

Howdy Pilgrim

T E X A S S O C I E T Y O F M A Y F L O W E R D E S C E N D A N T S

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Governor Carolyn McCall

20011-2013 Elected Officers

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Dear Members,
 Fall is in the air, temperatures are cooling down and rain has finally come to the State of Texas. Let us thank our Lord for this blessing.

The Thirty-ninth Mayflower General Congress is over. It was a Congress full of activity, suspense, anxiety, and colorful spirited debate. Our Pilgrim Fathers were known for their extensive discussion and they even argued with the Mayflower crew about the ale as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean. The present descendants of these stalwart people seem to have inherited some of this flare and there was a lot of discussion on the floor throughout the business sessions. There were 334 voting delegates and of this number, Texas had 15 votes and 5 votes to cast. The Texas delegates are to be congratulated upon the way they handled business. Our DGG, Bart Henson, called for caucus sessions where our delegates had an opportunity to discuss each candidate. We also discussed all of the bylaws. It was a real learning session. There were thirty-six bylaw changes submitted to the Congress for consideration.

According to my records, about eight of the bylaws passed and the rest were tabled. Then came the election of officers and the following officers were elected:

Governor General – Bruce MacGunnigle
 Assistant Governor General – Lea Filson
 Historian General – Paul S. Bumpus
 Secretary General – Susan Roser
 Treasurer General – Donald T. Studley
 Captain General – Kenneth R. Callison
 Elder General – Rev. Dr. C. Corydon Randall II
 Counselor General – Sarah Clingman, Esq.
 Surgeon General – George Garmany, Jr. MD
 Member-At-Large – Virginia Mucciaccio - MA
 Member-At-Large – Kenneth Whitemore CA
 Member-At-Large - Priscilla G. Usher – R.I.

These officers were installed that night following the banquet. It is the duty and responsibility of the members to uphold these officers and help them to do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

Now, we must turn our eyes to the Thanksgiving Season and Compact Day. The month of November will be a busy month of activity as the eight Texas Colonies celebrate Compact Day. How many of us stop and think about the other day that we can celebrate? Yes, I am thinking about Founders Day. Our Pilgrim Fathers faced a near mutiny before the Mayflower reached the tip of Cape Cod. It seems some passengers thought that since they were out of the reach of England and English Law, they could do as they pleased. They thought they could take their freedom as soon as they landed. The Pilgrim leaders knew they would need all of the people to work together to survive that first winter. There were trees that needed to be cut down and logs hauled and thatch to build houses. The leaders came together and wrote the Mayflower Compact whereby all of the men, including the indentured servants, signed it acknowledging the fact they would abide by laws drawn up by male members of the community. The Compact became the constitution of Plymouth Colony. It was the first document of American democracy to establish “government of the people,

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GOVERNOR'S CORNER CONTINUES

by the people and for the people." The Mayflower Compact was signed on board the ship "Mayflower" at Cape Cod on November 21, 1620. The compact was the official Constitution of Plymouth Colony for over 70 years and is considered the first American State Paper.

The Pilgrims did not remain at Cape Cod because of some hostile Indians. They sailed along the coast and explored what is now

known as Plymouth Harbor and spent some time on what is now known as Clark's Island. They decided that the mainland would be a good place to build their new homes. They weighed anchor and sailed into Plymouth Harbor. It was near Plymouth that the Pilgrims landed on December 21, 1620. This date has become

known as Founders Day. This coming December 21, 2011 we will celebrate 391 years since the founding of Plymouth Colony which is now known as Plymouth, Massachusetts.

I hope all of our Texas members will have a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in Tyler for our Annual Conference, March 30 & 31, 2012.

Carolyn McCall

TEXAS DELEGATION ENJOYS CONGRESS

A strong Texas delegation "came home" to Plymouth for the Triennial Congress and we had a great time punctuated by some not so boring business meetings. The highlights of the business meeting are covered elsewhere in the newsletter in an article by our Governor, Carolyn McCall.

