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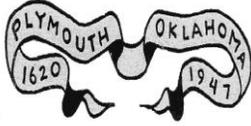
## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Oklahoma Mayflower Descendants:

I am so grateful to be a descendant of the risk takers on the Mayflower with William Bradford. Bradford and his group knew how poorly affairs had gone at Jamestown Colony in Virginia, in part because it was settled by gentlemen who didn't know how to feed, house, or protect themselves. So the company deliberately recruited farmers and tradespeople from London whose talents would be essential to building a new society in a new world.



Now, currently our Oklahoma Society is celebrating its 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Have you recently thought about those members before us who started our society in 1947 so we have a society today? I'm deeply appreciative of their work to secure a charter granted 68 years ago during the historic meeting when the General Board of Assistants met with the Pennsylvania Society at Union League Hall, Philadelphia when they celebrated the Pennsylvania Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



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In March 29, 1947, the Oklahoma Society's organizational meeting was held at the Mayo Hotel in Tulsa. Officers elected were: Lewis E. Neff, governor; Loren Ketcham, treasurer; Judge Redmond S. Cole, historian; John Knowles Weaver, counsellor; Vincent S. Mulford, Captain; James B. Wright, Elder; Calla Day Enlow, surgeon and five assistants were elected.

The tradition of rotating sites between Oklahoma City and Tulsa evidently began in the fall of 1951. The first Compact Day meeting was held in the fall of 1951 in Oklahoma City and the following spring with an anniversary meeting in Tulsa. Since then, two general membership meetings have occurred yearly.

Our ancestors were dedicated to preserving the memory of the Mayflower pilgrims and the freedom which they so dearly won for themselves and passed on to us. Are you ready for insight into the history of our state, associating with and getting to know other Mayflower descendants and celebrating our society's 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary? Do we have this dedication? It is up to us to keep the candle light glowing of the Oklahoma Mayflower Society Descendants. Have you invited a friend or relative to become a member? Take out your pen and fill in the registration form and mail it right away to Lauri Robinson, treasurer before the **deadline of 14 March 2015.**

Due to heavy spring booking completed a year ahead at the Oaks Country Club, much to my astonishment last November, there were no Saturday mornings available in either March or April 2015. Graciously, the Oaks squeezed the Mayflower Society in by scheduling us in the **early afternoon** as another group is departing. I encourage you to be flexible and enjoy the encounter of a meeting time change for only this meeting. The **Board of Assistants will meet at 2:pm** while the **general membership meeting will begin at 3:30 pm.**

Note in another page in the "Save the Dates" article that our following meetings are already scheduled through spring 2016. Please insert these future dates into your calendars now. An invitation has been extended to Governor General to Lea Sinclair Filson to attend our April 2016 meeting. Many volunteers work behind the scenes to maintain the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants and a few are pictured in this edition. Thanks to our newsletter editor Sharlee Kuhns for her work on our newsletters.

I'm looking forward to meeting and seeing you in the afternoon of Saturday March 28, 2015 during our Oklahoma Society Mayflower Descendants meeting.

Honoring our legacy and celebrating freedom,

Stuart O. Denslow  
Governor Oklahoma Society Mayflower Descendants

**SAVE FUTURE DATES  
FOR OKLAHOMA SOCIETY MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS MEETINGS**

- ❖ March 28, 2015 Oakes Country Club--Mayflower Annual Dinner 2 pm Mayflower Board Meeting 3:30 General Membership Meeting; 4:15 pm Early Dinner followed by program-Tulsa
- ❖ November 14, 2015 The Greens Country Club, OKC 9:30 am Assistants Board Meeting 11 am General Meeting with lunch followed by program
- ❖ April 2, 2016 Oaks Country Club, Tulsa 9:30 am Assistants Board Meeting; 11 am General Meeting with lunch followed by program



