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Governor's Message

Governor Patrick H. Roark



Dear Members:

This will be my last Governor's Message, as my term ends at our Fall Compact Meeting. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Governor. Our society exists to honor

our courageous ancestors who persevered and overcame tremendous odds to establish freedom from persecution for their beliefs in the "New World." I believe that we, as their descendants, have an obligation to defend that freedom whenever intolerance and prejudice come against it.

One way we can defend that hard-earned freedom is by reminding those around us what it cost the Mayflower passengers to obtain and defend our right of self-government. The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse in Plymouth, Massachusetts, stands as a monument to liberty. To obtain and preserve this memorial, each state society has been asked to contribute \$5,000 to the maintenance fund for the Meetinghouse. Your Board of Administrators has issued a \$1,500 challenge to our membership in an effort to meet our \$5,000 goal.

At this point, we have about \$3,400 in both pledges and contributions, including contributions made prior to the challenge from the Board. For a small state society such as ours, I think that is something of which we can be proud. **But think how impressive it would be if we met our \$5,000 goal.**

To those who have pledged and contributed, **a heartfelt thanks.** If you have not answered the challenge yet, please consider making a pledge today!

Please join us at Oklahoma Christian Gaylord Center in Edmond on November 17.

Pat Roark, Governor

Fall Compact Meeting – Nov 17

At Oklahoma Christian University

Gaylord University Center

2501 East Memorial Road, Edmond, OK

Signs will be posted. From I-35, take Memorial exit west three miles. OC is between Bryant and Boulevard.

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

General Meeting – 10:45 a.m.

Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. Program -- 12:15 p.m.

Luncheon Buffet \$ 25.00 per plate

Registration Deadline - Nov. 1.



Speaker: Dr. James Battles

Program: Rembrandt's De Nachwacht and the Arms and Armor of the Pilgrims



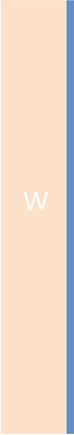
Dr. James Battles will trace the influences of the Dutch Militia as expressed in art on the formation of the militia for Plymouth Colony. The military organization as well as the arms and armor used by the Pilgrims in their first years in the New World will be discussed. Finally the creation of the GSMD Mayflower Guard will be covered.

Dr. Battles, immediate Past Society of Mayflower Descendants, is also the commander of the GSMD Mayflower Guard. A member of Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), he has been a member of the Maryland SAR Color Guard.

Dr. Battles attended Miami University in Oxford, graduating with a major in History, Political Science and Naval Science. He earned a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He recently retired from the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ).

His Mayflower ancestor is James Chilton, oldest passenger on the Mayflower.

Photo above: Commander of the Guard.



Certificates Presented - Above - At our Spring meeting, Historian Kathy Patterson presented certificates to new members and for an approved supplemental. L-R: Kathy Patterson; Gov. Patrick Roark; Max Richardson (Bradford); Jeffry Cline (Fuller); Sandra Lee Warren Crisp (Hopkins); Megan Marie Wink (Bradford); Cynthia Winfrey Purcell (Howland); Ramona Harder (Brewster); Teresa Cales (Billington); and Charles Walker (Warren Supplemental). Congratulations and welcome!



Left: Peggy Marsh, visiting from Texas with her husband Jim, serves as the Houston County Junior Chairman, the Texas Junior Chairman and on the GSMD Junior Committee. Peggy shared many new ideas for our Society and Junior program.



Right: (L-R) **Surprise, surprise!** Deputy Gov. Pamela Hill presents a "star volunteer" gift to Jeannine Long, who edits our newsletter and membership directory. Thank you for the honor and the beautiful silver star box.



2018 Scholarship Winner

Scholarship chair Diane Seebass announced at the Spring meeting that **Emily Joy** is the winner of our 2018 \$1500 Scholarship. The formal presentation will be at the Fall Compact Meeting.