For those of you who have never been to Plymouth and environs, there are a number of great things to do and see. Among them are: Pilgrim Monument at Provincetown where the Mayflower first anchored;

Plimoth Plantation, which is a great "live site" where a 1627 Plimoth village scene is acted out daily and where some of us experienced a shortened version of a Pilgrim worship service on Sunday; Mayflower II, a full size replica of the Mayflower in the Plymouth harbor open to visit; Mayflower house which is a beautiful old 18th century home that is the Mayflower headquarters and contains a great antique collection; Plymouth Hall museum containing actual Pilgrim antiques and a telling of the story; and Burial Hill where

many of our ancestors are buried and is the site of the first meeting house.

Plymouth weather was just wonderful, clear and dry, typical of this time of year. Plymouth missed hurricane Irene. On Sunday, 9/11, we joined the Pilgrim march (in costume) to the old church. We paused at the monument at the top of the hill overlooking the portico where the remnants of Plymouth rock are found, and joined in singing God Bless America with those who were there for the remembrance ceremony being

held for the 9/11 victims. It was a moving time.

If ever you have a chance to visit Plymouth and revisit your roots, I highly encourage it, especially as we near the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower.

Your faithful Deputy Governor General,

Bart Hansen

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

A reminder from your friendly Treasurer — the 2012 Annual Dues are due before January 1, 2012 for all Members who are not Life Members.

Annual dues are \$25.00, and include your state dues, your

General Society membership and your subscription to The Mayflower Quarterly.

Please mail your check for \$25 made out to Texas SOMD to:

Mike Nichols, Treasurer
310 Clovis Drive
Georgetown, Texas
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Mike Nichols



GSMD 39TH CONGRESS PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS



Plimoth Plantation



Texas Delegation at Work



Texas Delegates At Leisure



Newly Elected 2011/2014 Officers



**Governor Carolyn McCall and
Husband Thomas
Enjoy Closing Banquet**



**Barbara Williams, Charles Prince and Barbara's
Granddaughter Attend Church Services**

TEXAS SOCIETY LOSES PAST GOVERNORS

DONALD GEORGE PRAY

Mr. Donald Pray died Sunday, July 31, 2011, and was buried in Cope Cemetery. Mr. Pray married Betty Ann Williams and they remained married for 59 years, until her death.

Mr. Pray received a bachelor's degree in physics from TCU, then a master's degree in mechanical engineering from SMU. He

was employed as an engineer at General Dynamics, Bell Helicopter Textron, Northrop Grumman and Donald G Pray, consultants.

He was a member of SAR, NRA, International Pray Family Association, Fort Worth Geneological Society, Train Collectors' Association, Society of Mayflower Descendants in

Texas, and Scottish Rite, Masons, Legion of Honor.

Mr. Pray served as D/FW Colony Governor, and Governor of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants from 1991-1993.

He will be missed. D/FW Colony remembers his contributions with deep respect.



Linda Hill and Donald Pray

WILLIAM J NEWCOMB

Mr. William J. Newcomb, better known to the Texas Society as Bill, died on September 2, 2011, at the age of 91.

Bill loved the Texas Society and served as the State Governor from 1989-1991. He was a member of the Board of Assistants representing the San Antonio Colony for many years where he was a valued member for his wise council and advice.

Bill was a graduate of North Dallas High School, received a B.S.B.A from the University of Denver and an M.B.A. from St. Mary's University. He also served in the Army Air Corps during WW II, where he taught classes in radar, then a top secret invention. The remainder of his life was spent in government work.

Bill was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Bill loved the outdoors, especially fly fishing in Alaska and Colorado along with golf in which he excelled. Working in his garden was a favorite pastime along with membership in the Men's Garden Club of San Antonio.

Persons remembering Bill who might wish to honor him may do so through the Texas Mayflower Society by sending a check in memory to the state treasurer.



