



Mayflower Messenger



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October 2004

Fall Compact Meeting

will be held at

Cole's Garden

1415 NE 63rd Street, Oklahoma City
(Roughly across the street from the
National Cowboy Hall of Fame)

~ November 13, 2004 ~

Board of Assistants' Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

General Meeting ~ 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon ~ Noon ~ \$20 per plate

Speaker: Linda Colvard
"Adoption and Genealogy"



Linda Hale Colvard, a native Oklahoman, has lived in Tulsa, for 65 of her 71 years. A graduate of Central High School, she attended OBU & Tulsa University. She worked as secretary to Anthony Keating, father of Governor Frank Keating, until starting her family. In October, she and her husband Bill will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Linda says, "We have two sons, wonderful daughters-in-law, and five beautiful grandchildren."

Having served as President of the Tulsa Genealogical Society, and as Researcher for that organization for many years, a year and a half ago Linda made the decision to do full-time research for adoptees, as her ministry, at no charge. One of her "very special" granddaughters is adopted, and responsible, in large part, for Linda's interest in adoption research and reform. Her greatest joy is helping re-unite family members, and speaking on the subject of adoption. She has volunteered over 1,000 hours with the Genealogy Center of the Tulsa Public Library system. She also enjoys speaking to groups on how to do genealogy research, and has made many good friends as a result. Please plan to join us..

Proposed 2004-2006 Officers

Governor	Marquetta Brown
Deputy Governor	June McCuiston
Secretary	Lois Copley
Treasurer	Mildred Greenstreet
Historian	Kathy Patterson
Captain	D. Burton Howard
Elder	Malcolm Patterson
Counselor	Prentice Hapgood
Surgeon	Dr. Mark Everett

Report of the Nominating Committee:
Rosalie Majors, Chair; Prentice Hapgood and
Eloise McMurtrey

Election and Installation at the Fall Compact Meeting.

Black Hats and Buckled Shoes

The Pilgrims were a hard-working, fun-loving people who wore colorful clothing. The men had doublets and breeches of brown, green, gray, as well as black. . . They didn't wear buckles on anything. The women wore dresses of red, violet, blue, green and yellow. They consisted of a bodice and skirt as of their times, but were not black except for formal occasions. The boys and girls were similarly dressed. The folks with the buckles, black clothes and big hats were the Puritans who came into Boston in 1630. Unlike the Pilgrims they were not particularly fun loving, nor were they very open minded. *From the Iowa Hawkeye Newsletter*

Menu

Butter Lettuce with Lemon Vinaigrette

Herb Roasted Chicken - Herbed New Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Lemon Cake w/Lemonade Icing

Remember to send your \$20 check for the Fall Compact Luncheon by November 9, 2004, to

MILDRED GREENSTREET, Treasurer

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Governor's Greeting

D. Burton Howard



The decision to relocate is always difficult and a critical decision in anyone's life. About 125 members of the "Scrooby" (England) congregation relocated to Amsterdam, Holland in order to gain their religious freedom. After about a year, they moved again to Leyden, Holland due to "contention with the church that was there before them" and to escape "the grim and grisly face of poverty coming upon them." Here, "they grew in knowledge and other gifts and graces of the Spirit of God ... and many came unto them from divers parts of England, so as they grew a great congregation." The Pilgrim Fathers (Saints) who decided to move to America were a small (10%) minority of the Pilgrim Church in Leyden Church, which numbered between 400 and 500 English in 1620.

Why did they decide to make this move? What would compel even 50 to leave the safety of their friends, church and home, to cross a great ocean to this totally unknown wilderness? William Bradford devotes two chapters of his manuscript *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647* to answer this most important question.

- (1). Holland was overpopulated and the primary occupation open to English immigrants was in the "handicrafts" (manual labor) which required enduring "great labor and hard fare."
- (2). They recognized the difficulty of continuing their work in the "handicrafts" when they became older.
- (3). They were concerned for their children who were forced to work at a young age and "become decrepit in their early youth."
- (4). The Dutch did not "remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" in the strict sense that other Calvinists did. Sunday, after church was a day of feasting and merrymaking, especially for the children, who were being "drawn away into extravagant and dangerous courses from their parents."
- (5). A "great hope and inward zeal... to advance the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts (America) of the world."

Others, including Mayflower passenger Edward Winslow, stressed the fear that their children would lose their English language and nationality. (This was well founded; by 1660 those who did not immigrate to America or return to England became completely amalgamated into the local population.)

