

Founders News

*The Society of the
Descendants of the
Founders of
Hartford
April 2000*



Founders' Flag Carried In Style at 'Massing'

Founders of Hartford member Todd Gerlander of Tolland, Conn., shown above, carried the Society's flag last October at the annual service of the Massing of the Colours.

The Massing was held at the First Congregational Church of Litchfield, Conn.

Mr. Gerlander, an American history buff, was dressed in the uniform of a "roundhead" of the mid-17th century.

Annual Court, Dinner Will Be Held May 18

Ernest R. Shaw To Be Speaker

The annual Court and Dinner of the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000 at the Town and County Club, Hartford.

The speaker will be Ernest R. Shaw, creator of Heritage Trails Sightseeing Tours, who will give an illustrated lecture on some of Hartford's most interesting historic sights.

Born in Connecticut, Mr. Shaw is a veteran of the travel and tourism industry, having worked for many years for Swissair. In 1983, he noticed that no tour company offered daily tours of our capital city, so he began doing them. Using a luxury 10-passenger mini-bus, he has given at least 35,000 people guided tours of Hartford and Connecticut.

An invitation to the Court and Dinner is being sent to all members with this mailing. The Town and County Club is at 22 Woodland St., Hartford, not far from Farmington Avenue. Parking is behind the club.

As usual, cocktails are at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 and Mr. Shaw's talk afterward. Society members are invited to bring a spouse or a friend, at the same per-person cost.



New Members Admitted

Several people have been admitted to membership in the Society in the past year. Their names, home towns, and qualifying ancestor follow:

Nell Martin Coulter of New Canaan, Conn. (ancestor William Spencer), Ronald Erwin Newton of Kennebunk, Maine (Thomas Hooker), John Michael Phelps of Tiburon, Calif. (Matthew Marvin), Nancy Norman Spearman of Latham, N.Y. (Joseph Mygatt),

New Members (cont'd)

Robert Pond Vivian of Westfield, N.J. (Thomas Lord), Eleanor G. Bushnell Vontell of Marlborough, Conn., (Thomas Barnes), Priscilla Ann Pitkin Gilbert of St. Louis, Mo. (Ozias Goodwin), Robert Evans Mallett, Jr. of Sarasota, Fla. (Thomas Hooker), Christie Ann Noble of Iowa City, Iowa (Thomas Woodford), Phyllis McCauley Reed of Glastonbury, Conn. (Samuel Hale), James Barnett Slimmon, Jr. of Bloomfield, Conn. (Thomas Root), Dean Waldron Smith of Washington, DC (John Warner), Grace Jack Smith of Monroe, Wis. (Thomas Hungerford), Kenneth Allen Varney of Libertyville, Ind. (Thomas Bliss), Brian Albert Wright of East Hartland, Conn. (Stephen Hart), Naomi Ruth Goring of Silver Spring, Md. (James Olmstead), Sara Philson Anderson McPhail of Pinehurst, N.C. (Zachary Field) and Page Gillette Warner of South Strafford, Vt. (Richard Seymour).

Note Cards for Sale

Attractive Founders of Hartford note cards will be sold at the annual Court and Dinner again this year.

The front of each card bears the Seal of the Society, and the back has the words "The Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford" in attractive Palatino typeface. The ink color is Founders Red.

The stationery will be available at the annual Court and Dinner at \$4.95 for 10 notes and envelopes.

Those unable to attend the Court and Dinner may obtain the cards by mail. The cost is \$6.50; the extra cost is for postage and handling. Write Henry McNulty, 75 Bellamy Road, Cheshire, CT 06410, and make the check or money order payable to Founders of Hartford.

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Officers and Council of the Society elected at the last Court and Dinner are:

Governor, Henry McNulty

Deputy Governor,

Carol Lee Joslin

Corresponding Secretary

Meredith Richardson

Recording Secretary, Peter Grant

Treasurer, Barbara Ulrich

Genealogist, Kenneth Buckbee

Chaplain, Rev. Robert Carroon

Council members:

Barbara Abraham, Dorothy Boyd, Wilson Faude, Virginia Grant, Terry Harlow, William Lane, Susan Motycka, Peter

North, Llewellyn Powell, Bernice Rieg, Boynton Selden, and Elizabeth Wise.

Donations Made

The Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford has donated \$3,000 to various organizations involved in enhancing and preserving the history of Hartford. Checks for \$500 each went to:

- ◆ **The Connecticut Historical Society**
- ◆ **The Old State House**
- ◆ **Riverfront Recapture**
- ◆ **The Hartford Collection of the Hartford Public Library**
- ◆ **The Ancient Burying Ground Society**
- ◆ **The Connecticut State Library Foundation**

The donations were made to further the goal of the Society "to make grants to other organizations ... with the intent of promoting the widest possible public interest in the historic sites and early history of the City."

MEDALS AND ROSETTES

Official Founders of Hartford medals and rosettes are available by mail from Robert Storm, 37 Crestwood Rd., West Hartford CT 06107.

Large medals are \$70; small medals are \$35; and rosettes (limited quantities available) are

\$5. Make checks payable to
Founders of Hartford.