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The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

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Message From the Governor



Lee Hardin Woody

Autumn has arrived in all its glory! Crisp, cool fall air, pumpkins and mums adorning door stoops, and leaves gently falling to the ground. Compact Day and Thanksgiving are just around the corner.

We hope that you are making plans to attend our

Compact Day Luncheon which will be held on Saturday, November 18, at The Commonwealth Club in Richmond. Please be sure to send in your Luncheon Reservation Form as soon as possible to Miss Mildred Ramos. Our speaker this fall will be John A. Caramia, Jr. His topic will be *Coffee, Tea, & Spirits in the Colonial World*. I look forward to seeing you there!

During the November luncheon we will be holding our fifth annual silent auction before the meeting to raise money to help support our Mildred Ramos Scholarship program. Since 2012 we have provided talented and deserving students the opportunity to

pursue their dreams of higher education. With your continued support, our goal is to expand the program in the future.

The 41st General Congress met this past September in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Our Society was represented by Former Governor General Mildred Ramos, Governor Lee Woody, Assistant Historian Deb Shea, Assistant Historian Cynthia Carlson, and Michael Beard. Topics discussed included voting on the proposed 2020 monument which will be an artistic representation of William Bradford writing the quote in his journal with his candle as an eternal flame and with a panel behind him with an original transcript of his quote, considering a proposal of Family Search to digitize the membership files, to approve a new member anniversary pin, and to create a quarterly lecture series at the Mayflower House focused on mission driven topics. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you at the November meeting.

In 2020 we will be commemorating the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of Plymouth Colony. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) has spearheaded several projects to commemorate the 400th anniversary which include plans to install a monument at Plymouth, a commemorative coin which requires approval by Congress, and a commemorative stamp which would draw attention to four specific topics which include the signing of the Mayflower Compact, the establishment of the first permanent European settlement in New England, the peaceful alliance with the Native American Wampanoags, and the First Thanksgiving. For more information on these projects, visit the GSMD web site at: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/members-only/2020-commemoration>.

Finally, we want your input. Your Virginia Board of Assistants welcomes your ideas about projects we could implement in our commonwealth that would commemorate the 2020 Commemoration. Please email/mail your suggestions to me at lhwoody@yahoo.com or 225 23rd Street Apt 302, Roanoke, VA 24014.

John A. Caramia, Jr.

John A. Caramia, Jr. retired in June 2015, after 33 years in the museum field. Currently he serves on two Boards - Mathews County Historical Society and Mathews County Historical Museum, which is in the process of developing a new museum for the county. From 2008 until June, 2015 he was the Director of Interpretive Programs for the Coastal Heritage Society in Savannah, Georgia. The Society operates five sites: Savannah History Museum, Georgia State Railroad Museum, Old Fort Jackson, Battlefield Park and Pin Point Heritage Museum. For five years (2002 – 2008) he was Vice President Education & Interpretation at Old Salem Museums and Gardens. Before that John worked at Colonial Williamsburg for over for 20 years and during that time has held a variety of positions including: Master Teacher in the Department of Interpretive Education, Assistant Director for the Department of Historic Trades, Manager of Economic Studies, Operations Manager and Program Manager. During those 20 years he was involved in interpretive planning, staff training, and managing site supervisors. John graduated from the State University of New York, College at Plattsburg in anthropology, with a minor in history. He did his doctoral work at the University of Georgia in Social Science Education. Prior to joining the staff at Williamsburg, John taught seventh grade in Peru, New York. After graduate school, he served as Supervisor of Student Teachers at the State University of New York, College at Plattsburgh. John has been a presenter at a number of international, national, and regional professional conferences. He has also been a consultant to and conducted workshops in interpretive planning and training for a number of historic sites and museums. John is a member of several professional museum organizations: AASLH (American Association for State and Local History), AAM (American Association of Museums), NAI (National Association of Interpreters), CMA (Coastal Museum Association where John served as President for two years) and ALHFAM (Association of Living History, Farm and Agriculture Museums) where he has served on the Board, as Vice-President and President. In 2011 John was presented the John T. Schlebecker Award from ALHFAM in recognition for his leadership and contributions to the field of living history and ALHFAM.

