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Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants

No. 53 Mt. Vernon St., Boston

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING, 30 OCTOBER, 1919

In accordance with a vote of the Board of Assistants, there will be a Special Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, at the Society's Rooms, No. 53 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass., on Thursday afternoon, 30 October, 1919, at four o'clock.

This meeting is called to act on proposed Amendments of the By-Laws, to elect an Honorary Member, and to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

This will be a business meeting, *for members only*.

Guests should not be invited, on account of the limited seating capacity of the rooms.

At the close of the business meeting, light refreshments will be served.

ELECTION OF MAJOR GENERAL LEONARD WOOD AS AN HONORARY MEMBER

The first paragraph of Article XI, Section 1, of the By-Laws reads: "Any person who has made notable contributions to the history or the genealogy of the Mayflower Pilgrims, or who has performed distinguished public service, may be elected an Honorary Member of this Society, provided, that his descent from a Mayflower Passenger has been established, in accordance with the rules of the Society, before such election is proposed."

Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., distinguished soldier and administrator, whose public service is too well known to need rehearsal in this notice, has been duly nominated for Honorary Membership by Mr. George Ernest Bowman, and seconded by Mr. William B. H. Dowse; the nomination has been unanimously approved by the Membership Committee; a line of descent from Francis Cooke of The Mayflower has been proved; and the Board of Assistants,

at its regular monthly meeting, on the fourteenth of October, unanimously voted to recommend that the Society elect Major General Leonard Wood as an Honorary Member, at the Special Meeting to be held on 30 October, 1919.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

The Board of Assistants unanimously voted to recommend the adoption of the following Amendments of the By-Laws, and they were duly read at a Special Society Meeting, held for that purpose, on 25 September, 1919.

Amend Article V of the By-Laws, by striking out the last paragraph and substituting the following:

"The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year."

Amend Article XII of the By-Laws, by striking out the entire article and substituting the following:

"Article XII.

"Section 1. The Entrance Fee shall be five dollars.

"Section 2. The Annual Dues shall be five dollars, payable at the time of election to membership, and on the first day of each succeeding January; provided, however, that members elected in the months of October, November and December shall not be required to pay annual dues on the first day of January next ensuing.

"Section 3. The Life Membership Fee shall be one hundred dollars.

"Life Members shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

"An applicant who wishes to become a Life Member, at the time of election to membership, shall not be required to pay an entrance fee, but shall deposit, with the Preliminary Application, the Life Membership Fee of one hundred dollars.

"Any member, in good standing, who has been paying dues annually, may become a Life Member by paying the life membership fee of one hundred dollars.

"Section 4. The Minor Life Membership Fee shall be one hundred dollars.

"An applicant for Minor Life Membership shall not be required to pay an entrance fee.

"Section 5. Members may receive the Society's quarterly magazine, 'The Mayflower Descendant', without extra charge, from the date of their election until the date for their next succeeding payment of annual dues; and, thereafter, those who have paid their annual dues for a fiscal year may receive the magazine for such fiscal year, without extra charge.

