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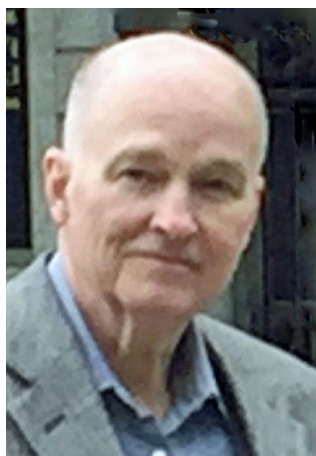
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Governor's Message

Governor Patrick H. Roark

Dear Mayflower Descendants:



In my message last Fall I urged each of our members to become more active in our Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants. New officers will be elected to serve a two-year term at our Fall/November meeting this year. Leadership positions

are available and your Society needs your help. Interested? Now is the time to make your interest known. Please contact one of our Past Governors, Stuart Otis Denslow, Judith Forehand Miller or Henry C. Baer III, who constitute the Nominating Committee, and let them know you are willing to serve.

Two years from now, our Oklahoma Society and the national General Society of Mayflower Descendants will be celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the arrival of our Mayflower ancestors to the new world. Our Oklahoma 2020 Chair, Cherie Lawson, and her committee have developed an ambitious plan for a meaningful celebration. Note that the purpose of the celebration will not be to celebrate our celebrity status, but to raise the awareness of fellow Oklahomans to the hardships, devotion and perseverance of our ancestors in initiating the establishment of the greatest country the world has ever known.

Spring Meeting

Oaks Country Club

6500 S 49th W Ave, Tulsa, OK

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Board of Assistants Meeting – 9:45 a.m.

General Meeting – 10:45 a.m.

Luncheon – 11:30

Program -- 12:15

Luncheon Menu

Tossed Green Salad, Pan Seared Chicken Breast
with Cherry Demi-glace

Wild Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, bread/butter.

Dessert: Fruit Cobbler with Ice Cream

\$ 30 per plate

**Deadline for registration is March 17. No
cancellations or refunds after that.**

(Reservation form, p. 4)

The 2020 Committee will need your help to carry out their plans and accomplish the noble purpose. Please contact Cherie Lawson at vimayflower@gmail.com or 918-794-0320, if you are willing to help.

Our Oklahoma Society was chartered 70 years ago on January 11, 1947, at Union League Hall in Philadelphia. The organizational meeting was held March 29, 1947, at the Mayo Hotel in Tulsa. As I reported in the *Messenger* Spring issue, the charter for our state society was misplaced or lost. I was able to secure a replacement and presented it at the 2017 Fall Compact Meeting. A copy is shown here on page two in the *Messenger*.

I hope to see you in Tulsa March 24th and I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2018.

Spring Meeting Speaker: Mike Terry

Program: "Mayflower Society ~ Genealogy and Genetics"

An Overview of the Mayflower DNA Project

Robert "Mike" Terry, a native of California who has lived most of his life in Oklahoma, currently resides in Enid. He is a graduate of Southwestern State University (BA) and Oklahoma State University (MA). Mike retired from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services after 31 years of service. He is a member of the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants, The Carter Society, the Oklahoma Genealogical Society and the Garfield County Genealogists. His proven Mayflower lines are Francis Cooke and Stephen Hopkins. His article "Francis Cooke DNA Success," was printed in the March 2017 issue of *The Mayflower Messenger*.



Mike, an avid genealogist, has been a Family TreeDNA (FTDNA) administrator since 2005 when he became interested in using DNA testing to validate his family tree. Mike has done DNA testing at FTDNA, AncestryDNA and 23AndMe. He currently is the YDNA Administrator for the Mayflower DNA project at FTDNA and is an administrator for several DNA surname projects.



Success! Here is a copy of the replacement charter for our Society.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants



By these presents does hereby authorize the formation of a Society of Mayflower Descendants, with all the powers and privileges thereto appertaining in the "Civil Body Politick" of

The State of Oklahoma

The following members having signed and filed a request for a Charter with the Secretary General:

Lewis Edwin Neff, Lucinda Belle Neff, John Knowles Weaver, Emily Hewson Pope, Ella Almira Ketcham, Olivette Bradley, Carleton Ross Hume, Vincent Strong Mulford, Jr., William Neff, Jr., Calla Lily Day, Mary Allen, Mary Jean Neff, Redmond Selecman Cole, Virginia Frances Weaver, Doris Jean Brewster, Ellsworth Rhodes Brewster, Ross Gossard Hume, William Loren Ketcham, George Lemoine Ketcham, Blanche Simons, James Brookes Wright, Sarah Wood, Ralph Emerson Cleveland, Flavia Day, Edward Manning Day, Virginia Day, Lillie Vance Kenney, John Prescott Alden, Aimee McIntire, Frederick Thompson Parker

In Witness Whereof, the seal of this Society has been affixed by order of the General Board of Assistants on this 11th day of January Two thousand and 1947



SEAL

Walter L. Glenney

Secretary General

Frederick A. Van Fleet

Governor General

Certificates Presented



Receiving certificates from Historian Kathy Patterson (far left) are new members (l-r) Cynthia Piette (Alden) and Carol Batterton (Howland); Eldon Ray Meritt (Fuller Supplemental); and new members Dee Ann Bohl (Warren), Richard Lee Alliss (Fuller), and Susan Sheets Hosler (Brewster). Congratulations!