*Our Compact Day
Fall Luncheon
Meeting*
will be held
Saturday, November 18
at
The Commonwealth Club
Richmond, Virginia
Address and
Directions on page 7.
No-Host Social
12 Noon
Luncheon at 12:45 p.m.
Your Luncheon
Reservation Form
See Page 7

Check must be
received by
Saturday, November 11.

Draft Minutes of the Virginia Mayflower Society's Spring Luncheon Meeting at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Hotel in Portsmouth, Virginia on May 6, 2017

Governor Lee Woody called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, including first time attendees and guests.

Elder Nancy Barrow offered the Invocation and Blessing.

Captain Channing Zucker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Woody introduced those seated at the head table: Captain Channing Zucker, Historian James Callender, luncheon speaker Gary E. Baker, Secretary Rebekah Fleury and Elder Nancy Barrow. She also introduced Former Governor General and Past Governor Mildred Ramos, Past Governor Mark Cox, and Past Governor Martha Ellen Brockner who were also present.

After a recess for luncheon, the meeting reconvened.

Governor Woody introduced the speaker, Mr. Gary E. Baker, Norfolk Chrysler Museum Curator, who retired in 2007. Mr. Baker holds a Bachelor's Degree with a double major in Fine Arts and History from the College of William and Mary, and a Master's Degree from the University of Delaware, where he was a Winterthur Fellow in Early American Culture. Mr. Baker held curatorial positions at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk from 1982-2007. Beginning in 1990 he was the Curator of Glass and in 2002 he assumed additional duties as the Acting Curator of Decorative Arts and Historic Houses. His topic was about Tiffany Glass and the historical influences upon Louis Comfort Tiffany's designs. A power-point slide show accompanied Mr. Baker's informative and entertaining program.

The Roll Call of Passengers was read by Historian James Callender.

The minutes from the 2016 Fall meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Governor Lee Woody presented the Mildred Ramos Scholarship to Cecilia Noel Picard, the 2017 scholarship recipient. Miss Picard is an honor student at Briar Woods High School in Ashburn, VA, graduating in June 2017.

She plans to attend Adrian College in Adrian, MI, where she will study Sports Management. Unfortunately Miss Picard was unable to accept her award in person. Her winning essay can be viewed on the Virginia Mayflower Society's website.

Junior Membership Chair James Maloney's report was given by Governor Woody. He reported a total Junior Membership count of 299. Since January we have welcomed 3 new Junior members to the Virginia Mayflower Society.

Assistant Treasurer Janita Sullivan presented the Treasurer's report. The Virginia Mayflower Society has two accounts, the checking account at Union First Market Bank, to which all revenues are deposited and from which all payments are made. The second account is the investment account with BB&T. As of April 30, 2017 the checking account had a book balance of \$31,043.44 and the BB&T account had total assets of 49,939.52. The Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund had a balance of \$16,125.79 and the Memorial Fund had a balance of \$7,412.

Historian James Callender reported that the Virginia Mayflower Society has 21 new members since the 2016 Fall meeting, including 2 transfers. Seven members have transferred out. Two supplemental applications have been approved. There are currently 19 applications pending in Plymouth and we are working with 117 potential new members.

Governor Lee Woody announced that the 41st Mayflower Society General Congress will take place in Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 8-13, 2017. The business days will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 11th and 12th, with the closing banquet on Tuesday evening. Additional information about Congress activities will be posted on the General Society's website.

The next meeting of the Virginia Mayflower Society will be on November 18, 2017, at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond, VA.

Following the Benediction by Elder Nancy Barrow, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Rebekah B. Fleury, Secretary

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Board of Assistants*

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Governor Bradford is Looking for You!

Secretary Rebekah B. Fleury has had undeliverable newsletters and emails returned to her when sending the Virginia Mayflower Newsletter. Please notify Rebekah of any changes to your Postal address or to your e-mail address. Her address is: 10173 Granbury Circle, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

She'd also appreciate hearing from anyone who can help us re-establish contact with any of the following "lost members."

