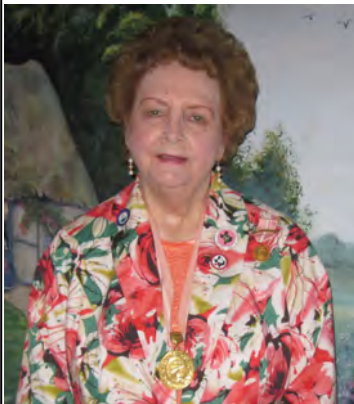


Howdy Pilgrim

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

Carolyn McCall, Governor
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 Prarie Counce, Corresponding Secretary
 Linda Hill, Recording Secretary
 Mike Nichols, Treasurer
 Laurie Behn, Lead Historian
 Nancy Powers, Co-Historian
 Ann Harder, Elder
 Michael Byrne, Captain
 Waid Rogers, Surgeon
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 Peggy Jared, Nominating Committee

Dear Members,

The holiday season is over and we have entered into the year 2012. I am sure that some of us have made New Year Resolutions of which some will be kept and others not kept. As we enter into this New Year, let us strive to make it a good and wonderful year for our Mayflower organization and colony work.

The Annual Conference of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas is set for March 30 - 31, 2012 in the lovely city of Tyler located in the deep Piney Woods of East Texas. It is scheduled at the seasonal time of the Azalea Trails and the spring blooming of the roses. Tyler is known as one of the Rose Capitals of the world. We hope you will plan to attend the conference and arrive in time to enjoy the beautiful spring festive season. The Tyler Colony Conference Committee is working hard to make this a very enjoyable and memorable occasion.

We plan to do things differently this year so we can enjoy our "two break" out sessions and fellowship

with each other and still accomplish the business of the organization. Our bylaws say on page 131, ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF ASSISTANTS, Section 2, A. "The board of Assistants/Directors shall: 8. Hear reports from various committees, taking action as appropriate."

In Robert's Rules Of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, page 342, under Usual Order of Business in Ordinary Societies, No.2 Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees (turn to page 344) it says: "In most societies it is customary to hear reports from all officers, boards and standing committees only at annual meetings." On pages 493 and 494 under Committee Reports, it says that "all committee reports should in general be submitted in writing except under special conditions, such as, if read, it should be brief enough for the Recording Secretary to write it down."

So taking all of this information into consideration, I am asking all officers and committee chairmen to write their reports and send them to our Corresponding Secretary, Prarie Counce, by

March 15, 2012. Please send your reports by regular mail or e-mail to Prarie by March 15th so she will have time to send them out to all Officers, BOA Members and Committee Chairmen via e-mail. Please keep your reports brief and to the point. If you have a committee report that does not require action by the body, make sure that Prarie has a copy of your report to send out and then you will need to send a copy of your report to our Recording Secretary, Linda Hill, to be filed. You can reach Prarie Counce at 2040 St. Pierre Drive, Carrollton, Texas 75006 or prariec@me.com. Linda Hill's address is 2405 Treyburn Ct., Plano, Texas 75075-2552, liwagg@yahoo.com.

Another thing to remember is to bring your copies of the reports with you to the conference. We do not want to take up time passing out copies of these reports at the meetings as this takes up a lot of time. Our goal is to streamline everything possible so our business sessions will flow and we can accomplish the needed business for this conference in the shortest amount of time. Please feel free to contact me if you have

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GOVERNOR'S CORNER CONTINUES

any questions about the reports.

If you are planning to attend the conference and you are coming alone but would like to share a room with someone of the same gender and split the cost, then send your name to Prarie Counce. I have asked Prarie to coordinate roommates of the same

gender for the conference. She will handle matching up roommates but she will not be responsible for making your room reservation. You and your roommate will have to do that part.

I look forward to seeing you here in the beautiful city of Tyler on March 30- 31, 2012. Remember that the conference

will begin on Friday afternoon approximately 3 P.M. with the Board of Assistants Meeting followed by the Governor's reception at 7:00 P.M. and concludes after the banquet on Saturday evening. Until then, take care of yourselves.