**68<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Society of Mayflower  
Descendants  
Board of Assistants 2:30 PM  
General Board Meeting 3:30 PM  
Saturday March 28, 2015  
The Oaks Country Club, Tulsa  
6500 South 49<sup>th</sup> West Avenue**

(located west of I-75 on 71<sup>st</sup> Street)

Directions: Creek Turn Pike to I-75> turn onto north I-75>

turn left onto 71<sup>st</sup> Street—about 3 miles> top of hill on right overlooking Tulsa (those traveling from North of Tulsa: I-75 South to 75<sup>st</sup>> turn right onto 71<sup>st</sup>—abt 3 miles> top of hill on right

**A Gathering of Oklahoma  
Society of Mayflower Descendants**

**Deadline for registration is March 14, 2015. No cancellations or refunds after that date.**

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

**Menu:** Roast Pork with apple glaze--served with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables; mixed green salad, cheese, tomatoes with rice wine vinaigrette; hot rolls and butter; assorted beverages and cheery cobbler crisp.

This notice is to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ early afternoon dinners at \$22.00 per plate...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Donation

a. (The General Society Mayflower Society is \$18,000 short from the 2014 Appeal and \$18,000.00 is needed for the 2015 budget.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

b. Donation for OK Mayflower Society to purchase new Silver Books for designated OKC Library .....and Tulsa City County Hardesty Library.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## PAST



Elder Henry Baer shared the following members' deaths:

Joyline Stearns Costen died 11 July 2013 OK 424 GS 33279

Dorothy Pralle died 09 April 2014 OK937 GS 63350

Sarah Phelps Leavens Gilmour died Jan 6, 2015 OK 495 GS 44133

Marquette Brown died 12 February 2015  
OK 725 – GS 60136

## PROJECTS



Jeannine Long



Mildred Greenstreet

During the November 21, 2014 board of assistants' meeting, it was decided to create a current membership yearbook for 2015. This is a valuable tool for our membership.

Numerous members spent hours calling members; and a great number of e-mail messages were sent to secure current contact information.

Our treasurer, Lauri Robinson worked meticulously with Jeannine and Mildred locating members.

Mildred Greenstreet and Jeannine Long worked for several weeks creating a current database.

Jeannine supervised the printing. The yearbook was emailed to those with e-mail addresses and about 40 members without an e-mail address received it via the U.S. Mail.

If your contact information changes, please notify Mildred or Jeannine immediately and they will notify the membership accordingly.

## MARCH 28, 2015 OK MAYFLOWER SOCIETY'S PROGRAM "From Sagebrush to Statehood"



You are in for a real treat to listen to Alan Jarvis's presentation. His presentation is a narrative accompanied with pictures of the Gilcrease Museum's art and photographs chronicling Oklahoma's path from Indian Territory to statehood in 1907.

Mr. Jarvis grew up in Bartlesville and graduated from College High School in 1966. Following high school graduation, he enlisted in 1968 in the Marine Corps. He is a Vietnam veteran serving 1969 and 1970.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts from Tulsa University, he worked for 26 years for Cities Service Oil Company in Tulsa and retired in 2010 from West Corporation after 14 years in their IT management department.

Alan joined the Volunteer Group called "The Gillies" at the Gilcrease Museum in 2010. He is past chairman of the Gilcrease Outreach Program entitled "Gilcrease Goes to School" creating and delivering slide presentations for area elementary schools. Currently, he is the chairman of the Gilcrease Outreach Program "Speaking of Gilcrease"—creating and delivering power point presentations to civic groups, retirement and assisted living centers and church groups.

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### 2014 – 2016 Officers



(Pictured left to right): Governor Stuart Denslow; Deputy Governor David knight; Treasurer Lauri Robinson; Secretary Pam Hill; Historian Katherine Patterson; Captain Pat Roark; and Elder Henry Baer (missing in picture: Surgeon Gary Denslow and counselor George H. Ramey)

## OKLAHOMA SOCIETY MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IS ON FACEBOOK

Manager Norma Hughes

A new year is present and offers an opportunity for us to use social media to the benefit of communication with our members. Did you know there is a private Ok State Mayflower Society Face Book Page? Are you a subscriber to Face Book? If so, contact our manager Norma Hughes at: [nmhughes@cox.net](mailto:nmhughes@cox.net) and ask to become a subscriber to this page. Norma will ask for your OK Society's number in addition to you name and e-mail address.