- Mr. Kenneth J. Armstrong, Irmo, SC
- Miss Claire McHenry Barlow, South Boston, MA
- Mr. Michael Wyler Cudworth, Grass Valley, CA
- Mr. John Ashton Edgar, Apple Valley, MN
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If you have not done so, please send us your e-mail address.

Allow your Virginia Mayflower Society to communicate with you more effectively by e-mail. To do so, please send us your e-mail address following these 4 steps:

1. Send an email to the Secretary using the contact form found on the Virginia Mayflower Society web page
2. In the Subject field of your e-mail please type "Mayflower E-Mail Request"
3. In the body of your message, please provide your name & address, noting any needed corrections or changes
4. If available, please include your Gen. Soc. Membership Number and/or your State Membership Number

In Memoriam

Mrs. Katherine Henley Bennett of Richmond, died May 29, 2017, GSMD No. 82521, VA No. 1363

Ms. Judith Haight Erickson of Fairfax, died July 14, 2016, GSMD No. 75749, VA No. 1174

Mrs. Shirley Jean Sayre Kane of Williamsburg, died June 14, 2017, GSMD No. 80888, VA No. 1312

Mrs. Deanna Davis McGonigle of Midlothian, died April 4, 2017, GSMD No. 75432, VA No. 1165

Hurricane Harvey

Texas Mayflower Society Governor Mike Nichols reports that he is still getting in touch with members to check the status of their safety and damage. The Texas Society requests that if you would like to help, please donate to one of the following places:

JJ Watts Foundation
<http://jjwffoundation.org>

Coastal Bend Community Foundation
<http://www.cbcbfoundation.org>

Donations should be marked as 'Harvey Relief'.

Please continue to keep Texas and Louisiana in your thoughts.

As this newsletter goes to press Hurricane Irma is making her way towards the continental United States. May all in her path stay strong and safe.

Congratulations are in Order!

Cecilia Picard, a graduate of Briar Woods High School in Ashburn, Virginia, and who is currently attending Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan is the 2017 Mildred Ramos Scholarship Winner. Cecilia is an honor student at her high school. In addition, she is a figure skater, and hopes to be a member of Adrian College's varsity ice skating team. She has been active in skating competitions and is a skating instructor. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as a Constance Hopkins Snow descendant. Her essay has been posted on the web site.



Your Board of Assistants Wants to Hear From You!

We would like your input regarding spring meetings! Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. You may email your responses to Lee Woody (lhwoody@yahoo.com) or mail them to her at:

225 23rd Street Apt 302
Roanoke, VA 24014

Thank you!

1. Spring meeting venue and location.

Which type of venue do you prefer?

- A. Luncheon at a hotel or semi-formal restaurant.
- B. Casual dining, family oriented.
- C. Picnic or open air setting.

Where in the Commonwealth would you like to attend a Spring meeting?

2. Activities.

Which type of activities would you like to have available to you in addition to our Spring meeting?

- A. Opportunity to visit historical sites.
- B. Children's activities.
- C. Additional social time with other Society members.

Please list the historical sites and/or activities that you are interested in.

Historian's Report

By Jamie Callender, 20 July 2017

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed 20 new Members, including 1 transfer, into the Virginia Society of Mayflower Descendants and have had 2 members transfer out and 4 supplemental applications approved. There are currently 19 applications pending at Plymouth. We are currently working with 136 potential new members.



