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Governor's Greeting

One of the most important lessons we need to pass to the next generation is that their ancestors played a decisive role in starting a country which was dedicated in the first governing document, the Mayflower Compact, to "...the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith..." These "Saints," as they are commonly referred to, placed their full faith in God to watch over, protect, lead, guide and provide for their necessities as they worked to develop a new home in this rugged wilderness.

The "Saints" were forced to team with the "Strangers" of London as the "Adventurers" (investors) filled a ship, the Mayflower, with passengers who would contribute their special skills in the new land to help insure that the "Venture" (business entity) was successful. The "Saints" and "Strangers" (managers/workers) adapted and blended their higher/better qualities to form a strong and successful colony. Eventually, the debt and interest owed the "Adventurers" for initial supplies and the cost of passage to the new world was satisfied. Each of these three groups was important and provided a significant contribution to the establishment of Plymouth Colony.

This economic model has been repeated by investors, managers and workers of succeeding generations, which has vaulted the United States to world economic leadership in less than 400 years. It is, therefore, most appropriate that all currency of the United States boldly display a common motto, which was the Pilgrim's creed, "In God We Trust."

D. Burton Howard
Governor, Oklahoma Society

Speaker, Duane Cline

Duane Cline received his M.A. degree in Speech and Theater from Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) and continued postgraduate studies in radio and television production at Oklahoma University. His formal education included extensive courses in American and English literature, European history, journalism, art, speech and Bible, as well as theatrical history, criticism and design. Following seminary courses in Bible and religion, his home church in Arkansas City, KS, ordained him.

Over the years Cline has written and directed a great number of theatrical productions and historical pageants in his capacity as a university professor, head of theater department and founding director of the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, AR. In addition he has written two books: *Navigation in the Age of Discovery: an Introduction*, and *Centennial History: General Society of Mayflower Descendants*. He has twice been invited to serve as Guest Curator at Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth, MA., with exhibits on 17th Century navigation and shipboard medicine. He now has an extensive web site on the Internet, which covers the early settlement of Plymouth Colony: *The Pilgrims & Plymouth Colony: 1620*. Click on www.rootsweb.com/~mosmd/

When Cline learned that both he and his wife, Carolyn, were descendants of Mayflower passengers, he became affiliated with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Through the years he has served that organization in many capacities on both the State and national levels. Most notably, he is a Former Assistant Governor General of the national Society, and has served a number of years as its Education Chair. He is currently the liaison between the General Society and the Pokanoket Tribe of native Americans who were so instrumental in the survival of the Pilgrims during their early years at Plymouth. The Clines live in Rogers, AR.

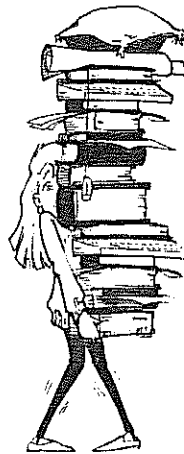
Plan to attend this special meeting.

Scholarship Awarded ~

Dr. Malcolm H. Patterson, Chairman of the OSMD Scholarship Committee, announces that the 2004 \$1,000 Scholarship has been awarded to Cassiopeia J. Lee, a physical therapy major at the OU Health Sciences Center. After three years at Cameron University, Ms. Lee is now in her second year at OUHSC and expects to graduate May '05.

Ms. Lee's aunt, Deborah Ernst, Lubbock, TX, and grandmother, Dorthy O. Lee, Lawton, are members of the Oklahoma Society, descendants of William Brewster. Ms. Lee is also descended, through her father, from John Alden, William Mullins, Richard Warren and Wm. Brewster.

Ms. Lee was a member of the Medicine Bluff CAR before transferring into the Lawton Chapter of DAR. She served as a personal page to State Regent Mary Duffe at an Oklahoma AR State Conference. Her grandmother states in her senior year high school Ms. Lee won the John Phillips Sousa Award at Lawton's MacArthur Senior High, where she was a frequent flute soloist. She was a member of the National Honor Society. What does her proud grandfather Cecil say? "Everything she does is outstanding."



REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHECK FOR \$20 FOR THE SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING BY APRIL 19, 2004, TO

MILDRED GREENSTREET, TREASURER
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Bylaws' Amendment

On November 8, 2003, the Board of Assistants approved the Bylaws Committee recommendation to amend the bylaws as follows.

Article VIII, Committees, Section 4 (d) relating to the designation of the Nominating Committee.

The bylaws now state: The Nominating Committee shall consist of three willing past Governors who have served most recently. The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the committee. The committee shall recommend one nominee for each office. The slate of nominees shall be sent to the Secretary no less than 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the election shall be held.

