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GSMD Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson



CA Mayflower Board of Assistants at June 2017 Meeting

*June 2017 Membership Meeting
Green Dragon Tavern & Museum, Carlsbad, CA*



Historian, Ken Whittemore, Deputy Gov. So., Ray Raser, Deputy Gov. No., Sally Johnson, Secretary, Susan Astarita, CA Governor, Marcia Huntley Maloney, and Historian Pat Friesen



Historians Pat Friesen and Ken Whittemore welcome new members elected during this meeting: Whittemore, Ray Raser (for his son Joseph Raser), Heather Sabin, Catherine Graham, William Frederick, Lois Pecora and Friesen with back to camera.



CA Education Chair Sally Johnson, Tyler White, SD Education Chair Amy Conboy

Scholarship winner Tyler White, mother Suzanne Raser White, and Gail and Ray Raser



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Governor's Message

Thank you for electing me Governor of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc. I look forward to working with you all as we march rapidly toward 2020 and the 400 years since our ancestors arrived on these shores.

As we begin this administration, we are in good shape financially and administratively. The Board of Assistants members are very competent and enthusiastic about our Society's future. Their leadership capabilities and expertise puts us in good hands.

In addition to planning 2020 activities, many other goals for our California Society are in development and you will hear more about them in the coming months. Please be sure to share your suggestions and thoughts with your colony governor in order that we strengthen our mission to “perpetuate to a remote posterity the

memory of our Pilgrim Fathers” (and mothers!)

Our ancestors made such an important contribution in establishing this country that we cannot let people forget what they did – and that's up to us! We really don't know where we are going unless we understand any historical significance which could affect the future. So let's keep our Mayflower history alive.



Our state membership meeting in Carlsbad was fun and productive. Lea Filson, our Governor General, was in attendance. Her enthusiasm and energy are contagious. We hope many of you will decide to visit Plymouth in September for General Congress where you will learn of even more exciting plans from your pilgrim cousins.

Plans are currently in progress for an open house at our new library and office in Oakland on October 21, 2017. We would love to see you there that day.

*Marcia Huntley Maloney,
California Society Governor*

Deputy Governor North

As the successor to Jane Ordway Carman, I feel both honored and humbled to be serving in this position. I have three goals for the next two years. My first goal is to assist State Governor Marcia Maloney in any way that I can to help her to achieve her goals.

My second goal is to learn more about how every California Colony operates so that I can facilitate inter-colony interaction. This goal has three facets.

1) As a part of my learning, I am going to become a member of every colony as a means of finding out what the colonies are doing. I plan to attend a meeting of every northern California colony in 2017-2018 and will attend at least one meeting of every colony in the next two years.



2) I am contacting every Colony governor with a request that they share with me any speakers they have had that they would recommend as possible speakers for other colonies. I will then contact those speakers to see if they will be able and willing to be on a List of Colony Meeting Speakers I will prepare and post online.

3) As former colony governor of one of the largest colonies geographically, I have been aware that many of our colony members have never been to a colony meeting. I will work to find ways, especially using technology, to make members in every colony aware of colony activities and to provide opportunities to be involved.

My third goal--to increase awareness of and participation in our California Mayflower Scholarship program--is a part of my continuing my work as Education/Scholarship Secretary for the next two years. I will work with Junior Membership Secretary Cathey Graham about ways to coordinate Scholarship and Junior Membership. This year for the first time I will mail a postcard to all Junior Members who will be eligible for a Mayflower Scholarship either this year or next year with scholarship application information.

I welcome your thoughts. Please feel free to contact me by email (skj1707@gmail.com) or phone (707-763-6907 land, 707-953-0345 cell).

*Sally Johnson
Deputy Governor North*

Deputy Governor South

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your CA Deputy Governor South. As we prepare for a significant milestone of the 400th anniversary of our ancestor's arrival in Plymouth in 1620 our outreach efforts, to preserve and protect our heritage and to educate the public, is very important.

My Mayflower journey began over thirty years ago when I met former CA Governor Marlin Brossart at a Family History Center. At that time he told me, "I can point you in the right direction, but you will have to do your own research." Fortunately I was able to work with the late former Governor and Historian Edie Thomas who was very helpful in filing my first application for membership. Now it is our turn to mentor newer members or those interested in our society.

Since becoming a member, I have been able to give back to the society as a member of the GSMD Historic Sites Committee, Co-editor of the CA Mayflower Quarterly, member of the CA Board of Assistants, and two terms as Governor of the San Diego Colony. Hopefully these experiences will also assist in mentoring.



Our Mayflower history and historical observances are very important. It has been my privilege to attend the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Los Angeles Colony, 50th Anniversary of Santa Barbara Colony, and recent installation of new officers at the Inland Empire Colony. As a dual member of the Orange County Colony I have attended meetings and observances when possible for some time, and recently became a dual member of the Los Angeles Colony. I am also joining the Inland Empire, Rancho Conejo, and Santa Barbara Colonies as a dual member.

This coming September my wife Gail & I will be participating in the 41st Mayflower General Congress in Plymouth and the 2017 Mayflower Historical Sites Tour of England and Holland. This will enable the sharing of the GSMD Mission with the Colonies and in providing education and understanding the history of the Mayflower Pilgrims, how they shaped western civilization and why it is important today.

I welcome your input. Please feel free to contact me by email at: rayrasergov@gmail.com or by phone at 760-855-5471.

*Ray Raser
Deputy Governor South*

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Be sure to notify our State Membership Chairperson: Scott Miller at: samiller777@1791.com
He will notify your governor and everyone else who needs to know. This will enable you to receive your California Mayflower, Mayflower Quarterly and other mailings in a timely fashion.

California Mayflower

Next deadline: October 1st 2017 . Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at:
camayflowereditor@gmail.com

Submissions to the California Mayflower Quarterly must be in digital format, either in the body of an email or as a Microsoft Word document attachment. Queries relevant to Mayflower families will be published pending space availability. PLEASE limit them to 75 words. Include your membership number and contact information.

NOTE the deadlines: They will remain the same year after year. Submissions prior to the deadlines are always appreciated.

Fall issue	October 1st 2017
Winter issue	January 2nd 2018
Spring issue	April 1st 2018
Summer issue	July 1st 2018

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www.MayflowerSociety.com

Visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at:
www.themayflowersociety.com

CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule

August 19, 2017: Email vote to accept new members
October 21, 2017: North and open house for new library and office-Oakland
December 09, 2017: Email vote to accept new members
January 20, 2018: South

All dates are subject to change if necessary

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A Reminder to Members:

This is just a little "housekeeping" note, but if you move and stay in California and would like to attend a colony closer to your home, you need to notify our membership chairperson of your change of address and colony. In that way, you will receive meeting notices and information from this colony. Also, it only costs an extra \$2.00 to join another CA Colony. Some members enjoy being members of numerous California Colonies for the low price of \$2.00 per additional colony per year.



