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# THE PILGRIMS OF THE UNITED STATES



## OUR MISSION

Founded in 1903, The Pilgrims of the United States, an association of men and women, in alliance with The Pilgrims of Great Britain, seeks to foster fellowship between Americans, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

We stand dedicated to the common bond among English speaking peoples, and all others of good will, who espouse the supremacy of fundamental human rights, including freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want, freedom to enjoy a healthy, peaceful and secure life where the arts can flourish, equal justice under law, and freedom from fear, everywhere in the world.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PILGRIMS

The Pilgrims of the United States was founded in New York in 1903 shortly after the The Pilgrims of Great Britain had been established in London to facilitate closer contacts between Americans and the British. American voices such as former President Grover Cleveland and Mark Twain recognized the increasing closeness of America and the British Empire, and several prominent New Yorkers including the

Episcopal Bishop of New York Henry Codman Potter and leaders such as J. Pierpont Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, John Jacob Astor IV, and Morris Jesup backed it. Activities consisted of dinners in honor of visiting British diplomats and generals and admirals. There were also dinners for such luminaries as the polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and Dr. Wilfrid Grenfell, founder of the Labrador Medical Mission. Presidents of The Pilgrims over the years included Joseph H. Choate, Chauncey Depew, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, John W. Davis, Hugh Bullock, and Henry Luce III.

## **THE PILGRIMS OF THE UNITED STATES ACTIVITIES**

While in recent years speakers have included former presidents of the United States, and prime ministers of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and the U.K. Ambassadors to the United States and the United Nations, the list of invited speakers has been expanded. It now includes not only U.S. and British statesmen and political leaders but educators such as the Chancellor of Oxford, notable actors and directors, authors, international media such as director general of the BBC and the New York Times and The Economist, governors of the Bank of England and the leading banks of New York and London, and the directors of the major museums such as the Metropolitan Museum and the British Museum.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Pilgrims of the United States has a membership of 1,000. It typically has five or six speakers a year with the receptions of up to 150 participants held in mid town clubs and an annual lunch for 275 at which The Pilgrims Medallion of Service to the Nation is awarded.

# Officers and Directors of The Pilgrims of the United States

## **PRESIDENT**

MINER H. WARNER

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## **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

### **ADMISSIONS**

James W. Gerard V

### **FINANCE**

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### **NOMINATING**

Michael J. Meehan II

**SPEAKERS**

James D. Zirin

**THE PILGRIMS FOUNDATION, INC.**

John R. Drexel IV, President

**LIST OF OFFICERS AND YEARS OF SERVICE****PRESIDENTS**

THE RT. REV. HENRY C. POTTER 1903-1907  
 W. BUTLER DUNCAN 1907-1912  
 THE HON. JOSEPH H. CHOATE 1912-1917  
 THE HON. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW 1917-1928  
 DR. NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER 1928-1946  
 THE HON. JOHN W. DAVIS 1946-1955  
 HUGH BULLOCK, KBE 1955-1996  
 HENRY LUCE III 1996-2005  
 MINER H. WARNER 2005-

**CHAIRMEN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

LINDSAY RUSSELL 1903-1904  
 GEORGE T. WILSON 1904  
 W. BUTLER DUNCAN 1905-1906  
 STEWART L. WOODFORD 1907  
 GEORGE T. WILSON 1908-1919  
 F. CUNLIFFE-OWEN 1920  
 GEN. CHARLES H. SHERRILL 1921-1923  
 THE HON. FRANK L. POLK 1924-1931  
 CHARLES C. PAULDING 1932-1938  
 THOMAS W. LAMONT 1939-1945  
 GANO DUNN 1945-1953  
 HUGH BULLOCK, GBE 1953-1996  
 HENRY LUCE III 1996-2005  
 MINER H. WARNER 2005-

**SECRETARIES**

BENJAMIN D. WOODWARD 1903-1904  
 GEORGE T. WILSON 1905-1907

LOUIS C. HAY 1908-1909  
GEORGE W. BURLEIGH 1910-1919  
HUNTER WYKES 1920-1921  
ALBERT E. GALLATIN 1921-1927  
ELIHU C. CHURCH 1927-1944  
HENRY R. SEDGWICK 1944-1946  
BRYCE METCALF 1946-1947  
EDWARD K. WARREN 1947-1965  
WALTER S. MARVIN 1965-1971  
BENJAMIN STRONG 1971-1973  
FRANCIS T.P. PLIMPTON 1973-1976  
HAROLD H. HELM 1976-1985  
HERBERT BROWNELL 1986-1996  
MARK DIXON 1996-2000  
LAURENCE CHARLES WINDSOR 2000-2009  
THOMAS L. PULLING 2009-

