hope you enjoyed the weekend and met new members and made new friends. Wishing everyone a safe trip home. Looking forward to next year.

Wesley Wilde Babbitt

Governor General