*New Members Elected
June 2017*

Alameda Colony

Gloria Luella Lotten
CA#9153, G#91336
10th from ISAAC ALLERTON

Jeffrey Schofield Williams
CA#9156, G#91426
12th from JOHN ALDEN

Suzanne Lake
CA#9152, G#91335
11th from HENRY SAMSON

Los Angeles Colony

Heather Dawn Star Sabin
CA9169, G#91589
13th from JOHN ALDEN

Monterey Bay Colony

Diane Loren Keith
CA#9148, G#91296
12th from JAMES CHILTON

Mother Lode Colony

Catherine Ann (Hall) Graham
CA 9144, G#91274
11th from JOHN ALDEN

Robert George Kruse
CA#9151, G#91334
9th from JOHN ALDEN

Orange County Colony

Ann Garrett
CA#9157, G#91434
11th from JOHN ALDEN

Bonnie Ann Kaupp Jones
CA#9149, G#91316
12th from GEORGE SOULE

Christopher John Robbins
CA#9154, G#91337
11th from MYLES STANDISH

Lois Marie Higgins Pecora
CA # 9161 G#91506
13th from RICHARD WARREN

Mark Edward Miller
CA#9160, G#91505
12th from FRANCIS COOKE

Marianne Therese Ward
CA#9165, G#91568
12th from JOHN ALDEN
Randi Sue Camp Smith
CA#9164, G#91534
12th from JOHN HOWLAND

Sean Michael Hill
CA#9155, G#91396
14th from RICHARD WARREN

Rancho Conejo Colony

Donald Henry Morris
CA#9162, G#91532
12th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Shari Kelley Worrel
CA#9170, G#56330 II St 2302
14th from RICHARD WARREN

San Diego Colony

Ann Williams Nelson
CA#9163, G#91533
13th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

Joseph Raymond Raser
CA 9166, G#91577
13th from WILLIAM BREWSTER

William James Frederick
CA9150, G#91333
13th from WILLIAM BREWSTER

San Francisco Colony

Kevin Bobbitt Romano
CA# 9171, G# 77468 AZ St 1024
11th from JOHN ALDEN

San Joaquin Valley Colony

Benjamin Charles Crane
CA#9145, G#91293 LIFE
13th from JOHN ALDEN

Bert Andrew Crane
CA 9146, G#91294 LIFE
12th from JOHN ALDEN

Bert Jesse Crane
CA#9147, G#91295 LIFE
13th from JOHN ALDEN

Santa Barbara Colony

Michael Anthony Buckman
CA#9167, G#91587
13th from WILLIAM BREWSTER

Mrs. E. B. Hilgaertner
CA#9158, G#91435
12th from JOHN ALDEN

Sharon Lila Lemkuil
CA#9168, G#91588
12th from FRANCIS COOKE

Sequoia Colony

Susan Elizabeth (Schaeffer) Hale
CA#9159, G#91487
13th from FRANCIS COOKE

**Alameda Colony**

COBY JAMES TURNER
S2048 Gen # 90470 St # 2048 Junior Life
14th from Richard Warren

Inland Empire Colony

BEVERLY KEENE BURNETT
S2053 G# 85361 CA8680
13th from Francis Cooke

Los Angeles Colony

Sharyn Roberts Hughes
S #2050, CA #8982, G #88990
12th from THOMAS ROGERS

Monterey Bay Colony

KAREN LYNNE (GOSS) CRAIG
S2049, G#90317, CA9072
13th from WILLIAM BREWSTER

Mother Lode Colony

JOSEF DAVIS MOOREHEAD
S #2051, CA #8902, G #87933
11th from JOHN ALDEN

MARGARET PEARSON-JUAREZ
S#2056, CA9088, G#90518
14th from JAMES CHILTON

Orange County Colony

LINDA MAE (CASTLE) O'HOY
S#2054, G#90870, CA 9121
12th from STEPHEN HOPKINS

LINDA MAE (CASTLE) O'HOY
S#2055, G#90870, CA 9121
12th from ELIZABETH FISHER HOPKINS

Redwood Empire

DANIEL MARLIN LARKIN
S# 2057 CA#8728, G#85806
14th from FRANCIS COOKE

DANIEL MARLIN LARKIN
S# 2058 CA#8728, G#85806
14th from RICHARD WARREN

San Diego Colony

JOHN GEORGE RIPLEY
S2052, G#83248, CA8495
11th from JOHN HOWLAND

 *In Memoriam*
Alameda Colony

Lorraine Jones Andrews – June 22, 2016

Inland Empire Colony

Beverly K. Burnett – April 4, 2017

Los Angeles Colony

Jane Greenough Green – October 5, 2016
Helyn C. Anderson Luechauer – September 24, 2016
Arlene Iris Dickson Luciano - November 13, 2016

Mother Lode Colony

John Arthur Westbie – February 16, 2016

Orange County Colony

John Howard Waner – May 15, 2016

Redwood Empire Colony

Ruth E. Longland Youngquist – November 17, 2016

Santa Barbara Colony

Janice Roberta Gibson Cloud

Colony Unknown

Susan Gene Faithorn Waterbury – November 6, 2016

SAVE THE DATE

Mayflower Library in Oakland

Photos by Dianne Sweeny

California Mayflower Society has moved to 2201 Broadway, Suite LL13, Oakland. We are right across the hall from California Genealogy Society (CGS) and we have become best friends. October is “Genealogy Month” and Mayflower Society along with CGS are inviting you to visit our new library and office the afternoon of October 21 to help us celebrate. Open House 2:00 –4:00 pm. Put the date on your calendar!



State News

Governor

Well, here I am leading my last meeting. We elect new officers today at the membership meeting coming up after this Board of Assistants meeting. We are honored to have our Governor General, Lea Filson, speaking today. I attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Santa Barbara Colony May 20 held in Goleta. It was a pleasure to install their new officers at that meeting including the new Colony Governor Ray Garrett. As always, it was fun to meet some of the members who I helped with their applications. One particular thing that stood out for me at that meeting was the number of prospective members in attendance. I had the pleasure of speaking to several of them personally. It was so special that I think all the colonies should be working towards the goal of following their example and invite prospective members to their meetings. They can't vote or hold a position until they become a member however.

My heartfelt appreciation to all of you for supporting me during the past two years of my term along with all the members of your colonies. It has been a turmoil at times with all the other duties I have been involved in—digitizing our member files, looking for a new office/library space, negotiating the lease, planning and executing the move in addition to my regular historian work. I hope I have met up to your expectations by handling matters to the best of my ability. Enjoy the membership meeting and don't forget Congress is coming up in September. We should all try to attend and support our General Society.

Patricia M. Friesen

Deputy Governor South

Santa Barbara's 50th anniversary celebration was very nice! We were very well represented at the state level. Ruth Jackson and her colony provided an excellent program and we all felt proud as we reviewed the accomplishments of its 50 years. The annual Southern CA Genealogical Society's Jamboree was in Burbank last weekend. As usual we enjoyed having our Mayflower booth. Thanks so much to all our volunteers.

Much of the last month or so has been working with Governor Pat and Gail Raser on this state membership meeting. We are pleased that we have a wonderful attendance. This is a terrific time for all California Mayflower members to get together and enjoy time with our pilgrim cousins. We are so fortunate to have our esteemed General Society Governor, Lea Filson with us. Thank you for your support during the past six years of my deputy governorship. I have so enjoyed visiting all our southern colonies as well as attending GSMD Congress and BOA meetings and our state BOA meetings.



Erica Hahn and Marcia Maloney set up booth at annual Southern CA Genealogical Jamboree.

Thanks To members of OC, Inland Empire, Rancho Conejo and LA colonies who helped over the three-day very busy event. It is rewarding to help prospective members with their study of a lineage back to Mayflower ancestors.

Marcia Huntley Maloney

Secretary

Sent out 226 new member letters, certificates, and membership cards over the last 2 years. She has also sent out 60 Supplemental Certificates for our Society. For the last two years, Susan also sent out all the meeting minutes from every Board meeting to all of the Officers and Society Governors via email.

Susan Astarita

Summer 2017 Editor's Report

The CA Mayflower Quarterly 2017 spring edition consisting of 32 pages was compiled, formatted and published in April. It featured the upcoming state membership meeting being held June 2017 at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum, Carlsbad. The official ballot was included to comply



*Ray Raser, GSMD Governor General
Lea Sinclair Filson, Gail Raser*

with the state by-laws along with registration form for said state meeting and registration for GSMD Congress 2017 in Plymouth, MA. USMC Major General Joseph Pendleton, who is reported to be a Howland/Tilley descendant, along with some history of USMC Camp Pendleton added interest to the Quarterly.

We always appreciate the colonies submitting their reports on what they are doing along with photos. We are requesting that the July 1 deadline for submission be honored so the CA Quarterly can be promptly published.