## **TREASURERS**

R.A.C. SMITH 1903-1905  
WM. CURTIS DEMOREST 1906-1929  
JOHN S. ROGERS 1930-1934  
ELIOT TUCKERMAN 1935-1953  
CLARENCE G. MICHALIS 1953-1968  
JOHN M. SCHIFF 1968-1985  
JOHN R. DREXEL III 1985-1996  
EBEN W. PYNE 1996-2004  
MINER H. WARNER 2004-2005  
ROBIN CHANDLER DUKE 2005-2010  
PETER LAWSON-JOHNSTON 2010-

# Speakers During the Past Three Years



**ELIZABETH CLELAND**  
Curator  
Metropolitan  
Museum of Art  
November 30, 2022



**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS  
THE DUKE OF  
GLOUCESTER KG  
GCVO**  
October 24, 2022



**GENERAL SIR  
NICHOLAS CARTER,  
FORMER CHIEF OF  
THE DEFENSE STAFF**  
March 29, 2022



**ALLEN PACKWOOD**  
DIRECTOR,  
CHURCHILL ARCHIVES  
CENTRE, CAMBRIDGE  
UNIVERSITY  
February 3, 2022



**HRH PRINCE TURKI  
AL FAISAL AL SAUD**  
November 17, 2021



**DAME KAREN PIERCE,  
DCMG**  
British Ambassador  
to the United States  
United Kingdom  
May 11, 2021



**LEON E. PANETTA**  
INTERVIEWED BY  
**CHRISTOPHER  
WHIPPLE**  
January 14, 2021



**MATTHEW BARZUN**  
US Ambassador to  
the United Kingdom  
2013-2017  
United States of  
America | United  
Kingdom  
December 1, 2020



**THE HON. KEVIN  
RUDD**

Former Prime  
Minister  
Australia  
October 28, 2020



**ROBERT ZOLLICK**

Former President  
World Bank  
October 1, 2020



**MAX HOLLIEN**

CEO and Director  
Metropolitan  
Museum of Art  
January 8, 2020



**JOHN MICKLETHWAIT**

Editor-in-Chief  
Bloomberg News  
Bloomberg News  
October 15, 2019



**STROBE TALBOTT**

Former US Deputy  
Secretary of State  
United States of  
America  
April 25, 2019



**WILLIAM J CLINTON**

Former President of  
the United States  
United States of  
America  
February 28, 2019



**RIGHT HON. JEAN  
CHRETIEN**

Former Prime  
Minister of Canada  
Canada  
February 28, 2019



**JEH CHARLES  
JOHNSON**

Former Secretary of  
Homeland Security  
United States of  
America  
January 8, 2019

## PREVIOUS SPEAKERS

### 2018:

#### January

Kevin Rudd

*Former Prime Minister of Australia*

#### April

Air Marshall the Lord Stirrup

*Former Chief of Defense Services*

**May**

The Honorable Ash Carter

*Former Secretary of Defense*

**October**

Lord Lothian

*Former Secretary for Defense, Chr. Conservative Party*

**October**

Hartwig Fischer

*Director of the British Museum*



# Pilgrims Medallion for Service to the Nation

GOVERNOR THOMAS H. KEAN 2005

AMBASSADOR JOHN D. NEGROPONTE 2006

GENERAL ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR. 2007

SENATOR JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV 2008

ADMIRAL JOHN M. (MIKE) McCONNELL 2009

GENERAL DAVID H. PETRAEUS 2010

THE HON. PAUL A. VOLCKER 2011

THE HON. WILLIAM J. VANDEN HEUVEL 2012

THE HON. HENRY A. KISSINGER 2013

THE HON. JOHN C. WHITEHEAD 2014

SENATOR GEORGE J. MITCHELL 2015

PEGGY NOONAN 2016

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND W. KELLY 2017

THE HON. ASH CARTER 2018

THE HON. STROBE TALBOTT 2019

# News

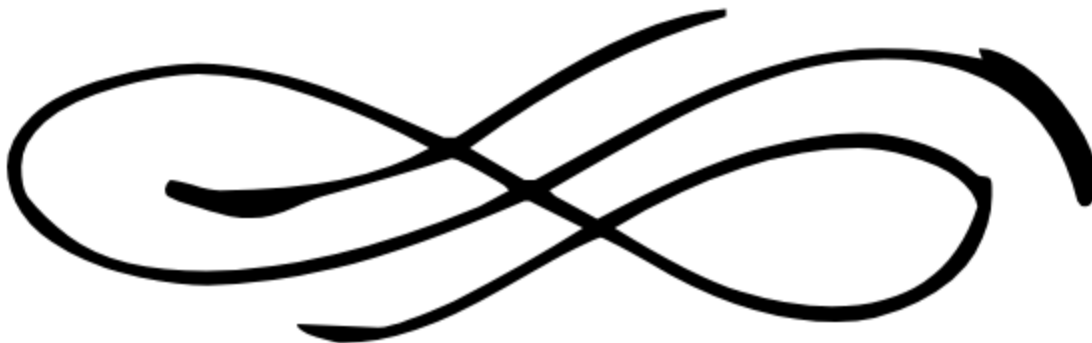
## **THREE OF OUR RECENT SPEAKERS HAVE RECEIVED HIGHLY FAVORABLE REVIEWS ON THEIR RECENTLY PUBLISHED WORKS.**