Emily Joy is the granddaughter of Malcolm and Kathy Patterson. She is finishing her junior year at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, as an English Education major. This will be her second summer spent as an intern with Engage the Nations mission; she spent last summer in Tijuana, Mexico, and will go to Indonesia this summer. She plans to teach in a Title-1 school while pursuing graduate studies in Church Planting, eventually hoping to make a career as a missionary in Latin America, while adopting orphans. Her family has set the example in this, as Emily is one of seven children with four adopted siblings.

Emily is a descendant of Richard Warren, Stephen Hopkins and his children Giles and Constance, John Howland and his wife Elizabeth Tilley, her parents John and Joan (Hurst) Tilley, Francis Eaton and George Soule.



Right: Emily Joy

NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS, 2019-2020

ELECTION TO BE HELD AT OUR FALL MEETING



- Governor **Pam Hill**
- Deputy Gov. . . **Cheri Lawson**
- Secretary **Dee Bohl**
- Treasurer **Lauri Robertson**
- Historian **Kathy Patterson**
- Captain _____
- Surgeon **Gary Denslow**
- Counselor **Susan Cole**
- Elder **Deborah Ackerly**

Help Wanted

We are looking for a member who would like to run for **Captain** of our society. The Captain is responsible for the custody of the flags which are to be brought to each meeting and to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. You must have been a member for two years to run for this office. The term of office is two years. As an officer, the Captain sits on the Board of Assistants. If you are interested, please contact Henry Baer at hcbaer3@icloud.com.

2020 CELEBRATION REPORT

Plans for the **Oklahoma Mayflower Society's 2020 celebration** are on schedule. In March we will be able to book the venue for our **2020 luncheon** scheduled for **Saturday, September 26**. Our Oklahoma Mayflower **Genealogy Fairs** will be in **Tulsa** on **February 20, 2020** at the Hardesty Library and in **Oklahoma City** on **March 7, 2020** at the Oklahoma History Center. At each fair we need three to four volunteer "genies." We will also need laptops. A printer and paper will be available. We will need volunteers to check people in. We will need someone to be in charge of the children's Mayflower game and book corner. Several people have graciously offered to help. I would very much like to meet with the ladies that have told me that they are interested and any other ladies or gentlemen that would help out on those dates. If we could do a short meeting for 15 minutes after our upcoming fall luncheon it would be greatly appreciated. ~ **Cherie Lawson**, Chairman 2020 Committee

MAYFLOWER LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ lunches at **\$25.00** 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:

Lauri Robinson, Treasurer, 9789 Hefner Villaae Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73162-7764

No cancellations or refunds after the November 1 registration deadline

OSMD Scholarship

News Flash: College is expensive! Do you know someone who could use a little help? Each year our Oklahoma Society awards a \$1,500 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in a four-year college or university and is related to an Oklahoma Society member, including those related by adoption or marriage. The award is based on college major, level of studies, grade point average and relationship to Mayflower passengers and society members. The application form and details to submit an application for scholarship are available at our OSMD website http://www.okmayflower.com/about_scholarships.html. The deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 2019.

Eligibility Requirements

- Current enrollment in a four-year college or university
- Completion of at least one college semester
- Relation to Oklahoma Society member(s) by birth, adoption, or marriage



To apply, submit to Melody Kellogg, P. O. Box 1371, Guthrie, OK 73044:

- Application form
- A letter stating your interest in the scholarship
- Two letters of recommendation, with at least one from a former teacher
- All college transcripts, including grades from the most recent semester completed
- Proof of relationship to Oklahoma Society member(s)

When submitting, please do not use certified mail.
Previous applicants may reapply by submitting updated transcripts.

Melody Kellogg, Scholarship Chair - melkel918@gmail.com

NOTE: We extend special thanks to **Diane Seebass**, who has served faithfully as our Scholarship Chair for the past seven years.



OSDM SCHOLARSHIP WINNER UPDATE

The *Mayflower Messenger* missed reporting it when Diane Seebass (*right in photo*) announced at the Spring 2016 meeting that **David Ryan Hall**, OK #989, Bartlesville, was the recipient of OSMD's 2016 Scholarship. His Mayflower ancestor is Peter Brown. Mother **Debra Taylor** (OK #982) tells us that David received a BS Degree in Business from Oklahoma Wesleyan University this spring. He majored in information systems management (computer programming) and is currently employed with Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville. Congratulations, David, we're proud of you.