New Applicants	Passenger	VA_Num	GSMD
John Collinson	John Alden	1563	90997
Kimberly Ann King	William Bradford	1564	91021
Cynthia Lucille Norman	William Bradford	1565	91022
Page Taft Pelliconi	John Rogers	1566	91023
William Picard	John Hopkins	1567	91220
James Mark LeMunyon	Stephen Hopkins	1568	91239
Sean McDonough	Edward Fuller	1569	91314
Karl Gansberg	Francis Cooke	1570	91355
Gabriel Hughes	John Howland	1571	91356
Jacqueline Keith	Richard Warren	1572	91357
David Paul Griffith	Myles Standish	1574	91503
Frederick Harvey Watkins	William Brewster	1575	91504
Barbara Jane Watkins	John Alden	1576	91551
Joanne Teresa Crane	Richard Warren	1577	91552
Mary Elizabeth Stone	Myles Standish	1578	91626
Michael Fredericks	Edward Fuller	1579	91639
Elisabeth Wood	Thomas Rogers	1580	91640
Martha Ann Buell	Stephen Hopkins	1581	91728
Christopher Byron Hilliard	William Brewster	1582	91729
Transfer In / Dual			
Evangeline Howard - from MD			
	Edward Doty	1573	90177
Transfer Out			
Martha R. Opuda Turner	George Soule	1376	83385
Shelley Church Rodgers	William White	0964	6846
Supplementals			
Jean Ann (Taake) Winter	William Bradford	0827	63464
Judith Whiting Letchworth	Francis Cooke	855	65335
Judith Whiting Letchworth	James Chilton	855	65335
Ames, William	John Howland	1513	88779

3. Speakers.

What type of speaker/program do you prefer?

- A. A local or venue oriented speaker.
- B. A speaker from Plymouth who can speak about our common heritage.
- C. An interactive program.

Please list the name of a speaker or program that you would be interested in hearing and/or send their name directly to Channing Zucker at chanz@cox.net.

We Welcome 3 new Junior Members to the Virginia Mayflower Society

By James Maloney, Jr.,
Junior Membership Chairman

Since January 2017, the following 3 people have become Junior members of the Virginia Society which brings the number of Junior members in the Virginia Society to 299:

Junior	Member #	Sponsor	Ancestor
Norah Mae Sorrell	700	Ella Mabie	Stephen Hopkins
Preston Michael Mabie	701	Ella Mabie	Stephen Hopkins
Trevor Frederick Mabie	702	Ella Mabie	Stephen Hopkins

Kudos to:

- Channing Zucker for organizing our Speaker Schedule.
- Rebekah Fleury and Sandra Alley for assisting with editing our newsletters.
- John Alden Copenhaver and Dawn Goldstine for working on developing educational resources for our members and educators to access.
- Janita Sullivan for her dedication as assistant treasurer.
- Our historians for their efforts in guiding prospective members through the membership process.

If you are interested in volunteering and serving in some capacity, please contact Lee Woody (lhwoody@yahoo.com) or 225, 23rd Street Apt. 302 Roanoke, VA 2401. Volunteer opportunities abound!

Fifth Silent Auction Will Benefit Scholarship Fund

The Fifth Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund Silent Auction will be held during the social hour before the November Compact Day Luncheon. Minimum bids will be established for each item. The monies raised will be donated to the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund. Be sure to bring your check book and be generous. If you would like to donate an item to be included in the auction, please contact James Maloney at mayflower@maloneylaw.com.



Please share your e-mail address with us.
Send it to
Secretary@VirginiaMayflower.org
(Include your full name.)

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Junior Membership

in the Virginia Mayflower Society is available to all those with proven lineages of any age up to 18 and may continue up to the age of 25. After Junior members turn 18, they may apply for regular membership in the Society.

To request junior membership for your children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, please provide James H. Maloney with the following information:

1. Full name of applicant
2. Date of Birth
3. Place of Birth
4. Mayflower Ancestor
5. Full names of parents and their address
6. Full name and address of the Sponsor of Applicant for Junior Membership
7. Sponsor's Virginia State Membership number
8. Sponsor's relationship to Applicant

There is a \$10 fee per applicant, so please include a check payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society along with the requested information.

When the process is complete, James Maloney will send the Junior Membership Certificate to the Junior Member at the address of the parents unless otherwise instructed. Please contact him if you have any questions.

James's address is:

1763 Bluff Mountain Farm
Madison, VA 22727-3379

If you are a junior member who has reached your 18th birthday, consider becoming a full member by submitting an application. Please contact the person who sponsored your Junior membership and Historian Jamie Callender for more information about the membership process.