Strike out the second sentence, "The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the Committee."

Insert after the first sentence, When enough past Governors cannot serve, the Board of Assistants shall elect from the Board of Assistants or from the membership the number needed to make up the committee. The committee shall elect a chairman.

If adopted, Article VIII, Committees, Section 4, (d), will read as follows: The Nominating Committee shall consist of three willing past Governors who have served most recently. When enough past Governors cannot serve, the Board of Assistants shall elect from the Board of Assistants or from the membership the number needed to make up the committee. The committee shall elect a chairman. The committee shall recommend one nominee for each office. The slate of nominees shall be sent to the Secretary no less than 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the election shall be held.

Rationale: Due to the advanced age and infirmities of several past Governors it is apparent that this committee may become difficult or impossible to fill with the present restrictions.

If Article VIII, Section 4, (d) is adopted, Section 5 will need to be amended: *Article VIII, Section 5 now reads,* A vacancy in any committee shall be filled by the Governor.

When amended Article VIII, Section 5, will read, A vacancy in any committee shall be filled by the Governor, except the Nominating Committee.

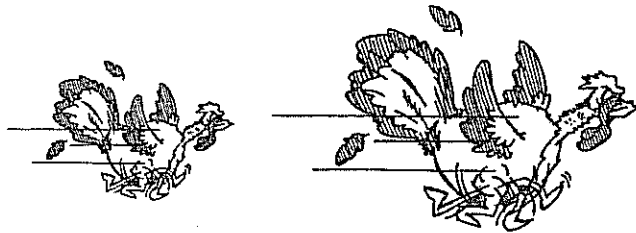
Quembe Walkingstick, Bylaws Committee Chairman

The Original Uncle Sam?

During the War of 1812, **Sam Wilson** was a meat packer from whom the U. S. Army received large shipments of meat, in barrels identified with "U.S." An imaginative worker told a government inspector who checked the meat at Wilson's store that "U.S." stood for "**Uncle Sam**," Wilson's nickname. While for years this was thought to be a legend, in 1961 proof surfaced and the U. S. Congress passed a resolution recognizing **Samuel Wilson** as the person who inspired this national symbol.

The familiar stars and stripes that Uncle Sam wears originated in cartoons of the 1830s and 1840s but the figure did not assume its present form until after the Civil War. Today **Uncle Sam** stands as a classic symbol for the **United States of America**. ~

Thanks to the Iowa Hawkeve Mayflower



Mayflower Compact Meeting

November 8, 2003

The Waterford, Oklahoma City

Minutes of the General Meeting

Governor D. Burton Howard called the meeting to order. After he thanked June McCuiston for the table decorations he read a passage describing the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth.

Deputy Governor Marquette Brown read the Mayflower Compact. Captain Malcolm Patterson led members present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Kathy Patterson and approved as read.

Rosalie Majors, representing the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Assistants for 2003-2005: Earl Carpenter, Myrna Greene, Barbara Holman, June McCuiston, and Norma Reusser. The slate was elected.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mildred Greenstreet, accepted and filed for audit. Mrs. Greenstreet brought packets of parched corn, such as our ancestors ate during "the starving time" of the winter of 1623. Mrs. McCuiston brought handouts for our use in promoting the remembrance of the Pilgrims of the Mayflower.

Dr. Patterson gave the Scholarship Committee report. There will be no changes in the 2004 award. He read a letter from Susan Lysagt, the recipient of the 2003 award.

Lois Copley read the Historian's Report. **The Oklahoma Society has 19 new members and one transfer.**

Mr. Howard thanked Jeannine Long, for her continued fine work as Editor of the Society newsletter. Mrs. Long asked for submissions.

The next meeting will be in Tulsa at a date and place to be announced. We need a Junior Chair for the Oklahoma Society. Suggestions are welcome.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned and resumed after dinner. Mrs. Patterson spoke on King Philip's War. The names of Mayflower passengers were read as we stood in their honor, and passports were presented to the **new members** who were present.

The meeting adjourned.

Kathy Patterson, Secretary

Internet Corner ~ New Canadian Mayflower URL

<http://users.rootsweb.com/~canms/canada.html>

[Plimouth Plantation www.plimoth.org](http://www.plimoth.org)

There is an interesting six-page article re Pilgrim fathers at this

BBC United Kingdom site:

www.bbc.co.uk/legacies/immig_emig/england/nottingham/

The Pokanoket Presence in Our History

By Duane A. Cline, GSMD Education Chairman:

Just who are the **Pokanoket**? When the Mayflower passengers arrived at Plymouth, the **Wampanoag Nation** covered most of southern Massachusetts and the eastern part of Rhode Island. Within the Wampanoag Nation were a number of tribes, one of which was the Pokanoket with its headquarters in the area of present-day Bristol, RI. Of all the Wampanoag tribes, the Pokanoket was the strongest and was considered the "headship tribe" of the Wampanoag Nation. The strongest men from each of the Wampanoag Tribe were sent to the Pokanoket to be trained as warriors for the protection of all. As a result, there were 300 highly trained warriors (p-niese) under their command.