Did you Know? The Pilgrims were relatively tolerant of other religious beliefs.

The **Puritans**, who settled the region north of Plymouth, were known for their strict approach to how religion was practiced within their borders. The **Pilgrims**, on the other hand, never made any attempts to convert outsiders to their faith, including the Native Americans they encountered in America and the nonbelievers who'd joined them as laborers in England. Generally speaking, they didn't even try to impose their unique observances on their friends and neighbors. For instance, while the Pilgrims themselves didn't themselves celebrate Christmas, they didn't stop others from taking the day off and celebrating it as they wished.

History.com Five Things You May Not Know About the Pilgrims

The remarks of Missouri Mayflower Governor Keith Morris, in a recent issue of *Missouri Compact*, newsletter of their society, caught my attention. His aunt had recently given him an article which was originally published in the *Scientific American* magazine, 8 May 1897 issue. It describes the finding of William Bradford's journal which eventually became the book, *Of Plymouth Plantation*. – *The Editor*

The Log of the Mayflower

A graceful act of International courtesy on the part of the Consistory Court of London has drawn attention to the remarkable history of a manuscript volume which is essentially one of the most precious heirlooms of the American nation, although it has long been stored in English keeping. The Pilgrim Fathers who left their native land on board the *Mayflower* in 1620 bequeathed to their children a detailed chronical of all their doings in the form of a manuscript book, entitled "*The Log of the Mayflower*."

This volume, destined to acquire a unique importance as an historical document was compiled by William Bradford, one of the foremost members of that devoted band -- which set forth into the unknown for conscience sake -- and subsequent governor of Plymouth colony, and within its pages were recorded the names of all the Pilgrims and the chief incidents of their voyage and ultimate landing at Cape Cod. But the log of the Mayflower did not end with the voyage.

Its narrative was continued as a history of the formation of the first settlement at new Plymouth, and of the general colonization work of the next twenty-eight years. The inclusion of an official list of baptisms, marriages and funerals added a legal importance to the historical value of this authoritative account of the origin of New England. It was probably due to the circumstance that the volume was some time or another sent to the library of Fulham Palace, for up to the time of the Declaration of Independence the American Colonies, strangely enough, formed part of the diocese of London. Nothing is definitely known, however, of the transference of this valuable document from the new country to the old beyond the fact that it has been stored at Fulham Palace with other archives of the diocese of London.

But at last the historic log is to be restored to the Commonwealth of whose earnest beginnings it forms so precious a relic. At the application of the United States Ambassador, the Consistory Court of London has decided, with the approval of the bishop, to hand over the volume to the President of the United States, zincographic copies being kept for the diocesan registry and the Episcopal Library at Fulham Palace. This decision naturally recalls the tender solicitude with which everything associated with the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers is regarded by all true Americans. Anti-British politicians may do their utmost to prevent the tightening of the bonds of friendship which should unite the two great English-speaking peoples but there will still remain a huge section of new world inhabitants actuated by feelings of keenest admiration and deepest sympathy for the old mother country.

The State of Massachusetts is especially interested in the present act of courtesy. It was a vicar of Boston in Lincolnshire who practically founded the chief city of Massachusetts. Several of the earliest governors of Massachusetts hailed from Lincolnshire, Boston. Gov. Bellingham, whose character is sketched in "The Scarlet Letter," was recorded of the old England town. William Brewster, chief of the Pilgrim Fathers, and Wm. Bradford, who kept the log of the Mayflower, both suffered imprisonment at Boston before they managed to find a way of escape for their Puritan brethren. And, seeing that the new Boston claims to be "the hub of the universe," optimists may detect great significance in the generous surrender of what, to Bostonians even more than to Great Britain, is a precious historical record and antiquarian treasure.