Donna Bennett Cole reported: We have come a long way since the California Mayflower was published. I can remember Ralph Cangson and I sitting at my dining room table putting together California newsletters, folding, sealing, labeling and putting on stamps with a wet sponge. Those days will always be remembered as one of the stars of history. We have come a long way to today's California Mayflower Quarterly thanks to the Editors Ray and Gail Raser.

Since our last State Meeting, I have been busy mailing out past California Mayflower newsletters, to libraries and members that would like to have an extra copy for their family. I have taken extra copies to all my other meetings, and this has been very rewarding, as several have become new members. I continue with e-mailing out the newsletter to editors and governors of each state, and continue to take pictures and information for the "California Mayflower" newsletter. It has been fun and very rewarding to help others with their goal of becoming members of the Mayflower Society.

*Respectively submitted,
Ray and Gail Raser, Donna Bennett Cole; Co-Editors*

Public Relations

My job as Public Relations Chair is to contact the colonies and local paper and get the word out about our ancestors. When Fall arrives and Thanksgiving gets near that is the time I have reached out to the colonies to write to their local papers and see if they can invite them to Compact Day meeting to learn more about the descendants of the Pilgrims and what we do. I do this locally here in Orange County. There were some good write ups in both Orange County and San Diego last year.

Jim Blauer

Membership Secretary

I have been honored to serve as the California Membership Secretary for the past two years. I regret not being able to attend this membership meeting. Thank you to all Colony Governors and our BOA Members who had patience with me throughout the two years. I was not always prompt in answering inquiries. I have realized that I can't always do everything I want to do, there isn't enough hours in a day. Attached is a list of members I would like to submit for Honorary Life. I would also, suggest that the BOA begin searching for a cloud based membership software. The current Access database is cumbersome and high risk since it is located only on one member's computer. Total California Membership – 2498.

Judith Richardson Weaver

Roster/Fortine Trophy-Bylaw/Roster Manuals

Manuals will be sent to Board Members after the close of the Board of Assistants Meeting information is updated. I would remind Governors to be sure to report any changes in your Colony officers' names, addresses, phone numbers and emails to me, Scott Miller, and Jane Carman, so



June Lazich presents trophy to Susan Astarita as Governor of Orange County Colony

we can keep records updated. I would remind colonies that each membership meeting a trophy is awarded to the Colony who has shown excellence in varied ways to educating their communities about our Mayflower Society and the lives and contributions of our Pilgrim Forefathers. Please think of interesting projects for your chapter to participate to attain this award! 2017 Colony Winners: The San Joaquin Colony, Los Angeles Colony, and San Diego Colony received certificates of recognition. The Orange County Colony won the trophy.

June B. Lazich

2020 Committee

There are many projects and activities underway to celebrate 2020. The General Society coin project has a new bill ready to be resubmitted. There will be a statue to be placed on the Pilgrim House grounds. The San Diego Colony is active and Robert Dempster encouraged all Colonies to become active. There are plans underway for a Governor's Ball in November of 2020, Reagan and Nixon library displays, Rose Parade float.



Robert Dempster and Kathleen Loftman presenting at BOA meeting

Robert Dempster

Data Processing South

If you download video's you could have one of a quarter billion computers that can be taken over completely by a new ransomware virus in the news today. You need to back up your system or possibly lose it. A good idea is to have an older computer that is not connected to the internet used to store backup data. It possibly will also have software that can't operate on a new computer operating system, but still works fine on the older system. I have several backup computers, and I have one that was infected with a ransomware virus. Good luck!

Franklin Smith, III

Investment Chair

Our balance is \$1,362,936, a 7% increase this year. Regular contact with our broker occurs to be sure our funds are doing well.

Judith H. Swan

Website Committee

It is time we converted our website to a different format. People seem to be happy with the design and functionality, but there are several reasons we need to change.

1. The General Society would like us to offer a way to update membership via Paypal from our website.
2. I designed and built the current web site using the complicated web-making software, Dreamweaver. Adobe has updated this software so many times that I can't keep up.
3. Currently, officers on the B of A must go through me to update the site. I am not always available.
4. New government rules require secure sites when any money changes hands. Our current site is not secure. Yearly fees using our current server range from \$250/year up. [Hint. If a site is secure, the url has an 's' at the end of https.]

I have obtained an estimate from a firm I know a lot about to convert our current site to a WordPress site. In the process, she will add the PayPal functionality. The site will look the same except 'more modern' (a bit more white space) and we will have icons for accessing the Mayflower Facebook pages. It will not take a tech-savvy person to access it. Linda Lee, the principal of the firm, will train board members, such as our treasurer, how to access and manage the Paypal system and other pages. I feel confident she will do the job quickly and competently. I am asking the board to approve the \$1500 fee she requires to do this project. I will oversee the work and make sure everything works properly.

Mary Ames Mitchell

Scholarship Report

As a part of their 2017 Scholarship materials this year, all applicants wrote a letter from one of their Mayflower ancestors to a member of his or her family who had remained in England or Holland. In their letter, applicants were to describe the way the Mayflower Compact affected the life of their Mayflower ancestor in Plymouth Colony. As my report to the BOA meeting, I have asked Tyler White, \$5,000 2017 Mayflower Scholarship first place winner, to read the letter he wrote as William Brewster to Brewster's son Jonathan, who had stayed behind with his wife and child in Leiden.

\$5000 Scholarship Tyler White, attending UC Davis, Statistics major.

\$3000 Scholarship Hayley Tice, attending UC Santa Barbara, Writing end Literature major.

\$2000 Scholarship Jillian Skerry, attending Boston College, Political Science Major

Sally Johnson

To My Dear Son Jonathan

By Tyler White

It was with a sad heart that I left you in Lieden as your mother, two younger brothers and I departed to the New World without you. I realize you were married and your wife was expecting your first child so you were looking to care for them as your first responsibility. I have word they have not survived and you are planning to join us here in this new land we are calling New England. I want to share with you a little about our life



here in the Colony. As you might have heard, our ship was blown off course, so we did not land in Northern Virginia as our charter had scheduled for us to land. Because we had no laws to govern us in this new land, it was decided we needed some guidelines upon which to govern ourselves prior to leaving our ship.

For most of us, it was our desire to maintain the reason for coming to this new land for the Glory of God, and therefore we made a commitment to God and ourselves to join together for the same reason. Not all of us were of the same religious beliefs. Some of us were separatists, as you know we are, but some of the others were still very loyal to King James and the Church of England. After sixty-six days on the water, illnesses and being very cramped together started grumbling between us as to what we would do once we landed in the New World. Men were talking about how the Virginia Company had no authority over them in New England and they were going to do whatever they wanted to do. We knew that in spite of our differences we needed to agree to become governed by each other in a framework of justice and equality to all for our very survival. We agreed to promise to be subject to what was the general good of all and not just to ourselves. Forty-one of us men, Pilgrims and hired men alike signed this agreement and called it the Compact. Now this is the governing document of our Colony. We elected John Carver as our first governor, although ill health allowed him to serve for only five months before he passed away and we elected William Bradford to be governor.

It is a blessing being the Elder and therefore the religious leader of these people. Even though our ideas are of various thoughts, I have been like a shepherd to this precious flock of sheep. Our people have had to suffer much to come here and so many of them have lost close family members due to ill health. In these situations, prayers for the survivors are very important. I remind them of God's will and how we all promised in the *Mayflower Compact* to be submissive and obedient for the good of the Colony. I find it necessary to remind the Colony members they still need to maintain their will and strength to assist in maintaining the colony.

