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Governor William Bradford Colony Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Governor's Message

Plan to join us Saturday, November 5 for our lunch meeting! Our speaker will be Bradford Colony Vice Governor Robbie Robinson. See more detail in the following pages. The reservation form for the meeting and lunch is at the end of this document. Please let us know that you are coming!

The Richard Warren Colony will be hosting the Fall FSMD Membership Meeting on November 18-19, 2022, at the Renaissance Hotel, World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL. The Friday night banquet feature guest speaker is Peter W. Wood Ph.D., President of the National Associations of Scholars. He will speak on "A Civil Body Politic: License, Liberty and Dispute in America's First Experiment in Self-Government. Dr. Wood is author of the book 1620: A Critical Response to the 1619 Project.

Looking forward to our meeting and hope to see many of you on November 5!

Helen Bennett
Colony Governor

Meeting Schedule

Saturday Feb 3, 2023

Saturday May 6, 2023

Please send change of e-mail address to Shirley Smith, Communications Director at shirleyshistory@gmail.com

Hardcopies are no longer being mailed. If you know of someone that needs a hard copy, contact Shirley or perhaps you can print yours and share with them.

**2023 Dues Notice: Please see remittance form on the last page for 2023 dues.
Thank you in advance!**

**Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants
Governor William Bradford Colony
General Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 7, 2022

Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Call to Order: Governor Helen Bennett called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Pledges: Terri McGoldrick led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Mayflower Flag.

Invocation: Colony Elder Peggy Christie gave the invocation.

Introduction of New Members: Helen Bennett introduced new member Keith Singletary.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 5, 2022 meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Treasurer: Sande Harper gave the Treasurer's Report. The colony has 62 members that have not paid their 2022 dues. .

Laura Culver reported for **Historian Laura Glass:** The Mayflower Society is adhering to stricter standards for new applications. Applications are taking about a year to be approved.

Junior Chair Laura Culver: If Junior Members join GSMD between their 18th and 25th birthdays, they do not pay application fees. Bradford Colony has the most Junior Members in the State with 181 members. Miles Standish Colony is second with 136.

Helen Bennett reported for **Laura Brock:** Laura is selling the Jack Daniels decanters for \$75 and has only 7 left. Our colony has sold the most decanters in the state. This sale has raised \$20,000 for the scholarship fund.

Passenger Roll Call: Richard Warren and Francis Cooke tied for the most descendants at the luncheon.

Lunch: The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30. Elder Peggy Christie blessed the food.

Program: Vice Governor Robbie Robinson introduced our speaker, James Bradley. He spoke about Jamestown and the struggles they had with establishing a colony. He compared this to establishing Plymouth Colony.

50-50 Drawing: Sande Harper had the winning ticket.

Benediction: Elder Peggy Christie gave the benediction.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Bennett/Terri McGoldrick for
Elizabeth Werner, Secretary

New Members

Name	Ancestor
Bradley, Seamus Patrick	Edward Doty
Carty, Lynn Marie	John Alden
Cheever, Pamela Jean (Reganall)	Richard Warren
Doherty, Virginia Griffith (Shew)	Richard Warren
Edmunds, Darlene Lee (Miller)	Francis Cooke
Reganall, Patricia Jean (Hutchinson)	Richard Warren
Tomoshige, Susan Beard (Gerard)	Stephen Hopkins
Bradbury, Amedee Lee	Isaac Allerton
Little, Patrick Davern	George Soule
McGoldrick, Meghan Mary	John Alden

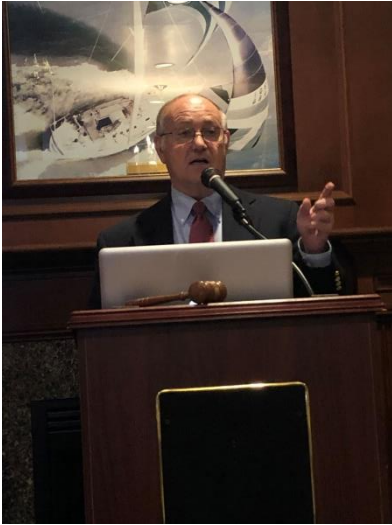
New Members at the February Meeting

Bradford Governor Helen Bennett is with new Bradford Colony member Keith Singletary at the May meeting.



November Lunch Meeting

The speaker for our November meeting is once again Bradford Colony Vice Governor Garald K. "Robbie" Robinson. Besides being a member of General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Order of Founding Fathers and Patriots of America, the



Founders of Hartford, the Order of Daedalians, and the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, and has given presentations to most of these organizations. His topic is "The Four More Children," who were some of the youngest passengers on the Mayflower. Robbie did research on these children after giving his presentation last November on the three ships to arrive in Plymouth after 1620 and was intrigued by the story of how they became Mayflower passengers.

Robbie is a former Air Force colonel, and after retiring from the military, moved to Dayton, OH, where he became a vice president of business development for two different large defense contractors, ATK and Textron. He fully retired in 2016, moved to Tampa, and has devoted considerable time to tracing his family genealogy.

Meeting Information

Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33703
727-822-3873 (Call for directions)
Date: Saturday November 5, 2022
Gathering: 11:45-Noon
Noon: Call to Order

Lunch Menu

House Salad, Herb Roasted
Chicken coq au vin, Chef's
selection of starch and vegetables,
Lemon Brulee Bar
(Indicate below if Vegetarian
Menu is preferred.)

Luncheon Reservations: \$35 (including valet parking). Make checks payable to
Governor William Bradford Colony. Send reservations by **Monday, October 31**
to:

Sande Harper, Treasurer
3601 63rd Street North
St Petersburg, FL 33710

Member's Name: _____

Number of Guests and Guest Names: _____

_____ If preferred, indicate number of Vegetarian Meals.

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for _____ person(s).

_____ **(Optional)** Enclosed is \$15 for the purchase of a member name badge.

2023 Dues Remittance Form:

Member name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

2023 Dues Total: \$54

Please send a check for \$54 made
payable to Governor William Bradford
Colony to:

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SUPPORT OUR COLONY. BUY 50/50 TICKETS AT THE MEETING.

Tickets: \$3 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 2 tickets and \$10 for 5 tickets. 50% of the proceeds go to the winning name drawn and the remaining 50% goes to Bradford Colony.