Assistants Elected

Right ~ New Members of the Board of Assistants elected at the spring meeting are (l-r) Sherry Crow, Eldon Ray Merritt, Elizabeth (Libby) Hays and Charles Walker.



On the Lighter Side

Q. If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? A. Pilgrims

Q. What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? A. Plymouth Rock

Q. If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for?
A. Their Age!

Q. What happened to a Pilgrim who was shot at by an Indian?
A. He had an arrow escape.

Q. If the Pilgrims came on the Mayflower, then what does the teacher come on?
A. The scholar ships.

Q. What do you call the age of a Pilgrim? A. Pilgrimage.

Q. What kind of tan did Pilgrims get at the beach?
A. Puritan.

Q. Why did the Pilgrims wish to sail to America in the spring?
A. Because April showers bring Mayflowers.

Source: jokes4us.com/holidayjokes/

Spring Anniversary Meeting

Our spring meeting is known as the "Anniversary Meeting," to acknowledge the anniversary of the reelection of **John Carver** as Governor of Plymouth Colony on 2 Apr 1621. Shortly thereafter he died of an apparent heat stroke. His wife, Katherine, died a few weeks later "of a broken heart." They left no children.

Carver, a wealthy London merchant, had left England for Leiden, Neitherlands, in 1607/8 due to religious persecution. He was one of the more prominent members of the Scrooby congregation and the chief figure in arranging the Pilgrim migration to America. He was originally elected the first Governor of Plymouth Colony after the signing of the Mayflower Compact on 11 Nov 1620. He had also been the "ship's governor" during the voyage to the new world.

Although I was previously unaware of this, our "Anniversary Meetings" may hereafter hold special significance for each of us. ~ *The Editor*

Last-Minute Reminder - OSMD Scholarship
Applications are due March 1 to Diane Seebass, 2411
E 72nd PI, Tulsa, OK 74136. For instructions see Fall 2017
Messenger or www.okmayflower.com/scholarships.

MAYFLOWER LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

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Please reserve _____ dinners at **\$30.00** per plate \$ _____

Optional Donation to the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants _____

Total \$ _____

Member Name _____ Guest Name _____

Member Address: _____ Guest Name _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Will you need a paper name tag? YES No, I have a Mayflower name tag

My check payable to the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants is enclosed.

Please mail this form with your check made payable to

Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants to:

Laurie Robinson, Treasurer, 9789 Hefner Village Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73162-7764

Haven't been to Plymouth: Want to go? Here is the link to take a fascinating tour from your own home! <http://inneract3d.com/api/spin-tours/plymouthMA#!/layers/632>

Did you know? "Abandoning America, Life Stories from early New England"
by Susan Hardman Moore (2014)

Until OSMD member Sherrel Sue McAdoo presented a program about this reference book at a recent meeting of another lineage society of which I am a member, I was totally unaware that so many early New England settlers "abandoned" America – some by return ship! We know all about our hardy ancestors who stayed and founded this country. This book "brings together the biographies of hundreds of people who crossed over to New England in the 1630s but later braved the Atlantic again to return home . . . some went back quickly, disenchanted or discouraged. " Then there were "personal dilemmas about family ties, health and prospects." Harvard graduates, for instance, had better job prospects "back home." I found interesting stories of collateral ancestors (Winthrop) -- maybe you would, too. ~ *The Editor*

We Welcome Our Newest Mayflower Society Members



1028	92698	Max L. Richardson	Bartlesville, OK	Wm. Bradford
1027	92583	Lynda A. O'Coighligh	Midwest City, OK	James Chilton
1026	92496	Herbert Otho Patterson	Dowell, MD	Stephen Hopkins
1025	92387	Robert Lynn Smith	Joplin, MO	William Brewster
1024	92259	Susan Sheets Hosler	Norman, OK	William Brewster
1023	92215	Mark Allen Nevels	Claremore, OK	William Brewster
1022	92197	Jeffrey T. Cline	Tulsa, OK	Edward Fuller
1021	92131	Richard Lee Alliss	Oklahoma City, OK	Edward Fuller

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