Without the Compact many of us survivors would become quarrelsome with each other, and not work together for the common good. It is necessary for men to have guidelines under which to live. Of course when we were in England, we had rules and laws for everything that we could do and could not do, but here, we are all equal and having no king; we must self-govern. Jonathan, you must think about this and how self-government is so foreign to the way we lived in England. We men make the laws and then we make sure each of us adheres to those laws we made. Creating and agreeing to the Compact we made and signed on the *Mayflower* has made each of us realize how truly dependent we are on each other. There is a lot of work to do to just survive. All of us must grow food, hunt and build shelters besides our own work for the group as a whole. After a full week of pare and share two messages on Sunday when we meet together in our Common House. I have learned to keep my prayers short since we are all weary and easily fall asleep during long prayers. I have been told that the messages I share on Sunday are good for the hearts of those who are listening.

Although we had many fears about the natives on this land, we have made peace with those around us. We have learned from them how to best grow in this soil and have shared with them some of our ways. Although communication is sometimes difficult, we are learning some of their important words and they are learning some of ours.

We look forward to seeing you when you join us in Plymouth.

Your loving Father,
William Brewster

To my most loving father, John Doty

By Hayley Tice

1 December 1621 Anno Domini

To my most loving father, John Doty, and my mother, Anne, I do trust you and the family are doing well. I had hoped to receive a letter from you on the arrival of the *Fortune*, but upon your silence, I resolved to address one to you, in the hopes that you will have one delivered in return. We have here been at the land called Plymouth for a bit past a year. It has been a year of suffering and toil. When we first made shore, there were ninety-nine of us. Now there are but fifty-two of us alive. The winter was harsh, and we had not enough food. The local Indians taught us how to grow their crops, but now, with the thirty-five new colonists arriving from the ship that will take you this letter, I am not quite sure how we will make it another year. We will not make it through anything but the divine grace of our Lord and Savior. Our oceanic crossing took sixty-six days; we tossed, we turned, and we tossed again. During the latter half of our journey, there were many storms, and at times, we had to take down the sails and drift for fear of sinking. There is another man who has the same master as me, Leister (he being unfortunately christened "Edward" as well). He wished the ship would drown. I wished *he* would drown!



My master, Hopkins, is a decent enough man. He had made the crossing before, and has given us much useful advice, both on the ship and on the land. Our charter was for land in the northern part of the Virginia Territory, but the winds prevented us from doing as such, and so we made land north of it, in Plymouth. But while we were still aboard our ship, Leister and a group of other rogues plotted mutiny. They wished to live without laws and claimed that, as we were not within the bounds of our charter, they could do what they pleased. As such, we found ourselves in need of a compact and took the liberty to write our own. It is a small document, but great things have come of it. By it, the rogues were quieted. Nonetheless, Leister maintains his monstrous and horrible composure. He does not work nearly as much as he ought, and complains as he does. In spite of Leister, we colonists have accomplished much over the past year.

We have built houses and planted crops of corn, barley, and peas. You will have difficulty believing this, but we have met Indians who knew English before they met our acquaintance. Squanto and Samoset are their names. Squanto had actually lived in England, after he had been taken there. They have been most helpful, and we would not have survived without them and their knowledge of tending crops and of the land.

We also would not have survived without our compact, what with the threats of mutiny. Our compact has been most necessary and helpful. It has provided a governing body, and it establishes all of us on equal footing. All men are equal in the eyes of the Lord, and so in our laws. All free men signed the document; thus did I. We have established our own laws, and enforce them ourselves. (Through a bit of a misunderstanding, I know this myself). And through all our toils, our compact has kept the peace. The mutineers have done nothing. I thank our Lord for it, and I pray that peace and success will be upon us all. I pray you have forgiven me for leaving. I know you and Mother disapproved, but I had to try to better my lot, and, God willing, I will. There are opportunities here, Father that I would not have at home. The soil is good here, and land is plentiful. There is talk of providing everyone with an acre, Father. If I had an acre in England, I would have enough to live on. I will only be a servant a few years more, and then I will be on my path to becoming a freeman. I beseech you to understand, Father. I still wish to have your blessing, and if you wished to send any provisions to your poor and desperate son, they would be most appreciated. I wish you and the family the best, and regret that I cannot be with you.

By the grace of the Almighty God,
Your son, forever and ever, Edward

To my good brother Henry

By Julian Skerry

This truly is a new world. Physically, the landscape is not all that foreign. The soil that I plant my feet upon everyday looks quite similar to that found in England. The rich, wet earth created by God is the foundation for our settlement as well as the home to millions of living creatures. Its individual blades of grass join together to form a sprawling sea of emerald that ebbs and flows with the breeze. You would recognize the sweet sounds of birds announcing spring, as well as the familiar crunch of leaves that ushers in autumn. Surprisingly, many of the surroundings here seem commonplace to us Englishmen. However, when I gaze out at the horizon, I see something vibrant and completely alien. I see the shimmering hues of freedom that have settled across the sky and helplessly wait as its intoxicating perfume settles deep within my lungs.

We set out for this land divided. The boundaries that separated us into "strangers" and "saints" were not visible, yet that fact did not dull the searing pain with which they were enforced. Through the constant pounding of hardship, these barriers fell, and we melded into one. Solidifying our union, we created the Mayflower Compact. This vital document is the heart of our Plymouth Colony. Its words bind us under one political body and have provided every man, every extremity, with equal protection. It is because of God's providence and this life saving agreement that I am able to write to you today. As I have relayed to you in previous correspondence, the journey to this land was a difficult struggle for me and every other passenger aboard the Mayflower. We suffered sixty-six days of rocking and unstable conditions literally and metaphorically. I stepped onto the ship's wooden planks as a servant to John Carver; I lacked all status and power. During this period, I was overcome with darkness. I, along with my fellow travelers, was trapped below deck in a dingy storage area. Without a single window, the room was barren of all light. Daily, I felt the walls inching nearer and nearer, closing in on me. Cramped by strange bodies and overwhelmed by the putrid smell of grimy saltwater, I questioned my decision to leave England, the only home I had ever known.

Eventually, I could no longer stand the forces pressing on me. Tormented by the nonstop buzzing of voices and the maddening craving for space to stretch my stiff legs, on a whim, I snuck on deck one afternoon. The stormy grey sky was a heavenly sight after weeks of staring at dreary waterlogged floor boards. Intoxicated by the exhilaration of freedom, I mindlessly inched near the boat's edge to better observe the swirling tides. Suddenly, with a jolt of the boat, I was knocked off of my feet and sent toppling into the ocean's icy grasp. The plunge frightened me. Still unaware of what was happening, I could sense the Atlantic's chilly waters envelop my body. The raggedy clothes that once protected me from the elements now 2017-2018 California Mayflower Society Scholarship Application 2 acted as weights, dragging me further into the ocean's depths. I prayed to God to save me. Through my sporadic breaths laden with salt water, I prayed. Abruptly, I felt the frayed rope of an anchor sweeping across my flailing ankle. I seized it, and, with every ounce of strength, I clung to that line until I was pulled to safety. God saved my life.

I felt this same profound relief the moment I marked my signature on the Mayflower Compact. After sighting land for the first time on our trek, our hopes were instantaneously lifted and then just as quickly dashed. We realized that we were far off course of the Hudson River and had landed much farther north in Cape Cod. Wild anarchy ensued. Many "strangers" argued the charter awarded to us by King James was null and void since we were not settling in its intended location. Motivated by a selfish desire to preserve themselves, they refused to work with the other separatists. I felt I was once again drowning, I could not control the blustery tempers around me, and my future was completely at the mercy of outside elements. Finally, the men miraculously came to their senses, realizing the best mode of survival in this barren, foreign country was to join as one community. The agreement we constructed bound us under one authority ruled by the majority, labeling no man's opinion worth more than another's. Gradually, the many discordant shouts blended into one harmonious tune. Again, according to God's will, I was saved. We faced the intimidating challenge of establishing a colony as one. My master, Carver, was elected governor and I was awarded the role as his assistant. I, a lowly servant, was given an influential role in this community.