The leader of the Pokanoket . . . a much-respected man by the name of Ousa Mequin (Yellow Feather), was addressed as the Massasoit ("Great Leader"), hence his full title and name was the **Massasoit Ousa Mequin**.

Nearly every school child is familiar with the stories of Squanto and his helpfulness to the Pilgrims in teaching them how to plant corn, fish, catch eels, search for quahogs (clams) and hunt in the Plymouth area. No one needs a reminder of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving at Plymouth when the Massasoit and some ninety Indians joined the Pilgrims in a three-day celebration. Students of Pilgrim history may have delved further into the story to learn of the continuing collaboration and the Pokanoket/Pilgrim relationship during the following years. However, little or no attention is given to the Pokanoket after those early years. What happened to the Pokanoket Tribe? We have virtually forgotten this once proud and powerful tribe of generous and warm-hearted Native Americans. That is the part of the story we would prefer to forget – or at least gloss over.

As swarms of immigrants from abroad arrived in New England, there was an immediate push to the West as the "new-comers" searched for lands upon which to settle. The Pokanoket soon found themselves besieged as the new arrivals pressed relentlessly across Indian lands, making every effort to drive the Indians off their native land. Settlers tore down Indian fences and allowed their livestock to trample and destroy the corn crops which were so vital to the survival of the hereto-fore-peaceful Native Americans. Then the Pokanoket found themselves swindled out of their lands by various deceptive methods, convincing them to sign over deeds to their properties. It became necessary for the Massasoit to make numerous trips to court at Boston in an effort to right as many of the numerous wrongs as he could.

Not surprisingly, when push came to shove, strong resentments and anger were aroused. After the Massasoit Ousa Mequin's death, his son **Metacom** (Philip) rose up in an armed rebellion in 1675, now called "**King Philip's War**." When Metacom was soundly defeated and killed, along with hundreds of his warriors, Metacom's body was quartered and beheaded near the sacred seat of the Massasoit and his head taken to Plymouth to be displayed atop a pole. Metacom's wife and son were taken to Plymouth to witness the gruesome sight before being shipped to the Bermudas where they were sold into slavery with many others of the tribe.

Those who would escape the massacre fled to the west, possibly as far as the areas of Wisconsin and Minnesota, where

they were integrated into other tribes such as the Winnebago (Now Ho-Chunk.) A handful of frightened Pokanoket families went into hiding in the Rhode Island/Connecticut area where they maintained their history and traditions in secret.

The dispersion of the Pokanoket was meant to be forgotten and the very word "Pokanoket" was banned from written history. From that time the Pokanoket were referred to only as Wampanoag or some other non-descriptive identification. However, the Pokanoket presence continued unseen through the following centuries. During the Revolutionary War, **George Washington** chose none other than a Pokanoket warrior named Simeon Simon as his faithful and trusted bodyguard.

In the 20th Century the Pokanoket stories and traditions were carried to the world by **Princess Red Wing** of the Seven Crescents, Squa Sachem in royal descent from Ousa Mequin. Red Wing was the first Native American to address the League of Nations (Now U.N.) in 1946, and to serve on one of its committees. She traveled far and wide, even overseas, keeping the history of her people alive. Thus, the Pokanoket presence has been with us through the centuries though unrecognized by the average American.

In the 20th Century a few Pokanoket families began meeting together socially, but it was not until 1990 that those few remaining families came together in a formal organization to be known as the **Pokanoket Tribe of the Wampanoag Nation** with its headquarters in Bristol, RI. These few families are all that remains of the once powerful and proud Pokanoket Tribe, which may have numbered as many as 20,000.

Almost 400 years after the Pilgrims settled in Plymouth, descendants of the Pokanoket Tribe and Mayflower Descendants are being drawn together in a renewal of the old alliance, which once existed between our honored ancestors. Surely the time has come for Pilgrim descendants to step forward and . . . assist this small remnant of the warm-hearted tribe, which aided our ancestors . . . so dependent on Pokanoket generosity for survival.

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The program on **King Philip's War** presented by our own Kathy Patterson at the **2003 Fall Compact Meeting** was outstanding. As requested, Kathy has provided a list of some of her sources:

Lepore, Jill. *The Name of War: King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity.* NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1998.