The little village of Scrooby, on the borders of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, where Brewster lived and taught lessons in freedom to Bradford and other brave souls, has been denominated "the cradle of Massachusetts." And if so, why not "the cradle of the American nation"? The traveler on the Great Northern Railway from London may catch a glimpse of the slim white spire of Scrooby church on his left

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ere he reaches Doncaster. Visitors from Massachusetts know it well. There are two shrines that the enthusiastic American tourist never misses. One is Stratford on Avon; the other, Brewster's old manor house at Scroozby, with the neighboring village of Austerfield where William Bradford first saw the light.

There is comparatively little left of the structure that was familiar to the secret worshippers of Brewster's day. One of the few old oak beams remaining has already been secured by a descendent of the Pilgrim Father to adorn his dwelling across the seas, and, bit by bit, other memorials of the past are finding their way over the Atlantic to keep alive the kinship feeling between New England and the old. The Norman font at which William Bradford was baptized still occupies a place at Austerfield Church, and the parish register contains Bradford's baptismal entry.

This quaint old edifice sadly needs restoration and Americans, in particular, are being invited to contribute to the fund. So far, their response is not encouraging; nevertheless, the church wardens intend to retain the font. As the Earl of Crewe writes in this appeal on behalf of the memorial fund, Austerfield is linked with Scrooby, the home of Brewster, as a cradle of the Pilgrim Fathers; and so long as the sailing of the *Mayflower* remains one of the historic cameos upon which English and American eyes alike love to rest, the footsteps of travelers will turn toward these quiet little hamlets in reverence for the men who embarked on even nobler quests than did the fleet of Columbus. ★



In Memoriam

Ernest Adrian Hogan - OK 841- Wm. Brewster - b. 1-3-1924, d. 1-10-2017. *Foster parents for DHS of over 200 for 40 years; father of 5, grandfather of 12, g-grandfather of 25!*

Mildred Marie Kemper - OK 413 - William Brewster - b. 12-1-1914, d. 3-11-2018. *Mother of former GSMD Governor Rosalie Kemper Majors.*

Marion Ada Hicks Parlette - OK 92
Edward Doty - b. 4-13-1920, d. 3-11-2016
Greenville, SC. *A teenage super model in New York City, she later taught modeling in her studio in OKC.*

Cynthia Jo Snow Piette - OK 1019 - John Alden - b. 9-19-1951, d. 3-15-18. *Devoted wife, mother and grandmother.*

Sylvia Sue Ryan - OK 942 - Edward Fuller- b. 8-18-1934, d. 9-6-2018

Emalee M. Gibson Steele, OK 782 - John Howland - b. 12-2-1921, d. 3-17-2016



Did you Know? Some Mayflower passengers had been to America before. Several of the Mayflower's crew had made the journey at least once before, on either fishing or exploration trips. **Stephen Hopkins** had even tried to settle in the New World 10 years earlier, in the Jamestown colony of Virginia. His ship was wrecked off the coast of Bermuda, stranding him and his fellow passengers for several months. The story of the Virginia settlers' shipwreck and rescue made waves back home in England, and William Shakespeare freely admitted that he based his play "The Tempest" on the tale. He even may have named one of the characters, Stephano, after Stephen Hopkins, who was once one of Shakespeare's neighbors. Hopkins eventually returned to England and later joined the Mayflower as a member of the sympathetic group of supporters from London. ~ **History.com**

New Mayflower Members - Welcome!

OK #	Name	City	Ancestor
1029	Teresa Ellis Cales	Edmond	Billington
1030	Linda Brewster Kennedy	OKC	Brewster
1031	Ramona Harder	Tulsa	Brewster
1032	Cynthia Winfrey Purcell	Stillwater	Howland
1033	Robert Kent Draeger	Bixby	Fuller
1034	Nancy M. Young Cline	Tulsa	Doty
1035	Deborah Stone Hase	Jennings	Fuller
1036	Norma Jean Nichols	Bethel	Chilton
1037	Billy Gene Frosch	OKC	Bradford



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