I helped physically build the structures and later filled their halls with the reverberations of my voice. As according to our compact, I had a right to let my ideas flutter freely at our government meetings. Since departing England, my life has evolved immensely. Although I dearly miss you, this land has gifted me so many reasons to stay. After Carver passed on and I gained status as a free man, I formed a prosperous home with my dear Elizabeth. Currently, I am beginning a new business venture in the north's fur trade. I have realized that God saved my life twice: once when he plucked me from the sea's ferocious jaws and second when he set into motion the creation of the Mayflower Compact. Just like I breathed life into this settlement, it breathes life into me. It has provided me with the opportunity to lead and a reason to persevere in this new world.

Your loving brother,
John Howland



Colony News

Santa Barbara Colony

The Santa Barbara Colony had a fabulous 50th anniversary celebration. First of all, we were amazed at having 53 in attendance! We invited all past Governors and had three in attendance – Warren Warner; Judith Cardinal and Tami Wilkening. It was wonderful to have visitors from far and wide! Our State Governor, Pat Friesen, was in attendance and installed the new officers.



Other Mayflower guests were Deputy Governor, Marcia Maloney; Ray and Gail Raser, Editors of the Mayflower Quarterly and current and past Governors of the San Diego Colony; Franklin Smith, LA Colony Governor; Beverly Nickerson, Inland Empire Governor and San Diego Colony Past Governor. Franklin Smith presented the Santa Barbara Colony a certificate of congratulations on attaining 50 years of service. We were pleased to have two new members, Sally Guiney and Nancy Wurzel. New member, Ron Zell, was unable to attend. We had a large number of prospective members in attendance.

Chaplain, Peggy Homer, provided a memorial to all Veterans and then a memorial service for the late Dr. William H. Henry, Jr.

Joe Brocato was our speaker. He left us bursting with patriotic pride after his talk on American Exceptionalism.

New officers installed were Ray Garrett, Colony Governor; Peggy Homer, Deputy Governor; Ruth Jackson, Secretary; Gregg Garrison, Chaplain. Installed at a later date will be Jay Williams, Treasurer.

Our next meeting is October 7th at the High Sierra in Goleta. Come join us!



CA Gov. Pat Friesen swears in incoming officers



Ray Garrett, Peggy Homer, Ruth Jackson and Gregg Garrison



Santa Barbara Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants speaker Joe Brocato, left, is given a certificate from Ray Garrett, newly installed



The 50th Celebration was enjoyed by many



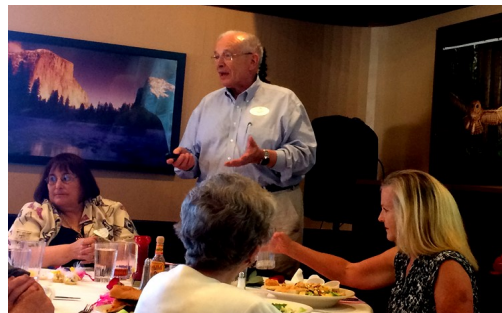
LA Colony Gov. Franklin Smith presents a certificate to the Santa Barbara Colony



Former Colony Gov. Ruth Jackson and Current Colony Gov. Ray Garrett



Memorial Service



Speaker Joe Brocato

*Ruth Jackson
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

Inland Empire Colony

New Colony Governor, Beverly Nickerson, opened the April 8, 2017 meeting with the usual ritual, at Bob's Big Boy restaurant in CaliMesa California. She welcomed members and three new members, Carol Marderosian, Shirley Lewis and Kim Fowler Pike. The speaker, Pat Rainier, spoke about the Orphan Trains that brought well over 150,000 abandoned, neglected, and orphaned children from the streets of New York City to loving farm families in the mid west from 1854 to 1929. This idea came from a Minister, Charles Loring Brace, who saw these cast off waifs, and could not allow the situation to prevail. So he arranged to have children sent to places where they were adopted and raised by families who genuinely wanted them. Some learned farm work, and two eventually became Governors of their states. Some Colony members had not heard about this program to provide a better life for the street children, but Deputy Governor, Linda Close said one of her high school teachers had come out west on an Orphan Train.

After lunch, Colony Governor Beverly Nickerson conducted the business portion of the meeting, and in the absence of Elder, Shirley Lader, former Governor, Rick Clark gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.



***New members**
Kim Fowler Pike, Carol Marderosian, Shirley Lewis with
Susan Christopher*



*Speaker, Pat Rainier, presents
"Orphan Trains"*

*Pat Rainier
Chapter Publicity Chairman*

Mother Lode Colony

The Mother Lode Colony met on May 13 at the Cliff House in Folsom. Our speaker was Barbara Leak, a fifth generation resident of Placer County who has traced her roots across the sea to England, Germany, and Denmark. She has 30 years experience as a genealogy researcher and educator, and she has lectured at conferences and at workshops. She currently chairs the Placer County Genealogical Society's study group. Her topic for us was "So Many Ways to Say 'I Do!'" We learned a great deal about different kinds of marriage records. We are taking off the summer months and will meet again on September 16. We have a special guest for that meeting who will come in costume and portray a person who was particularly well known in Northern California many years ago.

*Kathy Gire
Mother Lode Colony, Governor*

Los Angeles Colony

On Saturday May 27th 2017 the Los Angeles Colony had a board meeting were I as Governor appointed Susan Daniels as our new treasurer, This was affirmed By a unanimous vote of the board. Those present were former State Governor June Lazich who is currently LA Colony Corresponding Secretary, Former State Governor Donna Cole who is LA Colony Registrar, Former Los Angeles Colony Governor Susan Cairns who is LA Colony Elder, Susan Daniels who is LA Colony Recording Secretary, Constance Dun who is Colony Captain, and current Colony Governor Franklin Smith.

Susan Cairns is now our delegate, and Constance Dunn will serve as an alternate Delegate. At the meeting we discussed our future Compact meeting on November 4th At the Tam O'Shanter, The



*Donna Cole, June Lazich, Franklin Smith,
Constance Dunn, Susan Cairns, and Susan Daniels*

Importance of Pilgrim costume, and the current status of a book on the History of the Mayflower Society in Southern California that I am putting together.

In other news I attended the Santa Barbara Colony's 50th Anniversary on May 20th and presented them with a certificate of congratulations from Los Angeles Colony.

*Franklin E. Smith
Los Angeles Colony Governor.*

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Members and guests of the colony met for our Spring meeting on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Delancey Street Restaurant in San Francisco. In addition to the regular business agenda, two changes in the officer team were recognized in follow up to the vote taken at our joint meeting with Sequoia Colony on March 11, 2017. Alexandra Kromelow is now Deputy Governor and Nancy Foley is Treasurer. These changes were a result of Jane Ordway Carman's move out of California. Jane's long time service as Colony Treasurer was recognized with deep appreciation and good wishes in her new home.

Our speaker was Jeff Moore whose subject was his research on the widely varied and colorful history of Benjamin Franklin. Jeff detailed why Franklin earned the title often used to describe him as "the First American". We found this both interesting and most informative. Following a Summer recess our next Colony meeting will be for Compact Day in November.

We have increased the effort to reach our members via email and remind all to keep your email address current by sending changes to: mayflowersf2@gmail.com. An additional source of information is our colony website at: mayflowersf.org

*J. A. Ingvalson
San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

The May 13, 2017 meeting was held at Ottavio's Restaurant in Camarillo, California with 30 people in attendance. Eric Stassforth gave a hands-on, knowledgeable and lively talk about Colonial Pewter and today's reproductions. He told about a piece and then passed it around. The members, their spouses and the prospectives were interested and had a lot of questions concerning the subject. It was especially interesting to hear that most of our colonial ancestors ate their food on homemade wood plates because they could not afford Pewter.