John Alden Copenhaver

Education Chairman

We are continuing to work toward connecting the considerable resource information available through the General Society of Mayflower Descendants website and school systems in the state of Virginia. Appropriate resources from the website as well as from the bookstore in Plymouth have been identified. This research is ongoing.



Once a selection of appropriate Pilgrim History material has been finalized, the next step will be to research contacts within county school systems. Contacts may include supervisors in charge of social studies programs, language arts, visual arts, etc. This information could also be of value as a resource to student teachers enrolled in collegiate programs as they learn to develop lesson plans. Once this list of potential interested parties has been compiled, then contact will be made indicating this material is available.

We will also research current Standards of Learning objectives required to be taught by the state of Virginia and suggest that the appropriate SOL may be coordinated with the Pilgrim History material. Some of the material available from the website is already in a lesson plan format.

We are reaching out to friends who are currently involved as professionals in the Virginia school system as part of the research in an effort to develop something which will be useful and relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

John Alden Copenhaver, Jr.
September, 2017

Visit our web site

VirginiaMayflower.org

for updates and additional information
about our state society.

The Virginia Mayflower Society

Fall Luncheon and General Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 18, 2017

The Virginia Mayflower Society will meet at the Commonwealth Club, 401 West Franklin Street,
Richmond, VA 23220

12:00 Noon – No-Host Social

12:45 p.m. – Luncheon

- Menu -

Our Compact Luncheon will feature: Parisian Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing; Turkey; Dressing; Gravy; Cranberry Sauce; Mashed Potatoes; String Beans Almondine; Assortment of rolls; Coffee, ice tea and water; Pumpkin Pie

\$33.00 per person

Child (12 and under) \$16.50

My enclosed check in the amount of \$ _____ covers _____ Luncheon reservation(s).

Please make check payable to "Virginia Mayflower Society"

My guest(s) will be:

Member's(s) name(s):

(1) _____
 (2) _____
 (3) _____ Telephone # _____

Check if: New Member OR First Time Attending Junior Member

Please mail your reservation and check by Saturday, November 11 to:

Miss Mildred Ramos, Assistant Secretary, 1600 Westbrook Ave., Apt. 635, Richmond, VA 23227
 (804) 264-6793

Directions to the Commonwealth Club

The address of The Commonwealth Club, where our Compact Day luncheon meeting will start at 12 noon Nov. 18, is 401 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Va. 23220. Ample free parking is available in the club's own private lots adjacent to its building, as well as on the streets adjacent to the club, where the city's parking meter ordinance is not enforced on Saturdays. The Commonwealth Club's phone number is (804) 648-6543.

- From Washington, D.C. and Fredericksburg: I-95 South to Exit 76-B, Belvidere. At traffic light turn left onto Leigh Street. At the next traffic light turn right onto Belvidere. Continue south on Belvidere, then turn left at the fifth traffic light onto Franklin Street. The Commonwealth Club is in the second block on your right.
- From Harrisonburg, Waynesboro and Charlottesville: Take I-64 East to I-95 South. Take Exit 76-B (Belvidere), following directions given above. • From Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Newport News: Take I-64 West to the Fifth Street Exit (stay in the center lane as you enter downtown Richmond). Proceed 8 blocks, then turn right onto Main Street (one way) and proceed west 9 blocks. Turn into the Commonwealth Club's parking lot (black iron fence with "Commonwealth Club" sign).
- From Petersburg, Hopewell and Emporia: Traveling north on I-95, take Exit 74-A as you cross the James River onto the 195 Downtown Expressway. Take the exit marked Belvidere (pay toll). At the first traffic light, turn right onto Belvidere and proceed north on Belvidere to the third traffic light. Turn right onto Franklin Street and go two blocks. The Commonwealth Club is on the right. Please observe the Commonwealth Club's Dress Code: Jackets and ties are required of gentlemen. "Business casual" attire is appropriate for ladies. (Jeans, shorts, sneakers, sweat pants and flip-flops are not permitted.)



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