William J. (Bill) Newcomb

TYLER PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Texas Society, the Tyler Colony cordially invites all Delegates and Guests to meet here in Tyler, Texas on March 30 - 31, 2012, for the Society's annual conference and business meetings. Come and enjoy the comfortable amenities of the Holiday Inn South Broad-

way located at 5701 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75703. If you allow enough time, visit our world famous rose garden and museum or drive through Tyler's azalea district and view some of the regions most outstanding home landscaping. The peak foliage along the azalea trail will coincide with our meeting dates.

There are many other things to see and do in the Tyler and surrounding area, but your comfort during your stay while conducting Mayflower business is our primary objective.

Book your room now at the rate of \$94 + tax per night. You can do this by calling (903)561-5800. If you have

any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (903)894-7319.

Sincerely,

Kevin McGall

Tyler Colony Governor

EDUCATION IS OUR DUTY

By Judie Rew Allen



The National Monument to the Forefathers was erected in 1889. It is an 81 foot memorial dedicated to the four virtues that brought the Pilgrims to the New World.

Morality, Law, Education and Liberty.

As members of the Mayflower Society it is our duty to share the heritage and to carry on the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors. As Education Committee chairman, I would like to encourage each colony of the Texas SOMD to emphasize and share with their community the struggles and accomplishments of our ancestors which grew our nation's deep roots of morality, law, education and liberty.

There are many ways to spread the

history. Often, this will take only a little time and money. It just requires a creative mind and a heart for duty. If I can be of assistance, please let me know. I would like to keep a list of ways and places to share history so let me know if your colony tries something new. I will keep you informed about new information and opportunities throughout the year. For now, I will share a few ideas.

First, there is an interesting free website titled, "The Spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers", a heritage resource packet for schools written for the Sherwood Forest Trust in association with the Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association by Maggie Morland M.ED. There is an informative timeline on this site of interest to all descendants.

The updated website of the Mayflower Society has many new items. Some of these, such as, coloring books and new "booklets" about many individuals may be purchased for as little as \$3.00. Carolyn Doyle is most helpful when you call and order.

Some areas have more difficulty presenting programs in the public schools because schedules and curriculum do not allow this type of activity.

If you have difficulty getting into the public school classroom, offer your help providing assistance and information to teachers of all grade levels. Remember to contact area private schools, home school coordinators and daycares. Often, these groups are most welcoming to outside resources.

If it is difficult to get into schools in your community, think about your library programs and display cases. In November, our library will display a collection of pictures, articles and items I have collected. In this display case will be contact numbers where individuals can order, book presentations, or download Mayflower information.

Finally, remember community organizations. There are "study clubs" and genealogical groups in almost every community. Spreading the history and educating is not limited to children. Remember, our goal is to share the heritage and to carry on the memory of our Pilgrim ancestors.

You can email me at rew5@suddenlink.net.

Judie Allen

RESIGNATION, REINSTATEMENT, AND FORFEITURE

Save \$25 by paying your dues on time! A Texas Society of Mayflower Descendant (TXSOMD) member who forfeits membership for nonpayment of dues must do the following to be reinstated according to the Bylaws:

Make application in writing to the Corresponding Secretary, pay the current year's dues, and pay the dues for the year in which the membership was forfeited.

However, in lieu of a dues payment, a member in good standing may resign by sending a letter addressed to the Society to the Corresponding Secretary BEFORE JANUARY 15th. A member who resigns in good standing may be granted reinstatement if an application is made in writing to the Corresponding Secretary. The applicant will resume membership upon payment of annual dues. This saves one year's dues payment.

Please review the Bylaws in Article III, Section 5, for Resignation, Reinstatement, and Forfeiture.

Questions should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary: Prarie Counce, 2040 Saint Pierre Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006-4341, 972-417-2456, prariec@me.com

Prarie Counce

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our new members who have been approved or transferred into the Texas Society since the publication of our last newsletter.

