

# MOOSE CEREMONIES AT PLYMOUTH ROCK

## Supreme Officers of Order Inducted at Historic Spot —Davis Denounces “Isms”

Supreme officers and members of the Pilgrim Degree of the Loyal Order of Moose went to Plymouth by bus and private automobiles this morning for exercises at Plymouth Rock. They were greeted by members of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and at the rock the principal speaker was James J. Davis, director general of the order. The Supreme officers were inducted into office at the rock ceremony by the Pilgrim governor and the Pilgrim Council.

In his address at Plymouth Rock, Director General Davis paid high tribute to the Pilgrims, the brave and hearty pioneers who carved a Nation out of a wilderness. “New England,” he declared, “is a rugged country that calls forth the best that is in a man in his battle with the elements.”

He told of the struggle the Pilgrims had had and the hardships they endured and the bravery with which they met the dangers of their day, and withal, although weaker souls would have perished, he said, the Pilgrims survived and thrived.

He contrasted the conditions the Pilgrims faced with the luxury of the present day, the Normandie against the Mayflower.

“Our freedom is a heritage for which we are indebted to all those brave souls who have preceded us,” he said. “We must not fail them and through carelessness or neglect lose the great advantages they have bequeathed to us. We should here resolve to set our faces against all forms of despotism, against fascism, against communism and against all other isms that seek to destroy our institutions, our homes, our churches, our schools, and our young people.”

“Plymouth Rock has stood for more than 300 years as a symbol of freedom. Who knows how long it was here before the Pilgrims landed here. It is our responsibility to see that Plymouth Rock shall stand forever as a symbol of hope to all mankind. Plymouth Rock is the cornerstone of a Nation. God grant that we shall strive always to be worthy of the great heritage we have received from those early pioneers who first settled this section of our country.”

James Davis Speech at Plymouth Rock, 1935



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