Elder Donna McCullough gave the invocation. Since several of our officers were out of town, including Governor Robert Dempster, people were kind enough to fill in for them. Helen Wyers, Deputy Governor, ran the meeting, Don Morris led the flag salute, Chuck Lombard read the Mayflower Compact and Sally Cicuto did the Roll Call of ancestors and filled in for the Recording Secretary. Tom Perkins took photographs, and Virginia Gunderson, music director, led the group singing a patriotic song.

Anne Fisher was introduced; she transferred into our colony and is a descendant of Brewster. Five prospectives who are working on their applications or have submitted their papers were introduced. Don Morris (he just received his approval letter), Penny Adams-O'Neil (she has submitted her application), Julie Hale, Donna Naismith and Randy Nations.

Sharon Martin, Librarian, gave a report on the status of our project to donate books to local school libraries concerning the Mayflower, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians. Each school librarian has now designated what books they would like from the lists we provided. We are hoping to acquire the books this summer. We are currently finding publishers and seeing about having the paperbacks perma-bound. We would like to have the books ready to distribute to the schools when they open after the summer recess.

Our next meeting will be August 12, 2017 at the Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. Woody Woodburn, who writes a column in the Ventura County Star will present a program based on his visit to Plymouth. It sounds like he ended up as a tour co-guide.



Sally Cicuto, Grace Anderson, Julie Hale.



Eric Stassforth

Submitted by Helen Wyers

Orange County Colony

The Orange County Colony met Saturday, April 22, 2017, for their annual meeting. It was a wonderful event held at the Mesa Verde Country Club in Costa Mesa, California. Each of our officers provided an update of their activities for the year. Of particular interest was the recognition of our Colony Scholarship winners. Marlene Mandeville introduced our second-place winner Samantha Grey, who had an opportunity to speak to the Colony and express her appreciation for the support. Our first and third place winners will be attending the Compact Day Celebration in November 2017.

Assistant Governor, Scott Miller, presented “An Accidental Find Leads to a Monumental Discovery,” the story of the Bradford journal. The presentation can be viewed on our OC Colony YouTube page, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj9ptwVFR50jo2trBwpsWnQ>. It was an exceptional presentation, certainly worth listening to if you have thirty minutes!



*Scholarship winner Samantha Grey with
Marlene Mandeville & Gov. Susan Astarita*



Scott Miller's presentation.

*Susan Astarita
Orange County Colony, Governor*

San Joaquin Valley Colony

At our May 6th meeting it was decided that beginning in the fall, the San Joaquin Valley Colony will give out two scholarships each year in the amounts of \$500 and \$250. These two scholarships will go to colony descendants who are beginning their freshman year. We also voted to donate two iron benches for the garden at the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth, MA. We asked, if possible, that the benches be placed near each other to facilitate conversation between visitors to the lovely garden.

Our program speaker in May was Kathy Burrow who gave a very interesting and informative talk on “Finding Your Ancestors in the Newspapers.” Kathy has been doing genealogy since childhood. She is a Family Search Missionary, the Training Director in Oakhurst and a speaker for the western US. Kathy told us that newspaper research will bring your family tree alive and give it some flair. She shared several strategies and online sites that can be used to find those elusive ancestors in the newspapers. Amy Ferrell is scheduled to be the speaker at our November 4th Compact Meeting.

*Cindi Valenzuela
San Joaquin Valley Colony, Secretary*

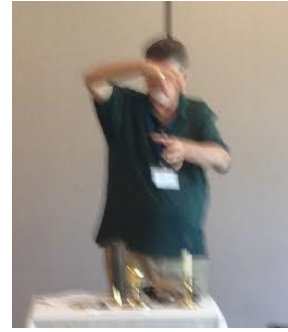
Redwood Empire Colony Report

The Redwood Empire colony held our final meeting for 2016-2017 on May 6. Colony officers for 2017-2019 were elected and installed. Colony Governor; Juanita Dickson, Deputy Governor; Wayne Skala, Secretary; Candace McGuire, Treasurer; Antoinette Kuhry, Chaplain; Steven Moore, Captain; Ernestine Evans, Historian; Mary Mitchell.



Redwood Empire Colony 2017-2018 officers.

Candace McGuire, Secretary; Antoinette Kuhry, Treasurer; Mary Mitchell, Historian; Ernestine Evans, Captain; Juanita Dickson, Colony Governor; Wayne Skala, Deputy Governor. Not pictured; Steven Moore, Chaplain



Guest speaker Paul Motter

Our speaker was antique dealer, collector and lighting expert Paul Motter. Paul spoke to us about devices used to give early settlers

light before, during and after the *Mayflower* landing. He brought examples from his own collection and encouraged attendees to bring antique lighting-related items of their own to be identified and appraised free of charge. It was a most illuminating presentation!

Our next colony meeting will be October 14, 2017 at Cattlemen's restaurant in Petaluma. Our speaker will be Roger Howland, speaking on Indentured Servants 1607-1917. We always encourage any Society members interested to attend our meetings. For more information, contact Wayne Skala (skalawayne67za@hotmail.com), our Assistant Governor and program chair, for more information

*Sally Johnson
Redwood Colony, Governor*

Alameda Colony

Our February Colony luncheon was held on February 11th at Scott's Seafood in Walnut Creek with another wonderful lunch followed by our very own Mary Mitchell providing an overview of How the Portuguese led the way for the Mayflower during the age of Discovery. In-depth details regarding her investigation and research can be found on her website at <http://www.crossingtheoceansea.com>

April 8th brought our second luncheon of 2017 at Scott's Seafood in Walnut Creek. Following our meal, Elizabeth Creely of the Irish-American Crossroads group provided a very insightful talk regarding the Life of the Immigrant Irish in America which detailed highlights of a San Francisco walking tour that she leads, and the key points of Irish history throughout the city.

Our next meeting will be held on October 14th. Location to be determined later in the summer.

*Larry R. Youngman
Alameda Colony, Governor*

Monterey Bay Colony

Mayflower “cousins” and their guests were in high spirits at the Monterey Bay Colony meeting and luncheon on 6 May 2017. The view at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club was spectacular, as always. Our Roll Call of Ancestors found John Alden and William Mullins tied for having the most descendants present at our luncheon, with nineteen in attendance. Part of the business meeting consisted of a report about what the California State Society was doing. Information about our new Colony member was announced, as was our member with a supplemental ancestor. The Colony continues to move forward with future scholarship plans supporting college students within our Colony boundaries. Immediately following our delicious lunch, guest speaker Mary Randall was introduced. Her program was about “The First Mayor’s House” which is located in Salinas. She “introduced” us to Isaac Julian Harvey who was Indiana born in 1816 and was the first Mayor of Salinas. He was a driven man with a very colorful life, dabbling in just about every business venture a person could. I. J. Harvey married Sarah Mellett in 1836. It took the couple and their children thirty-two years before they finally settled in Salinas.

The First Mayor’s House serves as an educational venue for teachers, students, visitors and community, increasing the understanding of local history. It is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Our Compact luncheon meeting is scheduled on 4 November 2017, at the same location. Our program will be about “Weaving, Spinning and Dying”, presented by Patty Flint Hill who has recently moved back to California from Maine.

*Verona Flint
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor*

Sequoia Colony Report

Sequoia Colony will hold its Summer Social in Saratoga on July 22, 2017. Jeff Moore will give a short presentation on the evolution of the American Flag. Also, Haley Tice, winner of the \$3000 2017 California Scholarship, will read her award winning essay!

