

The Manning Association Presents:

MANNING MANSE MESSENGER



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Manning Family Reunion

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The Manning Family will gather at the Manse on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 11 AM to celebrate the Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Manning Association. **Buffet Luncheon at TWELVE NOON *** Prices: \$20/Adult; \$10/Child under 10 yrs.** The Manning Family Reunion is held at the Manning Manse, on the FOURTH Saturday in the month of June, annually, as has been our tradition. (Please note that annual dues [\$25 per member], can be paid at this time.)

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Directions to Manse: From North: I-95S, Exit 59 merge to I-495S toward Worcester; Exit 35C-B-A for I-495/Lowell Connector; / US-3; US-3 and merge to US-3S; Exit 29 to Billerica Rd/MA-129 to 56 Chelmsford Rd. From South: I-95N, Exit towards Portsmouth NH, Exit 32A-B to US-3N (Lowell), Exit 29 (MA-129 -Billerica); left Billerica Rd. to 56 Chelmsford Rd. From West: East I-90E, Exit 11A, merge onto I-495N; Exit 35A-B-C, merge US-3S (Burlington); Exit 29

MAUDE MANNING SEES CHANGES

(Monday, April 20, 1981 -The Leader, Corning, NY) Mrs. Maude Manning is probably Savona, NY's oldest senior citizen at 95 1/2 years young. She has seen many changes in the Village since she



first moved here in 1915 to a house on Manning Ave, built by her well-known family of Savona masons [as well as] the Street was named for his Family. At the time the Manning home was constructed, there were few homes on the west side of the village. Mrs. Manning came to Savona to visit relatives when she met her future husband (Fred W. Manning). She worked in Buffalo for 11 years prior to this in Adams Meldrum & Anderson (AM & A), a large department store. When she left, the manager told her she could come back to work anytime. "It would be fun to walk in the store now and ask for my job back," she laughs. Mrs. Manning has 3 daughters, Gertrude Manning Stuart, Thelma Manning Hodge and Ida Manning Reed. She is the grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of many. (Continued Page 3)

A TIME FOR CHANGE....

AS MOST OF YOU MAY BE AWARE, WE HAVE LEASED THE RESTAURANT PORTION OF THE MANNING MANSE TO A NEW TENANT, WHO WILL OPERATE IT AS "JON RYAN'S PUBS." THIS CHANGE WAS PRECIPITATED BY FINANCIAL NECESSITY, BROUGHT ABOUT BY DIFFICULTIES FACED BY OUR PREVIOUS TENANT, "VILLAGIO RISTORANTE." AN OLD PROVERB SAYS "EXPERIENCE IS WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU DON'T GET WHAT YOU WANT." WE HAVE BEEN GAINING EXPERIENCE SINCE LAST OCTOBER. AS WE REGAINED POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE HAD BEEN NEGLECTED FOR SOME TIME, AND WE FOUND OURSELVES IN THE MIDST OF AN EXPENSIVE AND TIME CONSUMING RESTORATION EFFORT AS WE MADE THIS FACILITY ONCE AGAIN USABLE AS AN OPERATING RESTAURANT/PUB. HISTORICALLY, THE MANSE HAS SERVED AS A PUBLIC HOUSE MORE THAN ONCE DURING ITS LIFE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASSUMING THIS ROLE ONCE AGAIN. THE NEW TENANT WILL BE DEVOTED TO KEEPING THE PREMISES, INCLUDING THE HISTORIC PORTION OF THE COMPLEX, IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. THE KITCHEN, DINING ROOM AND BAR



AREAS WILL BE COMPLETELY REBUILT WHEN THE PUB OPENS AND WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT ENVIRONMENT FOR LOCAL FOLKS TO GATHER FOR FOOD AND DRINK. PORTIONS OF THE NEW DINING ROOM WILL BE DECORATED WITH ITEMS DEPICTING THE HISTORY OF THE BUILDING THROUGH THE YEARS. WHILE THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE TO THOSE OF US WHO SERVE ON YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES; THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE MANNING ASSOCIATION. WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE DIRECTION THIS CHANGE MOVES US AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A MUTUALLY PROFITABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR NEW TENANT.