They did not come to America for "religious freedom," for they had already gained this in Holland. They wanted a "New England" where they would continue their religious freedom and could raise and teach their children as they wished and be free to prosper to their full potential. Perhaps this is every immigrant's vision or as we have come to know it, "The American Dream" and it was compelling, even to the first immigrants who came on the Mayflower.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

The first democratic institution, the town meeting, has often been said to have its origins on the Mayflower when our forefathers signed the Compact for self-government. The town meeting form of government has been traced to the Norse and Germanic tribes of northern Europe more than 1500 years ago. In colonial America the election of church and public officials dates almost from the founding of the Plymouth Colony. In 1631 an act passed limiting the right to vote to church members. The majority made the decisions; each church member could speak. In some towns, male property owners who were not church members were also allowed to vote. In addition to adult men, independent women – unmarried widows who had reached the age of majority and had land rights could vote. In Oklahoma anyone who is registered can vote on November 2. Will You?

An interesting in-depth speech by Jeremy Bangs, PhD, about the Pilgrims, their government and elections can be found at:

<http://www.sail1620.org/discover feature the pilgrims and election.shtml>

America the Beautiful

America the Beautiful,
or so you used to be.
Land of the Pilgrims' pride;
I'm glad they'll never see.

Babies piled in dumpsters,
Abortion on demand,
Oh, sweet land of liberty,
your house is on the sand.

Our children wander aimlessly
poisoned by cocaine,
Choosing to indulge their lusts,
when God has said abstain.

From sea to shining sea,
our Nation turns away
From the teaching of God's love
and a need to always pray.

We've kept God in our temples,
how callous we have grown.
When earth is but His footstool,
and Heaven is His throne.

We've voted in a government
that's rotting at the core,
Appointing Godless Judges
who throw reason out the door,

Too soft to place a killer
in a well deserved tomb,
But brave enough to kill a baby
before he leaves the womb.

You think that God's not angry,
that our land's a moral slum?
How much longer will He wait
before His judgment comes?

How are we to face our God,
from Whom we cannot hide?
What then is left for us to do,
but stem this evil tide?

If we who are His children,
will humbly turn and pray,
Seek His holy face
and mend our evil way:

Then God will hear from Heaven
and forgive us of our sins,
He'll heal our sickly land
and those who live within.

But, America the Beautiful,
if you don't - then you will see,
A sad but Holy God
withdraw His hand from Thee.

By Judge Roy Moore
Submitted by D. Burton Howard

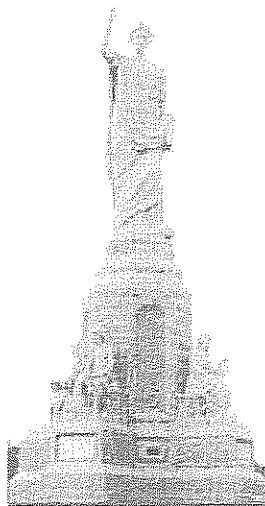
National Monument To Forefathers

It's easy to look at the new, historically inaccurate and politically motivated monuments now standing near Plymouth Rock and feel defeated, but more than a little hope can be found in the story of another monument, the most magnificent and prominent historical marker in the town.

Located in Plymouth, Massachusetts, the National Monument to the Forefathers was conceived in 1820 with the establishment of The Pilgrim Society. The 81-foot tall colossal structure, which was to emphasize the commitment of our forefathers to Christian values, was dedicated August 1, 1889.

The central figure represents "Faith" with her foot on a replica of Plymouth Rock, her left hand holding an open Bible, with her right hand pointing heavenward.

Surrounding "Faith" are four other statues representing Morality, Law, Education, and Liberty. "Liberty" holds the Ten Commandments in her left hand.



In 1989, a Plymouth council convened to determine the fate of the Founders Monument, which was complete and perfect in every respect but one: For more than 100 years, one side of the monument remained uninscribed, primarily because no one knew what should be written on it. Paul Jehle, education director of the Plymouth Rock Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded during the 350th anniversary of the Plymouth settlement, fearing that some future generation might be less generous with the Pilgrim legacy, moved to have a quote from Bradford etched on the stone tablet. The motion was doomed except for the fact that seated in the audience that day, for the first time ever, was a Florida octogenarian, Verna Orndorff, well known for her generous patronage, who had flown in to attend her first and last meeting. Jehle read the Bradford quote:

"Thus out of small beginnings greater things have grown by His hand Who made all things out of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light kindled here has shone to many, yea, in a sense, to our whole nation; let the glorious name of Jehovah have all the praise."

With tears in her eyes, the elderly Mrs. Orndorff declared: "My father had me memorize this quote when I was a little girl . . . If you will vote for it, I will pay for it."

The great quote is now etched on the monument and stands as an ever-present reminder to every one of the estimated 35 million physical descendants of the 50 people who survived the first winter, and to an entire nation that owes its gratitude to those first settlers. The message: That few visions have ever been as beautifully realized as that embraced by this ragtag band of devoted moms and dads.

