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Our Annual Meeting was held on February 13th, 2010 in Warwick, RI at the 1149 Restaurant. For those of you that missed it, I hope that you make it next year. Our attendance surpassed the previous four years and the Fish House Punch was as good as ever. While you read Past President's MacGunnigle's speech, you will note how active our State Society has been. For those of us in attendance, we were grateful to be there to hear of all the events and accomplishments of the Society.

All of you got a copy of the Annual Meeting program. What was not on the program was the name of our new top three officers. They were nominated from the floor, as is usual, and are John C. Eastman, President; John T. Ouderkirk, 1st Vice President; and John C. Collins, 2nd Vice President. In the next issue of the Independent Man, you will get a copy of newly elected President John C. Eastman's acceptance speech.

This Independent Man is the first issue of a year that promises to be just as full of activity. Our next event, April 24th will be a joint function of the New England District Council SAR and the Rhode Island Society. The New England District Council Meeting will be led by our own Carlen Booth, current Vice President General of New England. After the meeting, the Rhode Island State Society will host a luncheon with John McNiff as a speaker. The event is our normal Spring Luncheon that was usually enjoyed at Wannamoisett Country Club. This event will also be held at the 1149 Restaurant as was our Annual Meeting. An invitation will be mailed in March.

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Our State Registrar, Carlen P. Booth reports that SAR National Headquarters has given final approval to the following new members:

Jeffry Thomas Gardner Westerly, Rhode Island	Robert Lawrence Hart Williamsville, NY	Timothy Joseph Hart Harrisville, Rhode Island
James Allen Hopkins East Greenwich, Rhode Island	David Lawrence Grinnell Palm Springs, California	William Watson Taylor, Jr. Duxbury, Massachusetts

In Our Memory

Maxwell Mays, November 16, 2009

National # 924402, State # 1252 Admitted February 3, 1965

5th Generation descendant of Thomas Maze—1830 Verdango Co. PA—

Private, Capt. John McClure's Co. of SC wounded at Camden

Carl S. King, Jr., December 6, 2009

National # 163341, State # 1659 Admitted September 20, 2004

6th Generation descendant of Nathaniel Parker, Jr. 1741-1775, Groton, MA—Sgt.

Capt. John Nutting Minuteman Co, Col. Wm. Prescott Rgt.

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Flag Day Luncheon

This year it is the duty of the State SAR to host the function at the Dunes Club for Flag Day that is held with the State DAR. Please note that the date is June 13th, 2010—a Sunday. Please put this date on your calendar, although you will be getting a notice well in advance of the event.

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If anyone has any news that they would like to put into the next issue of the Independent Man, please let me know. All articles of interest are welcome.

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