What is the purpose of this page? It is a forum for discussing topics of common interest to Oklahoma Society Mayflower Descendants membership. This is a location where only our members may post questions or informational items about our General Mayflower Society or our state society or ask questions about conducting research. A member will post a question and someone else will probably provide the answer. Appropriate posts include questions about activities, project and membership news. The focus of posts and comments are on the Mayflower for example, the death of a member of the State Society and a picture may be posted and appropriate comments made to the posting.

Remember, we are a non-political society and posting must adhere to Mayflower business. Please use your private individual Facebook page to post personal activities and family news.

Thanks for your cooperation in complying with these guidelines. With your help, 2015 promises to be an outstanding year for OK Mayflower Society.



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### NEW MEMBER

Historian Kathy Patterson announces and asks you to insert this name into your yearbook:

James Alexander Greenstreet      OK # 981      GS#87793  
12918 Youngfield  
Cypress, TX 74429

Ancestor: Edward Fuller

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### OK SOCIETY MAYFLOWER NAME BADGES AVAILABLE

A magnetic name badge is available. On a piece of paper, specify how you wish your name to appear on your name badge. Make checks payable to OK Society Mayflower Descendants for \$13.00 and mail to: Stuart Denslow 5721 W. Orlando Circle; Broken Arrow, OK 74100.

If you place your order prior to March 14<sup>th</sup>, it will be available at the Registration desk for pick up on March 28, 2015. If you wish the name badge mailed to you, the cost is \$16.00.

**Quarterly Teleconference (one way listening) with  
Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson  
21 January 2015  
(Summarized by Governor Stuart Denslow)**

Governor Filson's first teleconference was a winner in every respect. She encouraged everyone to write her at (governorgeneral@themayflowersociety.org) with any questions, ideas or suggestions. She thanked all for the thousands of hours volunteered at the state and national levels of our society. Then she expressed appreciation to the hard-working staff in Plymouth.

Governor Filson acknowledged staff member Carolyn Doyle who retired earlier in January and encouraged retirement cards be mailed to her (A card was mailed on behalf of the OK Mayflower Society). Carolyn's replacement will be someone experienced in retail sales. Governor Filson is looking at this area with plans on how to create more revenue stream. Angela Cardinal, membership manager is also leaving. A new verifier will be starting soon. She acknowledged there is a shortage of help in the historian general's office and stated plans are underway for filling a position there.

Building the General Society Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) brand (an identifying logo or product) is critical in strengthening our creditability in the genealogical community. Governor Filson stated she wants the GSMD to continue being the 'gold standard' to others in the public. She stated the society has a younger appealing logo which will be on every communication element.

Announcements included:

1. Brewster book's arrival—sketches and information not before known about Pilgrim Elder William Brewster
2. Alden book has gone to print

(To be continued)

EDWARD DOTY  
June 2013



Governor Stuart Denslow and family visited the Mayflower Museum in Plymouth, MA and were flabbergasted to discover their Mayflower ancestor Edward Doty's oil lamp is displayed in the Mayflower Museum. This is OK Mayflower Society members Dean, Gary, and Stuart Denslow's 10<sup>th</sup> great grandfather and Cindy Denslow Flaughter's 11<sup>th</sup> great grandfather.

Doty was one of the *Mayflower* passengers that have left an extensive record of his personality. He had a quick temper that often was out of control and had many business dealings. Doty lived there throughout the rest of his life.

Over 92,000 descendants have been identified from Edward Doty. The 14<sup>th</sup> generation would probably be over 400 years removed from him.

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