



Old Colony Club
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Dear Members of the Executive Board,

We, the undersigned members of the Old Colony Club Traditions Committee, formally submit our recommendations to the executive board with hopes that these club traditions regarding both protocol and procedure will be honored at the Club for generations to come.

1. For purposes of consistency, the "Presidents Book" was a protocol of what comes up over the course of the year that the current President will have to deal with. Paperwork, files, permits, duties, etc. The book should be located and once again pass from President to President at the Annual Meeting. It should be the responsibility of the sitting President to maintain and review as needed.
2. At the end of the Annual Meeting, it has historically been moved that donations to the investment fund are made in the names of those members (and, where appropriate, past members) who have passed away since the last Annual Meeting. Suggested donations are \$50 for a club member, and \$100 for a club Past President.
3. No other business should be conducted during any club meeting (annual or monthly business). This includes smoking or consumption of beverages. These meetings are to conduct the business of the club, and all comedy/jokes should be left downstairs in the dining room.
4. Traditionally, Top Hats at funerals have been viewed as a sign of respect for a Past President and other distinguished members of the club. This would be up to the President to coordinate attire at funerals.

5. The box for voting would not be passed around until an applicant has had their autobiography read and the membership has heard directly from the sponsor.
6. The solicitation of monetary donations from the membership, political or otherwise, has historically been discouraged.
7. The reading of the proclamation on Forefather's Day has traditionally been done by the current (outgoing) President. See attached President's notes from Forefather's Day.
8. Previously, beverage availability to the membership has been more limited. When dinner was completed, members came up and put away all the beverages for the evening, hence the term, "help in the snug." Alternative beverages to accompany coffee is a recent addition to Friday evenings.
9. All bottles should be kept inside the building. When enjoying a beverage on the porch, members should leave bottles and cans inside and use a glass.
10. Casual hats should not be worn inside the building at any time.

It is the hope of this committee that the traditions outlined above are met with support and that senior members of the club, particularly Executive Board members and Past Presidents, will be encouraged to lead by example.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Geiler, Chair

Donald Brown, Past President

Paul Curtis

Skip Lougee, Past President

Alan Zanotti, Past President