Sequoia Colony has partnered with the Silicon Valley Sons of the American Revolution to help with their Fall Benefit being held on September 16, 2017. Guest speaker Dr. Dean Snow (and author of “1777: Tipping Point at Saratoga”) will speak on the Battle of Saratoga. Proceeds from the event and silent auction will benefit the SVSAR scholarship and youth programs and the Sequoia Colony Education Fund. Our fall meeting will be our Compact Day meeting on November 11, 2017, to be held at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

*Dawn Newman
Sequoia Colony, Governor*



San Diego Colony

The San Diego Colony was pleased to assist in hosting the CA Mayflower state member's meeting in June at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum. Committee chairperson, Gail Raser, wants to give special thanks to Norma Wolfarth for the table decorations, Belle Bohn for making all the nametags, Jan Quigley and Belle for hosting the check-in table, Anita and Bruce Guenin for helping set up and providing music during check-in, Kathleen Loftman and Budd Leef for working the concessions table. Also thanks to Rick Bailey for obtaining the Mayflower reusable shopping bags, which we will be selling at upcoming meetings, and Ray Raser for overseeing acquiring a new Mayflower flag that was displayed and that will be utilized for upcoming Mayflower events.

Our 2020 Committee, chaired by Kathleen Loftman, continues to be active in planning upcoming events for our 400th celebration. Amy Conboy is coordinating training for members to take lessons into local classrooms to share our history with our youth. Our first "matching funds" scholarship winner is Tyler White who will be attending UC Davis this fall and received his certificate at the state meeting.

Next meeting will be a Compact Day luncheon on November 18, 2017 at MCAS Officer's Club.



*Scholarship Chair Person, Amy Conboy
presents a certificate to
scholarship recipient, Tyler White*



*San Diego Colony purchased this Mayflower banner flag to
be used at meetings, presentations and parades*

*Ray Raser
San Diego Colony, Governor*

Who Was Still Around A Year After The Mayflower Arrived?

By Kathleen Loftman

American schoolchildren have long been taught about the Pilgrims and their ship, the Mayflower. Most students know that the ship landed at Cape Cod, Massachusetts in November of 1620, and that the travellers were ill-prepared for the brutal New England winter just ahead. Without the timely aid of Samoset, the friendly local who fortuitously spoke English, it is likely the entire Pilgrim band would have quickly perished.

As it was, even with the generosity of the Wampanoag tribe, only 52 of the 104 Pilgrim passengers lived to celebrate the first harvest in the autumn of 1621. Who lived and who died? Take a look at the numbers and learn the amazing story of those survivors, most of whom were little more than school age children themselves.

Most history lessons focus on those people who were fleeing religious persecution (who are referred to as “Saints”). However, nearly half the passenger list included merchants and adventure seekers (called “Strangers”) who were *not* adherents of the religious beliefs of their fellow passengers and planned to “use their owne libertie”, according to William Bradford. The Mayflower missed its original destination by more than 220 miles, which meant they were outside the control of English law. Unity was essential to survival, so the Saints and Strangers wrote and signed an agreement that created a “Civil Body Politic” to enact “just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices:” the Mayflower Compact, which became America’s earliest written governing document.

Forty-one men signed the Mayflower Compact on November 11, 1620, which surprisingly remained in effect until 1686. Of the signers, only twenty lived until the harvest in 1621. This loss represented about half of the adult men in the group. Adult men provided the knowledge, skills, and physical strength needed to hunt game, break land for planting, and cut down trees and build shelter.

Eventually the Saints and Strangers collectively came to be called Pilgrims, though they never used that term themselves. Of the Saints group (including their servants), fifty-eight left England and twenty-seven made it through the first year (54% died). The Strangers were slightly more robust, with an original group of forty-one that was whittled down to twenty-three (44% died). The crew, which also lost about half its number, returned to England in April 1621. Women suffered a disproportionately higher death rate during that first crucial year. Thirty females and seventy-four males left England. By the 1621 harvest, thirteen females and thirty-nine males remained. The Mayflower left England with eighteen husband-wife pairs (there were no single adult women). Only three intact couples survived to the first harvest. Of the other fifteen, five lost both husband and wife, and ten lost the wife. Interestingly, not one couple lost just the husband.

It is fascinating to see how the different age brackets fared. The oldest person in the group was age sixty-four, and the youngest was born during the trip from England. There were sixty-nine persons over the age of twenty on the trip; by the first harvest, twenty-five were still alive (64% had died). Children under age ten fared better. Nineteen were on the passage, and twelve celebrated a year later (37% had died). By far the best survival was the 10-19 age group: there was just one death out of sixteen (6%). Estimates of the average age of the male group that left England is thirty-four. This average went down substantially after the first year, as just eleven of the survivors were over age thirty. Fourteen survivors were in their twenties, and twenty-seven were under twenty: nine females and eighteen males.

What do these numbers tell us? There was one female for three males after that first year, and they were all pretty young. Only four women over age twenty were still alive. The group that lived to see the 1621 harvest had more people *under* the age of twenty than over. Interestingly, those survivors were about the same age the American students who learn about them today.



GSMD Congress 2017

The 41st *Mayflower* General Congress will take place at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 8-13, 2017. The business meetings of Congress cover two days, Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12; if you are a GBOA officer or delegate from



your Member Society, do not register for any tours these two days. We are pleased to offer a new venue for our closing banquet, the beautiful Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston. New to this Congress will be an Exhibit Room and Family Society Lounge.

Registering for Congress can be done in two ways: online or by mail. We encourage members to register for Congress online. It is quick, easy and confirmations are sent out immediately. If you prefer to mail your Form in, the pink **Registration Form** for Congress is included in the spring 2017 issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* and **will not appear in future issues**. You can also download the form below to print out at home.

To register on-line go to <https://www.themayflowersociety.org>. Then go to members section to get complete information. If you do not have an account you may create one now. We

suggest that your registration form be completed and mailed as soon as possible. Confirmations will be sent to all.

Registration ends on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Registration for tours ends Friday, July 21, 2017.

There will be no on-site registration forms accepted at Congress.

We also suggest that you make your reservations for sleeping accommodations early.

We are offering tours before, during and after Congress. Details for all tours can be found under Special Events and Activities below. Reservations for all tours and the Congress Banquet are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Members may pick up

their **Credentials and Registration Packet** at the General Congress Registration Table in the lobby of the Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor on Friday, September 8, from 4:00 pm. until 8:00 pm.; Saturday, September 9, from 8:00 am. until 7:00 pm.; Sunday, September 10, from 11:00 am. to 1:00 pm.; and Monday, September 11 from 8:00 am. to 9:00 am., just before the convening of the General Congress.

On Sunday, September 10, we meet at the entrance to Plimoth Plantation and march together to the Fort for a sermon by the Governor General. There is a limit to how many the Fort can accommodate, so a sign-up sheet will be available at the Credentials Pick-up table on Friday and Saturday. Later in the day, the **Pilgrim Progress** will begin at the Mayflower Society House at 2:00 p.m. Costumes will be available there for members, guests and children to dress in Pilgrim attire, and we recommend that you get there an hour early to choose a costume. Participants will walk to Cole's Hill for a Wreath Laying by the Governor General and the reading of the names of the 51 Mayflower passengers who died during



"Plymouth Rock"



the first winter. The Progress will then continue to the Old Courthouse Square, into the First Parish Meetinghouse for the Opening Ceremonies.

The **Congress Welcome Reception** will be held on Sunday, September 10 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (immediately following the Opening Ceremonies), in the gardens of the Mayflower Society House.

The **General Board of Assistants** will meet at 6:00 p.m., on Sunday, September 10 at the Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor. From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10 the Education Committee will hold a book discussion. The book is Nick Bunker's *Making Haste from Babylon*(2010). All are welcome to attend.

The **Mayflower General Congress** of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants will convene at Plymouth, Massachusetts on Monday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ballroom on the main floor of the Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor. This room is air conditioned and handicap accessible with assigned seating for delegates.

If you have any questions, please email Secretary General Susan Roser at: secretarygeneral@themayflowersociety.org.





