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IMPORTANT

CHANGE OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The Board of Management Meeting will be at 6:15 PM at the Golden Corral, 5325 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Thanksgiving Day, official public holiday in the U.S., initially celebrated in early regal times in New England. The real source, though, is perhaps the harvest festivals that are customary in a lot of parts of the world Festivals and Feasts. After the first harvest was finished by the Plymouth colonists in 1621, Governor William Bradford announced a day of thanksgiving and prayer, shared by all the colonists and nearby Native Americans. The Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock held their Thanksgiving in 1621 as a three day "thank you" festivity to the leaders of the Wampanoag Indian tribe and their families for coaching them the survival talent they desired to make it in the New World. It was their good luck that the custom of the Wampanoag's was to treat any guest to their homes with a share of whatsoever foodstuff the folks had, even if provisions were short. It was also a remarkable stroke of luck that one of the Wampanoag, Tisquantum or Squanto, had turn out to be close friends with a British explorer, John Weymouth, and had learned the Pilgrim's words in his travels to England with Weymouth.

After the first New England Thanksgiving the tradition extended all the way through the colonies, but every province decided its individual date. In 1789 George Washington, the first president of the United States, announced November 26 a day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day continued to be celebrated in the United States on diverse days in different states until Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of Godey's Lady's Book, resolved to do somewhat about it. For more than 30 years she wrote mails to the senate and presidents requesting them to make Thanksgiving Day a nationwide holiday.

Finally, in 1863, President Lincoln issued a White House public statement calling on the "whole American people" wherever they lived to fuse "with one heart and one voice" in observing a particular day of thanksgiving. Setting apart the last Thursday of November for the reason, the President advocated for the prayers in the churches and in the homes to "beseech the interposition of the almighty had to heal the wounds of the nations and to restore it...to full pleasure of calm, concord, serenity and unification." He also states that they articulate sincere thanks for the "blessing of fruitful fields and healthful skies."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt advanced Thanksgiving Day one week in 1939. Nevertheless, as some states used the new date and others the old, it was changed again 2 years afterward. Thanksgiving Day is at the present celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. The foremost official celebration of Thanksgiving in North America was held by an English voyager, Martin Frobisher, who tried to found an English settlement on Baffin Island, after failing to discover a northern way to the Orient in 1576. Canada recognized the second Monday in October as a countrywide holiday, "a day of general thanksgiving," in 1957.

New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as a yearly tradition, in 1817. By the middle of the 19th century a lot of other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln selected a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day declaration, regularly assigning the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

The American customs of Thanksgiving orbit around a enormous and abundant meal, more often than not with Turkey as the attraction. For those who do not like Turkey, a Roast or Prime Rib is universal. As custom has it in the majority of the families, a particular prayer of thanks head the meal. In many homes, family members will each talk about something they are very grateful for. Thanksgiving is a occasion for folks to generate customs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 23-24, 2009: Central District Meeting, Huntington, WV
November 4, 2009: Cincinnati Chapter Board of Management Meeting - 6:15 PM
Golden Corral, 5325 Ridge Ave., Cincinnati, OH
November 13, 2009: Naturalization Ceremony - 2:00 PM- U.S. District Court -
Judge Barrett
November 14, 2009: Thanksgiving Day Luncheon - (see flyer)
November 20, 2009: Naturalization Ceremony - 2:00 PM - U. S. District Court -
Judge Black
December 2, 2009: Cincinnati Chapter Monthly and Annual Board of
Management Meeting - 6:15 PM
Golden Corral, 5325 Ridge Ave., Cincinnati, OH
December 4, 2009: Naturalization Ceremony - 2:00 PM - U. S. District Court -
Judge Barrett
December 18, 2009: Naturalization Ceremony - 2:00 PM - U. S. District Court -
Judge Dlott
January 6, 2010: Cincinnati Chapter Board of Management Meeting - 6:15 PM
February 3, 2010: Cincinnati Chapter Board of Management Meeting - 6:15 PM
February 5-6, 2010: OHSSAR Winter Board of Management Meeting - Findley,
Ohio
April 30-May 2, 2010: OHSSAR Annual Conference - Chilicothe, Ohio

The Cincinnati Chapter
Ohio Society
Sons of the American Revolution



Thanksgiving Day Luncheon

Saturday, November 14, 2009

12:00 Noon

Receptions Banquet Center - Erlanger, Kentucky

(I-75 to Exit 184 west - con't approx. 1.3 mi west - turn left into 1379 Donaldson Road)

Program

“Plymouth Colony & The Mayflower Society”

**Speaker – Mr. James R. “Jim” Hancock, SAR Compatriot
Governor, Kentucky Society of Mayflower Descendents**

Election and Installation of Officers

Induction of New Members & Chapter Awards

Menu - Hearty Luncheon Buffet

Garden Salad with Various Dressings

Steamed Vegetable Bouquet

Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter

Choice of two Entrees:

Turkey with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, & Cranberry Sauce

Sliced Roast Beef Au Jus

Coffee, Hot & Cold Tea

Assorted Dessert Carrousel

*** Make checks payable to the Cincinnati Chapter (SAR) Sons of the American Revolution.**

Please make reservations by Monday, November 9, at \$22.00 per person.

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