Marshall, Peter (Jr.) and David Manuel. *The Light and the Glory.* Old Tappan NJ; Fleming H. Revell, 1977.

Merrell, James H. *Into the American Woods.* NY; WW Norton, 1999.

Rowlandson, Mrs. Mary. *The Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson.* Excerpts in Schultz, Eric B., and Michael J. Tougas. *King Philip's War: The History and Legacy of America's Forgotten Conflict.* Woodstock, VT: The Countryman Press, 1999.

Stott, Clifford L. "*The Correct English Origins of Nathaniel Dickinson and William Gull, Settlers of Wethersfield and Hadlev.*" *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (April 1998). CLII: 159-178.

Before William Bradford died, he gave his fellow Pilgrims his blessing in this poem fashioned by his own hand:

"Farewell, dear children whom I love
Your better Father is above

When I am gone He can supply,
To Him I leave you when I die.

Fear Him in truth, walk in His ways
For He will bless you all your days.

My days are spent, old age is come,
My strength it fails, my glass is run.

Now I will wait, when work is done
Until my happy change is come,

When from my labors I shall rest
With Christ above for to be blest."

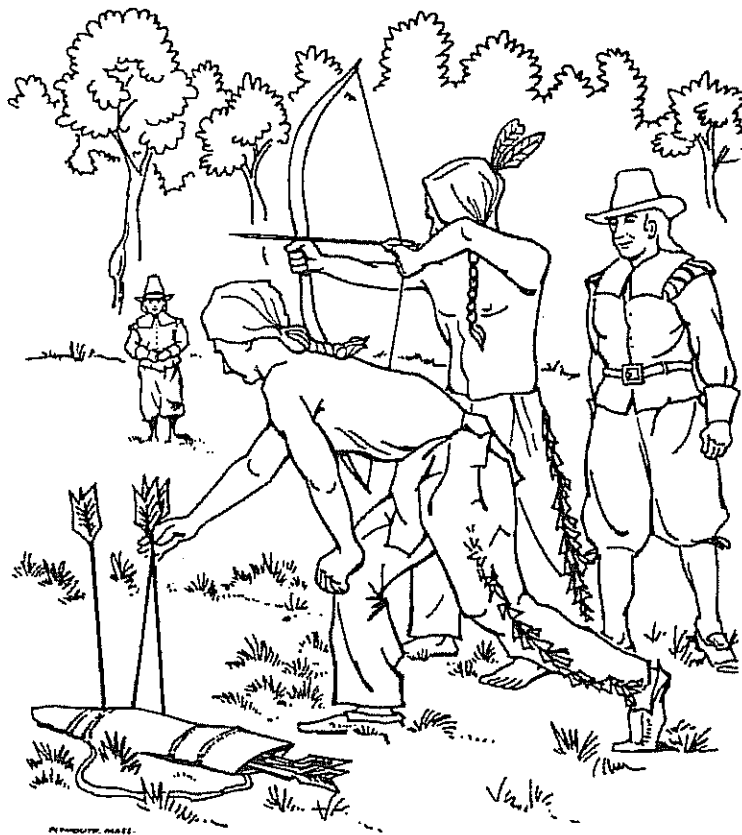
Cotton Mather wrote that, "He died May 9, 1657, in the 69th year of his age, lamented by all the colonies of New England as a common blessing and a father to them all."

For Our Juniors

Another coloring page from the Web site of **Dr. Pat Stanford, Jr.**, Membership Chair, GSMD.

Dr. Stanford says: A Junior Membership makes our children aware of their Mayflower Heritage and will make each proud to be a descendant of a Mayflower passenger.

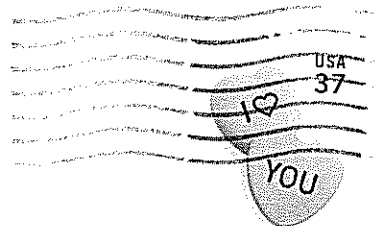
Is your child or grandchild a Junior member?



The Indians show the Pilgrims their bows and arrows
<http://www.quiknet.com/~moseley/>



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Mayflower Spring Meeting
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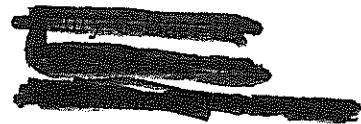
Board of Assistants' Meeting ~10:00 a.m.

General Meeting ~ 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon ~ Noon ~ \$20 per plate

Guest Speaker: Duane Cline
"Those Youthful Pilgrims"

To reserve a room for Friday Night, call the Double Tree Hotel at 918-495-1000. Ask for special Mayflower Society rate of \$79.00



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