Carolyn McCall,

Governor

TYLER COLONY HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING

Fellow Pilgrims,

Plans are well under way for the 2012 annual meeting set to take place on March 30-31, 2012. We have arranged for fine accommodations at the Holiday Inn South Broadway located at 5701 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703. Rooms can be reserved now by calling (903)561-5800.

The room rate is \$94+ tax per night.

Other meeting directives are included in the Registration Form found on page 6 of this newsletter. The form should be self-explanatory, however if the need arises, I can be reached at (903)894-7319 to assist you in any way.

We anxiously await your pilgrimage to the Rose City, and hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and are enjoying a Happy New Year.

Kevin McCall,

Tyler Colony Governor

CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you have changed your e-mail address in the past 12 months, please notify the State Corresponding Secretary, Prarie Counce, at prariec@me.com

Many e-mails were returned undeliverable when dues notices were sent out in the fall. The rising cost of postal

mailing has made e-mailing a much more efficient method of dues billing. Savings can occur only if we have your correct e-mail address.

Many of us change our email addresses far more frequently than we change our phone numbers. Keep us in mind when you change yours.

We appreciate your help!

Prarie Counce,

Corresponding Secretary



BYLAWS COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

The Bylaws Committee makes the following recommendations for consideration at the 2012 Annual Meeting:

1. Article VI, Section 2: Strike the existing provision: "The annual Meeting shall be rotated among the colonies in alphabetical order of the colony names. If a colony cannot host the Annual Meeting, the next colony in alphabetical order will be chosen.

Substitute the following: "**The Annual Meeting place shall be chosen by the hosting colony. The hosting colonies shall progress through a repeating eight-year cycle with Dallas/Fort Worth occupying the first and fifth years; Houston occupying the second and sixth years; San Antonio occupying the third and seventh years; Waco occupying the fourth year; and the other colonies, in alphabetical order of the colony names, given the chance to occupy the eighth year.**"

RATIONALE: To comply with the changes approved at the 2011 Annual Meeting concerning location of the Annual Meeting.

2. Strike Standing Rule 9, "No member shall be elected to more than one state office at one time." Renumber existing Standing Rules accordingly.

Insert provision in Article IV, Section 2 so the Section 2 reads as follows: Officers shall be elected by a majority vote in odd numbered years at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. **No member shall be elected to more than one state office at one time.**

All officers, except the Governor/President and Deputy Governor, may serve more than one consecutive term in the same office. No officers, except the Co-Historians, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. These officers may serve three terms.

RATIONALE: As the statement applies to election of officers, all such provisions should be together and have the same status.

3. Strike Standing Rule 10, "No funds are provided by the Society to reimburse any member, officer, or director for expenses to any National meeting." Renumber Standing Rules accordingly.

Insert provision in Article IV, Section 6, E, 14 so that provision reads: Reimburse proper Society expenses incurred by officers of the Society. **No funds are provided by the Society to reimburse any member, officer, or director for expenses to any National or General Society meeting.**

RATIONALE: In the past, some officers have attempted to collect from the State Society expenses incurred by fulfilling the duties of their positions; others have stated they would perform some particular activity if they were reimbursed by the State Society. This provision brings together matters relating to expenditures and gives them equal status.

4. Article VIII Section 1: Insert "**(except the Nominating Committee; see Article V, Section 1)**" and add the Phrase "**and Library**" at end of statement. The provision now reads: There shall be the following Standing Committees composed of not fewer than three (3) members each **(except the Nominating Committee; see Article V, Section 1)**: Finance, Education, Bylaws, Awards, Newsletter/Publications, Public Relations, Auditing, Nominating, Membership, Endowment, and **Library**.

BYLAWS PROPOSALS CONTINUED

RATIONALE Part 1—Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee membership is covered in the Article cited and does not need to be specified here. But it is a Standing Committee and is listed with the other committees.

RATIONALE Part 2—The Library Committee is functioning as a Standing Committee and with the General Society's publication of new volumes and revisions of previous ones, the work of the committee is an on-going process. The committee needs permanent status.