Excerpts: Doug Phillips' www.visionforum.com, reprinted from Delaware's *Mayflower Lynes*

Excerpts also from www.retakingamerica.com

Words from the Founding Fathers

George Washington

It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

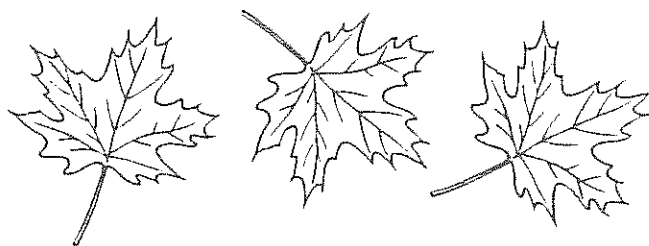
Thomas Jefferson

"How necessary was the care of the Creator in making the moral principle so much a part of our Constitution as that no errors of reasoning or of speculation might lead us astray from its observance in practice."

John Adams

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people...so great is my veneration of the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens in their country and respectful members of society."

http://www.retakingamerica.com/great_america_main.html



Thanksgiving wishes

MAY YOUR STUFFING BE TASTY,
MAY YOUR TURKEY BE PLUMP.
MAY YOUR POTATOES 'N GRAVY
HAVE NARY A LUMP,
MAY YOUR YAMS BE DELICIOUS,
MAY YOUR PIES TAKE THE PRIZE,
MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER
STAY OFF OF YOUR THIGHS.

Internet ~ Author unknown

In Memoriam



Dorothy Gene Keyes Sudikas, number 635-50,939 was inadvertently omitted in the "In Memoriam" listings in Oklahoma Descendants of Mayflower Membership 2004 book. Mrs. Sudikas, a John Alden descendant, died May 8, 2003, in Lubbock, TX. as reported to the society and listed in the September 2003 issue of Mayflower Messenger.

Dorothy Pralle, Oklahoma Mayflower Society member living in Plano, TX, states: "Dorothy Gene Keyes Sudikas became a genealogist while doing research on our Keyes, White and Wright family history. She had served as Regent of DAR in Lubbock, TX, and held memberships in other societies, among which are: The Alden Kindred; Colonial Dames with 32 supplementals; National Society Women Descendants of Ancient and Honorable Artillery; Descendants of Founders and Patriots of America, and several other genealogical societies. She was active in researching the Kings of England and Russia and had written several books, which she planned to contribute to the National Society . . ."

April 24, 2004



The Doubletree at Warren Place, Tulsa, OK Minutes of the General Society Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Governor D. Burton Howard, who introduced Mr. Duane Cline, today's speaker. Mr. Howard dedicated this meeting to those who "stand up for our country" in Iraq and elsewhere.

Deputy Governor Marquetta Brown read the Mayflower Compact. Captain Dr. Malcolm Patterson led the Society in the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and, in the absence of the Elder, in prayer. Introductions were made and a welcome extended.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read by Kathy Patterson and approved as corrected. She passed a copy of our membership booklet, requesting that members pencil in their phone numbers and e-mail addresses, thereby giving permission to publish this information.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mildred Greenstreet and filed for audit. She also read a letter from the General Society, which indicated that an \$11 portion of each member's dues may be considered a tax deduction. If any Society members contribute directly to the Scholarship Fund, that contribution is also tax deductible.

Dr. Patterson read the Scholarship Committee report. Miss Cassiopeia J. Lee will receive this year's award; she is studying to be a physical therapist at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences

Center. A photo of the 2001 Scholarship recipient, Mr. Chad Joy, being sworn in as an FBI agent was passed around. The Scholarship program will continue without changes for the next year.

Lois Copley read the Historian's Report. Three new members have been approved, two individuals have transferred to our society, and 41 prospective members are on the list but have not submitted papers to Plymouth as of this date. Mrs. Copley made a plea for a new Historian or for someone who will help her with the Historian's work.

Mr. Howard commended Jeannine Long for her continued excellent work as editor of the newsletter.

Mr. Howard introduced Mrs. Mary Craig, our new Junior Membership Committee chair. Any child under 18 descended from a passenger on the Mayflower is eligible to apply. She needs names and birthdays for current members and will develop an application for future use.

Mrs. Patterson announced that Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Warren, has been identified in *The American Genealogist*, as the daughter of Augustine Walker.

Mrs. Greenstreet discussed giving programs in schools and passed out packets of cracked corn. She also needs an auditor for her records.

After the meal was served and enjoyed, introductions were made and as Deputy Governor Marquetta Brown read the names of our ancestors, who were

passengers on the Mayflower; members stood as their ancestors' names were read.

The program followed, "Those Young Pilgrims," by Duane Cline.

Parliamentarian Quembe Walkingstick a proposed amendment to the bylaws of the Oklahoma Society as follows:

Strike out the second sentence of Article VIII, Committees, Section 4 (d) relating to the designation of the Nominating Committee. "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."

Dr. Charles O'Leary moved and Dr. Malcolm Patterson seconded the motion that this amendment be accepted; the motion passed. The new amendment necessitated a second amendment, to Article VIII, Section 5, which also passed and now reads, "A vacancy in any committee shall be filled by the Governor, except the Nominating Committee."

The meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Alvis Patterson, Secretary