THOSE WHO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY - THEN & NOW

Hubert McKinley Manning, son of Allen Homer Manning & Agnes [Dougherty] Manning was born in Crab Orchard, NE, September 24, 1896. He was my Grandfather and a very, funny guy! He served his country proudly during WWI when he enlisted in the Navy, December 1917, serving until August 1919. He was a Seaman 2nd Class and loved his service to his country. He returned to live in Steele City, NE and married Fannie [Hoffmeister] Manning, working on the railroad. Fannie was the only teacher in the one-room school house in town and also worked as Postmaster in the Post Office, which also sold the

Town's milk. Hubert and Fannie had one child, a daughter, Hazel Dean Manning, my Mother. Mom was born in NE, March 1925, in a Town of 150 people. She went to the University of Nebraska and then on to nurses training at Kansas City General Hospital, receiving her RN Degree, entering the Army in February 1945 as a 2nd Lieutenant, during WWII; serving as a combat nurse in the Burma Theater, India. She met my Father (John Wilson Wynn) shortly after the War. He was in the navy on an aircraft carrier. My parents married and lived in Egypt, Pakistan and Africa, where he was a pilot (Cont. Page 3)

(Cont. Page 2) with the **Flying Tigers**. They returned to the States and settled in California, where I was born in 1951. Mom worked as an RN for Kaiser (an integrated managed care consortium, based in Oakland, California), and my Father landed a job as a commercial airline pilot with South Pacific Airlines in Hawaii, and we all moved to Paradise shortly after that. My Mother

passed away in August 2007 and is buried in the Veteran's Cemetery on Oahu, Hawaii. Mom would tell me the stories of the Manning's and our proud lineage. Thank you for letting me share her story with you!

Aloha, Patricia (Patti) [Manning] Reimann



(RT) HUBERT MCKINLEY MANNING WITH FRIEND



HUBERT MCKINLEY MANNING (2ND FROM RT) [NAVY - WWI]



Hubert Hazel Fannie

HUBERT/HAZEL/FANNIE (FATHER/DAUGHTER/MOTHER)



HAZEL DEAN MANNING (2ND LIEUTENANT, WW II)

(Cont. Page 1) For awhile, Mrs. Manning says, "the Family was a "boxcar Family. Fred Manning was working on bridge construction for the railroad (Erie Lackawanna) in the Buffalo area. Mrs. Manning stated her husband outfitted a boxcar for the Family's living quarters and they lived right on the tracks. The car, Mrs. Manning recalls, was "beautiful inside!" The Family ate with the crew in the dining car. This "gypsy" way of life was a challenge to the couple and their young children. During

the flu epidemic in 1918 (Gertrude was an infant and Thelma a toddler), Mrs. Manning recalls seeing piles of rough boxes for victims of the disease. Two of the Manning daughters contracted polio (Thelma, but worse afflicted, Ida). Mrs. Manning preceded Sister Elizabeth Kenny (Queensland, Australia) in her treatment of the disease, by using hot applications and massage. The girls recovered, thanks to their Mother's efforts. Mrs. Manning is a member of the Savona

Federated Church and says that she regrets that she is unable to attend services. She says she appreciates the visits from the minister, Rev. Theron Cooper. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and enjoyed the picnics and suppers. The Family's social life always centered around the Church, she says. Mrs. Manning feels that her longevity is due to her determination and her fighting spirit. **Her Family agrees, noting that she "rules the roost!"** Maude S. [Nellis] Manning 1885 - 1981



descendants of William Manning, formed the original Manning Family Association.

In the 113 years the Association has existed, it has dealt with many issues that threatened the very existence of the Manning Manse. As it was formed, the Manse was in need of major repairs, and the members of that first Association contributed heavily of their time and wealth to accomplish the much needed work. In more recent history, in 1994, a disastrous fire (originating in the restaurant) swept through the building, and again, Manning Association contributed freely of their time and wealth, and the restored Manse stands today as a monument to their success.

COMMENTS FROM:

Manning Association President

LEE J. MANNING

As noted elsewhere in this issue, the past few months have been filled with change, both to the Manse facility, and to the Association. We are, through all of it, continuing to maintain a cautious business-like approach to managing for the future of the Manse.

The stated purpose of the Manning Association is assuring the well being of the historic Manning Manse, built by Samuel Manning in 1696, and a fixture of Billerica for nearly 318 years. It is one of the oldest buildings in Billerica, and stands proudly as a symbol of the fortitude of Samuel and his descendants, which (of course) include all of you, as well as your Board of Trustees. We take considerable pride in carrying on this tradition in the manner of Association founder Warren H. Manning, who in 1901, together with about 100

While serious repairs and restoration work have been needed for our most recent transformation to an operating public house once again, [thanks to the stewardship of your board, and especially your Treasurer (Atty.) Peter Stuart], we remain solvent, and able to continue in the tradition established by Association founder Warren Manning in 1901. We will hold our annual membership meeting and Family Reunion on June 28, 2014 [the fourth Saturday in June], as has been our tradition. I look forward to seeing many of you there, and to enjoy together, our restored facilities.