5. Article VIII Section 2, strike "with the approval of the Board of Assistants/Directors." The provision now reads as follows: **Special Committees shall be appointed by the Governor/President when needed.**

RATIONALE: This change brings provision into agreement with Article IV Section 6 A 5.

6. Insert a new section in Article VIII: COMMITTEES concerning the Library Committee. It shall read as follows:

K. The Library Committee shall purchase and distribute Mayflower Five Generations Project Publications, identified in the *Mayflower Quarterly*, to designated libraries within the area of each colony, as necessary, to maintain up-to-date collections at each library.

RATIONALE: With the Library Committee listed as one of the Standing Committees, its duties should be included in the bylaws.

7. Standing Rule 13, "The Texas State Charter and archives are kept in The University of Texas at San Antonio Institute of Texan Cultures. The San Antonio Colony is custodian of this material. Anyone with memorabilia to be stored in archives should contact the San Antonio Colony for appropriate cataloging and storage."

Substitute the following phrasing: **The Texas State Charter and archives are kept in The University of Texas at San Antonio Institute of Texan Cultures. Other records and materials of the Society of the Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas are currently kept in a secure storage unit in San Antonio. The San Antonio Colony is custodian of all these materials. Anyone with items to be stored either in the Institute or the storage facility should contact the San Antonio colony for appropriate cataloging and storage.**

RATIONALE: The Society of the Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas currently has two separate storage repositories. Both facilities need to be addressed in this Standing Rule.

8. Create a new article, **Article XVI: DISSOLUTION PROCEDURES**

Section 1: State Society.

Although the period of duration of the is perpetual, if for any reason the Texas Society is to dissolve or otherwise terminate, the following procedures shall be followed:

A. Dissolution of the Texas Society may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Assistants voting in a regularly called meeting of the Board. Notice of the dissolution proposal to the general membership shall be in the manner specified for proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Voting of the general membership shall be by written ballot, and a majority of ballots received shall be required for dissolution of the Society.

B. The Society shall comply with the procedures in the Bylaws of the General Society.

BYLAWS PROPOSALS CONTINUED

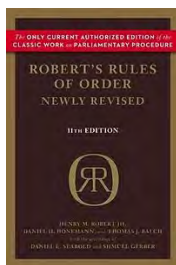
- C. All debts of the Texas Society shall be paid.
- D. Any property which has been loaned to the Texas Society shall be returned to its owner.
- E. Any historical documents, artifacts, or any moneys remaining in the Texas Society treasury shall be given to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants or a *Mayflower* project as determined by vote of the Board of Assistants. If the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is not in existence, any assets of the Texas Society shall be given to a non-profit organization whose mission is education and the historical documents delivered to a repository appropriate for the materials of the Mayflower era.
- F. No moneys shall inure to a member or individual as specified in Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2 Dissolution of Colonies

Colonies must have a membership of ten (10) active members to form. If a colony falls below that membership or for any other reason feels it cannot continue to exist, the colony may choose, by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting, to dissolve. If a colony should find it necessary to dissolve, it shall follow the following procedures:

- A. The Colony Governor shall notify the State Governor of the intent to dissolve.
- B. All artifacts of the colony shall be delivered to the Texas Society. If said Texas Society no longer exists, the artifacts shall be delivered to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants or, in the case that the General Society no longer exists, shall deliver said artifacts to an appropriate repository or museum.
- C. All debts of the colony shall be paid.
- D. Any moneys remaining shall be sent to the Texas Mayflower Fund. If the Texas Society no longer exists, said moneys shall be donated to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. If said General Society no longer exists, the moneys shall be donated to a 501 (c) (3) organization, chosen by the Colony officers, which has as its main purpose education.
- E. No moneys or artifacts shall inure to any individual.

RATIONALE: The Internal Revenue Service has required numerous 501 (c) (3) entities to include a dissolution clause in bylaws. In addition, one Texas colony has become completely inactive and sought information about how to formally dissolve. No provisions were in our bylaws. Thus, a need exists for such a provision.