83375	2850	Judith Carolyn Davis Downey	Chicago, IL	William White
83436	2851	Thomas John Farina II	Ft Worth	Isaac Allerton
83437	2852	Lisa Ann Reid Hansen	Beaumont	Richard Warren
83453	2853	Nancy Marie Peet Gilbert	Arlington	William White
83483	2854	Ann Marie Gervig Mitchell	Lorena	Richard Warren
83489	2855	Kathleen Gayle Phillips Kelley	Denton	Francis Cooke
83501	2856	Jacqueline Walsh DuBose Wilkinson	McKinney	Richard Warren
83502	2857	Leslie Ann Watson	Sugar Land	John Howland
83503	2858	Rebecca Elizabeth Watson	Sugar Land	John Howland
83504	2859	Timothy Ross Watson	Sugar Land	John Howland
83505	2860	Timothy Allen Watson	Sugar Land	John Howland
83511	2861	Lance Stewart Jones	Arlington	Richard Warren
83512	2862	Marissa Michelle Galt Bondurant	San Antonio	Stephen Hopkins
83513	2863	Evan Douglas Galt	Shavano Park	Stephen Hopkins
83514	2864	Briana Nicole Galt	Shavano Park	Stephen Hopkins
83515	2865	Jeffery Chandler Galt	Shavano Park	Stephen Hopkins
57663	2866	Barbara Barney Nelson	Alpine	William Bradford
83543	2867	Teresa Rene' Lindsay Cravens	Orchard Park, NY	Thomas Rogers
83544	2866	Marsha Kay Morgan Kaspareit	Allen	John Howland

We also wish to warmly welcome our new Junior member and his sponsor approved since the last newsletter.

Jr #	Name	Sponsor	Ancestor
1074	Henry Eldon Williams	Ruth Heddon	Henry Samson

The following members have added Supplemental ancestors since our Spring newsletter—Congratulations!

Name	Ancestors
Mark Daniel Clapp	William Brewster
Marcy Clapp Barkemeyer	William Brewster
Michael Wayne Clapp	William Brewster
Harold Monroe Walden, Jr	Thomas Rogers, Richard Warren
Margaret (Peggy) Buell Durack	Priscilla Mullins, Richard Warren
Alton Lee Gilbert	Richard Warren, Samuel Fuller, John Billington, John Tilley
David Berton Meade	Richard Warren (2nd line)
David Walter Kaspareit	John Howland
Lawrence King Casey, Jr	Joseph Rogers
Julie Larson Mudry	William Brewster
Nancy Freeman Powers	Stephen Hopkins, (2nd line) Giles Hopkins
Judie Anne Rew Allen	Richard Warren, William Mullins
Patricia Carolyn Bayley DiCuffa	Francis Cooke
Heidi Anne Doss Higginbotham	George Soule
Sandra Ruth Kleppin Lewis	Francis Cooke

I N M E M O R I A M

The following members passed away since the last issue of the Texas Society newsletter.

Carolyn McCarver Krepper	February 11, 2011
Samuel S Lord, Jr	May 27, 2011
James Aaron Schmulen, III	October 26, 2008
Charles R Davis	November 4, 2001
Donald R Pray	July 31, 2011
William J. Newcomb	September 2, 2011

These deceased members will be honored at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

C A L E N D A R O F U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

COLONY FALL MEETINGS

Central Texas Compact Day Program "Plymouth and the 39th GSMD Congress"	November 5, 2011	Berry Creek CC Dwight Benson	11:30
DFW Compact Day Program "The United States—A Christian Nation"	November 12, 2011	Royal Oaks CC Captain David Kaspareit	11:30
Tyler Compact Day	November 12, 2011	Hamilton West Condominium Clubhouse	11:00
West Texas Compact Day Program Original Foods and Clothing of the First Thanksgiving with Samples	November 13, 2011	Ward Community Center	1:30
San Antonio Compact Day	November 19, 2011	Doubletree Hotel	11:30
Corpus Christi Compact Day	November 19, 2011	Corpus Christi Yacht Club	11:30
Houston Compact Day Program "Dearest Friend, The Letters of John and Abigail Adams"	November 20, 2011	Braeburn CC Dr. Joe and Lynn Rice	12:30
Waco Forefather's Day Program Clark Nauert—Musical Instructor Guitarist	December 3, 2011	Raymond's Southern Kitchen McLennan Community College and Classical	11:30



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