Please find links to their books below:

Robert Zoellick, "[America in the World: A History...](#)

Chris Whipple, [The Spymasters: How the CIA Directors Shape History and the Future](#)

Matthew Barzun, [The Power of Giving Away Power](#)



The Pilgrims of the United States is saddened to report the death of Executive Committee Member, Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel. Please find New York Times Obituary below:

[NYT obituary William J vanden Heuvel](#)

# Contact Information

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Executive Director

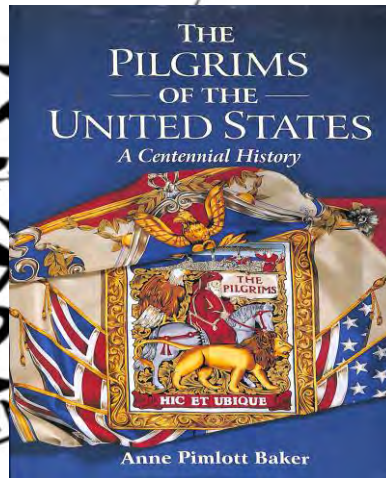
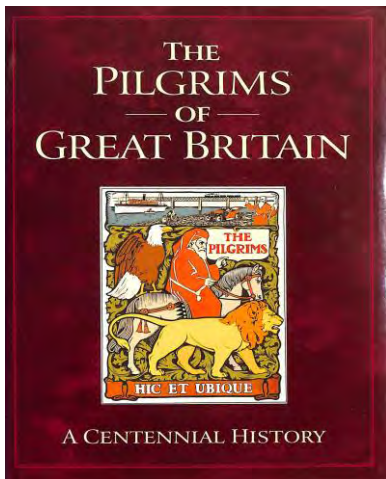
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**The Pilgrims Society of Great Britain**

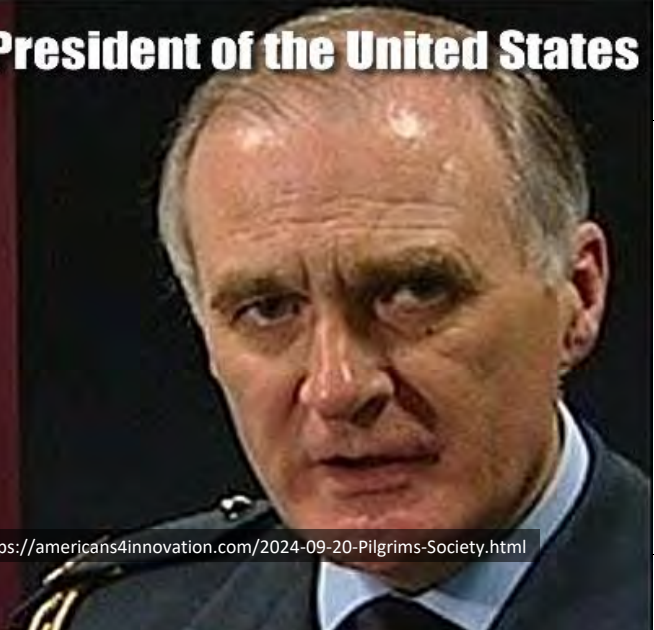
**President:** Baron Field Marshall Jock Stirrup (2015-present)

*Keeper of the Royal Sword of State*

**BARON JOCK STIRRUP: The real President of the United States**









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<https://americans4innovation.com/2024-09-20-Pilgrims-Society.html>

**The Annexation of America**


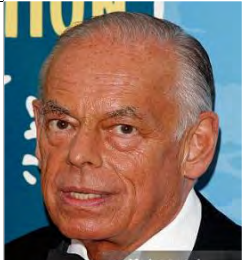



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British Pilgrims' American branch (minions): The Pilgrims Society of the United States			
Executive Committee (2023)			
Warner	(Sir) Miner H. 		Investment banker, Knights of Malta, English Priory  <b>Meet the "deep state" handler-demons in America</b> 
Baker III	James A.		G.H.W. Bush Chief of Staff; Secretary of State; Treasury Secretary (Reagan)  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Baker">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Baker</a>
Dietsche	Andrew M.L.		Bishop of New York, Episcopal Church  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_M._L._Dietsche">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_M._L._Dietsche</a>
Kean	Thomas H.		President, Carnegie Corporation; Chair, 9/11 Commission; President, Drew University; Governor, New Jersey; Speaker, New Jersey Assembly; Columbia University  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Kean">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Kean</a>