The parliamentary authority of the Society is “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” (the most recent edition should be used.)



2012 Annual Conference Registration Form

Hosted by the Tyler Colony of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants

Member's Name: _____ Spouse/Guest's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Approved Pilgrim Ancestor(s): _____

Current State and/or Colony Office(s): _____

Registration Fee Members: _____ @ \$15.00 each Guests: _____ @ \$ 5.00 each Total \$ _____

Friday Governor's Reception Members: _____ @ no charge Guests: _____ @ no charge

Saturday Luncheon (three-course plated meal with salad, entrée, dessert & iced tea or coffee)

Members: _____ @ \$24.00 each Guests: _____ @ \$24.00 each Total \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet (will be served buffet style)

Members: _____ @ \$30.00 each Guests: _____ @ \$30.00 each Total \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

If you have any questions or any specific dietary needs, please contact Betty Corcoran at bboptyler@att.net or 903-534-0742.

Let us know if you are coming a day early and/or staying a day late and need information about Tyler's rose gardens & azalea trails, the superb Caldwell zoo or any other East Texas attractions!

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS: March, 19, 2012

Make check payable to *Tyler Colony SOMD* and mail with registration form to:

Ms. Betty Corcoran, Treasurer
 Tyler Colony SOMD
 1521 Rice Road, R-103
 Tyler, Texas 75703-3226

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

March 30 – 31, 2012

Friday, March 30, 2012

2:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Registration

3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Board of Assistants Meeting

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Governor's Reception

Saturday, March 31, 2012

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service

9:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. Morning Business Session

10:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. Break

11:45 A.M. Recess for Lunch

12 Noon – Lunch

1:30 P.M. Break Out sessions (Choice of Two Sessions)

“How to Make Your Colony Meetings Fun and Interesting for Your Members”

Facilitator, Charles Prince

“Economic Issues Confronting the U.S. Economy”

Facilitator, Dr. Lacy Hunt

2:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. Break

2:30 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. Afternoon Business Session

4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Board of Assistants Meeting

7:00 P.M. Banquet

All meetings and meals are located at the Holiday Inn South Broadway in Tyler.

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AWARDS COMMITTEE DEADLINE NEARS

The Awards Committee is seeking nominees to receive the State Society Award. Each Colony Governor has received a letter with the requirements for nominations which are:

1. To a member for long and distinguished service upon recommendation of the Board of Assistants/Directors or upon written evidence presented to the Committee by not fewer than five members of the Society.
2. To a member or non-member for handling special assignments with unusual distinction or merit.
3. To a member or non-member for outstanding work or monetary assistance which promotes the welfare of the Society.
4. To a member for unusual work done in obtaining new members on approved lines/and/or helping to establish new lines.

These requirements are found on page 133 in the Yearbook.

The deadline to receive the recommendations is set at March 1, 2012.

Send to: Mary E. Eck, Awards Committee Chairman
13205 George Road, San Antonio, TX 78230-3018



2012 DUES UPDATE

Our 2012 Membership Dues season went smoothly. Thanks to all of you for responding, especially those who responded to our e-mail dues notices; this saves the society money as postal rates continue to rise.

One last reminder; you may wish to purchase a Life membership for \$625, which will pay your Texas dues for the remainder of your life. It's a nice way to have your annual dues handled and leaves a lasting legacy to our Texas Mayflower Society. Contact Prarie Counce, the Corresponding Secretary for an application at prariec@me.com or by mail 2040 St Pierre Dr, Carrollton, TX 75006.