REGISTRATION FORM

41st *Mayflower* General Congress – September 8-13, 2017, Plymouth, MA

Name _____ Society _____ GSMD# _____
 Address _____
 GSMD/SOCIETY Title _____ Email _____
 Planned Arrival Date _____ Phone: (Home) _____ - _____ - _____ (Cell) _____ - _____ - _____
 Planned Departure Date _____ Special Requirements: (diet, handicap, etc.) _____

Registration Fee: \$35 (required for every member and guest, no exceptions, nonrefundable)
 \$35 ea _____

LATE REGISTRATION FEE after August 12, 2017 (subject to availability) \$50 ea _____

Name and title to appear on name tag (and guest's name):

1 _____ 2 _____

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, Executive Committee Lunch (EC and invited guests only), 12:00 pm

1 _____ 2 _____ \$27 ea _____

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Path of the Pilgrims – Cape Cod, incl. lunch

1 _____ 2 _____ \$85 ea _____

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, 8:15 am-4:00 pm, Whale Cruise, boxed lunch, Jenney Museum

1 _____ 2 _____ \$95 ea _____

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, Welcome Reception, 3:00-4:30 pm [no charge]

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Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, Ghost Lantern Tour, 8:00-9:30 pm

1 _____ 2 _____ \$12 ea _____

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, 9:00 am-5:00pm, Newport RI, Harbor Cruise, incl. lunch at Lobster Shack

1 _____ 2 _____ \$115 ea _____

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, 7:00-8:30 pm, Pilgrim Belle Harbor Sunset Cruise

1 _____ 2 _____ \$18 ea _____

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Hyannis, JFK Museum, Harbor Cruise, incl. lunch

1 _____ 2 _____ \$95ea _____

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, 6:00 pm, Reception and Banquet [Bus to banquet? Yes _____ No _____]

Names for Banquet:

1 _____ 2 _____ \$55 ea _____

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Boston, Lexington and Concord, incl. lunch

1 _____ 2 _____ \$88 ea _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Return completed registration form with check or money order **payable to "GSMD" by August 12, 2016** to:
 Triennial Congress 2017, P.O. Box 3297, Plymouth, MA 02361-3297. Confirmations will be sent to all. If you
 have any questions, please email Secretary General Susan Roser at
 secretarygeneral@themayflowersociety.org .

Registrations for tours must be made before July 21, 2016; no tour refunds after this date. Tours subject
 to cancellation and are refundable if reservations are low.

CONGRESS TOURS
PATH OF THE PILGRIMS**Saturday, September 9, 2017, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, \$85.00, incl. lunch**

This morning we travel to CAPE COD and PROVINCETOWN to learn more about our Pilgrim ancestors who arrived in Provincetown on the *Mayflower* in 1620, before continuing on to Plymouth where they eventually settled. Historians have been able to conjecture from their letters and journals the path the Pilgrims followed while staying on Cape Cod. We will see Corn Hill Beach, Nauset Light, First Encounter Beach and Billingsgate Light, all part of the trodden path they undertook. In Truro we will enjoy lunch at the Whitman House, before driving to Provincetown. We visit the Pilgrim Monument, completed in 1910, to commemorate Provincetown as the first landing of the Pilgrims and the signing of the *Mayflower* Compact in Provincetown Harbor. The museum at the base of the monument features a unique collection of exhibits that depict important events in Provincetown's history. *Price per person (based on minimum 30). Includes: Motor Coach, Admission to Pilgrim Monument, lunch at the Whitman House, Guide, Driver/ Guide gratuities.*

CAPT. JOHN WHALE WATCH CRUISE, JENNEY MUSEUM**Saturday, September 9, 2017, 8:15 am – 4:00 pm, \$95.00, incl. lunch**

We depart the Hotel 1620 and take the short drive to Captain John Boats at the docks. Enjoy an exciting narrated WHALE CRUISE and have your cameras ready to shoot these gentle giants of the deep! Box Lunches are included for everyone in the group on board. After our cruise, we walk to the ROCK, where there are also restrooms at hand. We meet up with our costumed guide Leo, who is as engaging as he is informative, about the history of Plymouth, turning back the pages of history to the 17th century. Our tour will include the Founders Monument and we will also pass through Brewster Gardens, located in the center of town. We finish our tour with the JENNEY MUSEUM. *Price per person (based on minimum 30). Includes: Whale Cruise with Captain John Boats, Motor Coach, Admission to the Jenney Museum, Costumed Guide, Boxed Lunch, Driver/ Director gratuities.*

DEAD OF NIGHT GHOST LANTERN TOUR**Sunday, September 10, 2017, 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm, \$12.00**

Walk the oldest streets in America. Hear real accounts of local paranormal activity and visit the locations of frequent ghost sightings and haunts. Learn local legends and folklore, tales of mystery and the macabre. See the original burial site of Plymouth's Pilgrims. Walk down one of the oldest streets in America towards the Old Town Square, said to be forever cursed by King Philip. Ascend to Burial Hall where tombstones remain, dating back to the 1600's. Hear why spirits roam these winding paths and learn how to capture them on film. Be sure to bring your cameras! *Price per person includes: Local guide, gratuities.*

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**Monday, September 11, 2017, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, \$115.00, incl. lunch**

Step back in time to the opulent era of the gilded age where elite families such as the Vanderbilts and Astors built their "summer cottages" to retreat from the city life. Our tour begins with the famous "Ten Mile Drive" which follows the southern coastline of Aquidneck Island. This area used to be farmland, but today is one of the most popular Newport RI attractions, with the many magnificent "summer cottages" along the way. We'll have time for a harbor lunch at the Lobster Shack before boarding the Gansett Cruises boat and enjoy the beautiful sights of Newport Harbor on our one-hour harbor tour. Next we visit Marble House and Chinese Tea House, built between 1888 and 1892 for Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. *Price per Person (based on minimum 30). Includes: Gansett Harbor Cruise, Lunch at the Lobster Shack, Admission to Marble House, Motorcoach, Guide/Driver Gratuities.*

PILGRIM BELLE SUNSET HARBOR CRUISE**Monday, September 11, 2017, 7:00-8:30 pm, \$18.00 ea.****HYANNIS, JFK MUSEUM, HARBOR CRUISE****Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, \$95.00, incl. lunch**

This morning we take the short drive to CAPE COD, and to HYANNIS. Enjoy a tour which will include the Kennedy Memorial, overlooking Lewis Bay, where President Kennedy would frequently sail; also a photo-stop at the St. Francis Xavier Church, where many a celebrity wedding took place. We board our Hyline Boat for a one hour narrated harbor cruise. Have your cameras ready as we pass the Kennedy Compound. We will also see the Art Shanties of local artists located by the harbor. Lunch is included, before we visit the Kennedy Museum. The museum includes a thematic panorama of photos, films, artifacts, text panels, and oral histories of JFK and his family. *Price per person (based on minimum 30). Includes: Guided tour of Hyannis Harbor Cruise, Admission to Kennedy Museum, Lunch, Motor Coach, Guide/ Driver Gratuities.*

BOSTON, LEXINGTON, CONCORD**Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, \$88.00, incl. lunch**

Traces of history are bountiful in Boston. This guided tour of the city includes many famous sites including the Old North Church, Paul Revere's House, the Boston Common, the Public Garden, "Cheers" pub and the USS Constitution, better known as "Old Ironsides." Free time and lunch in Quincy Market and the Faneuil Hall area is included. The afternoon tour continues to Lexington and Concord. Paul Revere's famous ride occurred when he saw the lights in the Old North Church and rode out of the city to warn the residents of Lexington and Concord. The first shot of the Revolutionary War was fired in Concord. This guided tour traces the route of Revere and the subsequent events that led to the outbreak of hostilities. *Price per Person (based on minimum 30). Includes: Guided Tour of Boston, Lunch in Quincy Market, Admissions to the Old North Church and Paul Revere House, Guided Tour of Concord & Lexington, Motorcoach, Guide/Driver Gratuities.*

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