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<p><b>Kissinger</b></p>	<p><b>(Sir) Henry A.</b></p>	 <p>DECEASED May 27, 1923 – November 29, 2023</p>	<p>Vice President, Pilgrims Society; British Knight; Secretary of State (Nixon, Ford); National Security Advisor; Alexander Haig boss</p>	<p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Kissinger">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Kissinger</a></p>
<p><b>Wisner</b></p>	<p><b>Frank G.</b></p>		<p>Acting Secretary of State; Ambassador, India, Philippines, Egypt, Zambia; Undersecretary of International Security Affairs; recipient of large USAID NGO funding</p>	<p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_G._Wisner">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_G._Wisner</a></p>
<p><b>Pulling</b></p>	<p><b>Thomas Leffingwell</b></p>		<p>Managing Director, Citigroup (2006); Member, Bohemian Club; Assistant Treasurer, J.P. Morgan &amp; Company; Member, Council on Foreign Relations; Director, Henry</p>	<p><a href="https://prabook.com/web/thomas_leffingwell/pulling/1657878#google_vignette">https://prabook.com/web/thomas_leffingwell/pulling/1657878#google_vignette</a></p> <p><a href="https://hluce.org/about/staff/thomas-leffingwell/">https://hluce.org/about/staff/thomas-leffingwell/</a></p>
<p><b>Lawson-Johnston</b></p>	<p><b>Peter</b></p>		<p>Foundation executive and corporate director, Feldspar, Zemex, Guggenheim Museum, Elerbar Corporation, Coaxicom, National Review, Union Bank of Switzerland, Council for US and Italy, Saint Elmo Foundation</p>	<p><a href="https://prabook.com/web/peter_orman-lawson-johnston/596789">https://prabook.com/web/peter_orman-lawson-johnston/596789</a></p>
<p><b>Zirin</b></p>	<p><b>James D.</b></p>		<p>Assistant U.S. Attorney, Manhattan; Sidley Austin LLP; Member, Council on Foreign Relations</p>	<p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_D._Zirin">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_D._Zirin</a></p>

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Gerard V	James W.		<p>Director, American Friends of Blérancourt; Broker, GT Securities, Inc., NORTH SEA SECURITIES LP; JUNIPER CAPITAL GROUP, LLC, MAHLER &amp; EMERSON INC., ADIRONDACK CAPITAL PARTNERS, INC.; trustee, TOCQUEVILLE SECURITIES L.P.; deputy chairman, Actionpress ag (German stockphoto company like Getty Photos; director, Transatlantic/German-American cultural group; governor, The Union Club of New York</p>	<p><a href="https://blerancourtusa.org/afb-blog/2024/9/20/miles-morgan-1928-2024-the-friend-among-the-american-friends-of-blrancourt">https://blerancourtusa.org/afb-blog/2024/9/20/miles-morgan-1928-2024-the-friend-among-the-american-friends-of-blrancourt</a></p>
		<p>Pilgrims Executive Committee "since 1995 or so;"</p>	<p>U.S.-UK/Commonwealth Alliance Group; managing director, Hycroft Investment-related New York</p>	<p><a href="https://files.brokercheck.finra.org/individual/individual_2211234.pdf">https://files.brokercheck.finra.org/individual/individual_2211234.pdf</a></p>
Schiff	David T.		<p>Partner, Kuhn Loeb &amp; Company; managing director, Lehman Kuhn Loeb Inc; director, Crown Life Insurance; director, Chemical Bank; advisor, Venture Capital Fund American; director, Boy Scouts; Yalr Club; many more non-profits</p>	<p><a href="https://prabook.com/web/david_tevele.schiff/468908#google_vignette">https://prabook.com/web/david_tevele.schiff/468908#google_vignette</a></p>
Meehan II	Michael J.		<p>Partner, Salomon Brothers; advisor, Dimension Capital Management; managing director, Steinberg Asset Management LLC; senior managing director, Kellogg Capital Markets, LLC; Seat, New York Stock Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade; owner, Good Humor ice cream company; expelled from his seats on the trades</p>	<p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_J._Meehan">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_J._Meehan</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.houseofspeakeasy.org/about-us/michael-j-meehan-ii/">https://www.houseofspeakeasy.org/about-us/michael-j-meehan-ii/</a></p>
Drexel IV	(Sir) John R.	 	<p>Prior Emeritus, Life Governor, Knight of Malta, English Priory; Friend, Atlantic Partnership; managing director, Kidder &amp; Peabody; director, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute; Advisor, U.N. School, UNOPS, Business Advisory Committee</p>	<p><a href="https://atlanticpartnership.org/people/john-r-nick-drexel/">https://atlanticpartnership.org/people/john-r-nick-drexel/</a></p>