Mike Nichols,
Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

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

TX#	GS#	Name	City	Ancestor
83557	2869	Robert Bradley Kmiec	Midland	Francis Cooke
83558	2870	Kathleen Ann O'Brien	Austin	Francis Cooke
83567	2871	Lawrence Allan Wheeler	Houston	William Bradford
83571	2872	Sheryl Kay Sauers Schilling	Houston	John Alden
83589	2873	Neil Patrick Staley	Cypress	Stephen Hopkins
83597	2874	Sandra Jean Anderson Smith	El Paso	William Brewster
83611	2875	Rachel Ann Buckmaster	Granbury	John Howland
83612	2876	William Matthew Buckmaster	Granbury	John Howland
83613	2877	George Lanier Buckmaster	Granbury	John Howland
83614	2878	Gayland Gardner Johnson	Denton	Samuel Fuller
83615	2879	Merle Matthews Slagle	Streetman	Richard Warren
83677	2881	Jeanne Louise Leavitt Harris	Granbury	Richard Warren
83692	2882	Donna Louise Fossett	Spring	Thomas Rogers
83725	2883	Willis Harry Wamsley, Jr.	The Woodlands	John Howland
83726	2884	Cleone Hayward Peet	Arlington	William White
83746	2885	Sandra Doris Baker Sauers	Houston	John Alden
83777	2887	John Preston Bornman III	Houston	William Brewster
83778	2888	Lucia Callejas Cordua	Houston	William Brewster
83779	2889	Deborah Ann Wash Rutherford	Austin	William Brewster
83835	2890	Carol Lea Kost	Beaumont	Francis Cooke
83836	2891	Nancy Cecile Robertson Watkins	Plano	Edward Doty
83837	2892	Eleonora de Lasse Randall Cardenas	Zapopan, Mexico	William Bradford
83846	2893	James Donald Speer, Sr	Cedar Park	William Bradford
83876	2894	Malcolm Townsend Hopkins	San Antonio	Stephen Hopkins
83896	2895	Christopher Michael Tidwell	Tomball	John Howland
83897	2896	Laurie Anita Walden	Georgetown	Richard Warren
83919	2897	Kathryn Patricia Crunk Laughlin	Fort Worth	Isaac Allerton
83934	2898	Grace Elizabeth Harwell	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Stephen Hopkins
83935	2899	Meghan Claire Harwell	New Orleans, Louisiana	Stephen Hopkins
83961	2900	Garry Owen Dent	The Woodlands	Francis Eaton

Two new members transferred into the Texas Society from other state societies since our last newsletter.
Welcome to Texas!

GS#	TX#	Name and Ancestors	City
67051	2880	Nina (Nikki) Clara Haden Faulkner John Alden, William Mullins, Henry Samson, and Myles Standish	Austin
73613	2886	Richard Bryan Claypoole William Brewster, and William Bradford	Schertz

S U P P L E M E N T A L S

The following members submitted new supplemental applications and were approved since our last newsletter.

Member	Ancestors
Alton Lee Gilbert	Francis Cooke
Virginia Brown Grimes	Richard Warren
Ruth Ann Kost Franklin	Richard Warren
James Bert White	Edward Fuller
Sandra Ruth Kleppin Lewis	William Mullins

JUNIORS

The following new Junior members were approved since our last newsletter.

#	Member	Ancestor	Sponsor
1075	Cassandra Sky Hopkins	William Bradford	Kent Hopkins
1076	Cameron Drake Hopkins	William Bradford	Kent Hopkins
1077	Abigail Grace Pringle	William White	Dorothy Hagen
1078	Beau John Kohl	James Chilton	Atlee Kohl
1079	Anna Caroline Tidwell	John Howland	Jackie Tidwell
1080	Christian Anthony Tidwell	John Howland	Jackie Tidwell
1081	Hannah Celeste Walden	Stephen Hopkins	Harold Monroe Walden
1082	Parker Monroe Walden	Thomas Rogers	Harold Monroe Walden

I N M E M O R I A M

The following members passed away since our last newsletter. They will be remembered at the Memorial Service in Tyler at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Lucie Hopkins Cadigan	May 7, 2011
Vivian Hill Jordan	August 19, 2011
Ann Priestly Leverich Walker	May 29, 2011
Corlyn H Adams	September 8, 2011
Sherrill Martin, Jr.	August 5, 2010
James D Rollin	January 29, 2011
Gayle R Begley	November 6, 2011



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