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Governor William Bradford Colony Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Governor's Message

HELLO COUSINS:

A new year of leadership is starting!! In November, Helen Bennett will lead us for the next 3 years (or more) as William Bradford Colony Governor!!! Yes, November is our installation of officers meeting and Ren & Muriel Cushing will do the honors!! Jeff Berg will be our new Vice-Governor. We are so fortunate that our present officers wish to serve another three years-taking us into our big 2020 Celebration!!

I have so enjoyed these last three years as your Governor. I will continue introducing new prospective members to our very special Colony as your Historian and Treasurer.

Thank you so much for all your support and encouragement.

Smiles,
Laura
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Meeting Schedule

November 4, 2017

February 3, 2018

May 5, 2018

**2018 Dues Notice: Please see remittance form on the last page for 2018 dues.
Thank you in advance!**

Note: A colored sticker on your address label indicates we have not yet received your 2017 dues.

William Bradford Colony of Florida, Society of Mayflower Descendants General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2017

Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Call to Order: Colony Governor Laura Brock called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Invocation: Colony Elder Peggy Christie gave the invocation.

Pledges: George Pratt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and The Mayflower Flag Pledge.

Introductions: Laura Brock introduced the prospective members in attendance.

Results of BOA meeting: The list of new officers was presented. Peggy Christie discussed potential items that could be give away items for the 2020 state meeting.

New Officers: Laura Brock introduced the 2017-2020 officers: 2017-2020 NEW OFFICERS:

COLONY GOVERNOR: Helen Bennett, VICE GOVERNOR: Jeff Berg, TREASURER: Laura Brock, SECRETARY: Libby Werner. ELDER: Peggy Christie, HISTORIAN: Laura Brock, CAPTAIN: Terri McGoldrick, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, Susan Ohl. Cathy Rayburn moved approval and Bernie Roback seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Brock: The checking account and the scholarship balances were presented and will be filed.

Junior Membership Chair: Laura Brock announced we only need 6 more junior members to reach 200.

Lunch: The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:20 to 1:10 pm.

Program: Helen Bennett introduced our speaker Dr. Michael Francis. The title of his talk was "Before Jamestown: Rethinking the Early History of Colonial Spanish Florida. Dr. Francis discussed the much neglected history of colonization in the US southeast in the 16th century, which began almost a century before Jamestown. He discussed the research he is doing and the website he is creating to document Colonial Spanish Florida. Spanish Florida settlement went all the way up to Virginia. He teaches students how to read and write colonial Spanish. They had an expedition of 2000 up the east coast of the US. There were numerous settlements as far up as the Tennessee area.

Roll Call of Ancestors: Margaret Christie, Bruce Christie and Bridget Pascale conducted the roll call of ancestors. John Howland had the most descendants present at 10.

50/50 Winner: Kelly Alio won the 50/50 drawing.

Mayflower Compact: George Pratt read the Mayflower Compact.

Benediction: Elder Margaret Christie gave the benediction.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm by Colony Governor Laura Brock.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting will be November 4, 2017.

May Meeting Highlights



At our May meeting, Dr. J. Michael Francis, the Hough Family Endowed Chair of Florida Studies at USF Saint Petersburg spoke to us about early Spanish Florida. Dr. Francis gave an overview of La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas which he is creating. The project provides an interactive, multidisciplinary and comprehensive vision of Florida that helps bring a picture of Spanish

exploration of the state into sharp focus. “Just think of some of the implications our databases and discoveries will make possible,” Francis said. “Some people of African descent will be able to trace their ancestry directly to this early St. Augustine enclave. And those of Spanish descent will be able to connect to descendants who landed in America more than seven decades before the Mayflower. More than anything, our site will provide the details, visuals and stories to present Florida’s unknown history in a compelling and entertaining way that is unprecedented.” We were all highly entertained by Dr. Francis’ talk and he was kind enough to answer many questions from the audience.

Junior News – Update on 2016 Scholarship Winner

Lindsay Peterson, granddaughter of Bradford Colony Member Kay Peterson was the recipient of the Florida Mayflower Society Scholarship in 2016. She is a second-year student at the Georgia Institute of Technology majoring in Public Policy, minoring in Environmental Science and French, and pursuing a career in City and Regional Planning. She spent the summer as a research intern in Nagpur, India performing water quality research with an American Fulbright Scholar at the National Environmental Engineering Institute to investigate the effects of intermittent water supply on water quality in municipal water supply. Additionally, she has been selected to travel with 15 other women in the Greek community at Georgia Tech to Senegal this spring. Her group has been raising money over the past year to build a school for girls, and this spring they will go to help break ground in Dakar.



New Junior Members

Name	Sponsor	Ancestor
Chase Charles Capton	Kim Capton	John Alden
Charlotte Rose Rogers	Robert Miller Rogers	Thomas Rogers

Please send your Junior Member Applications to:

Liz Whitehurst

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November Lunch Meeting

Officers for 2017-2020 as listed below will be inducted:

COLONY GOVERNOR: Helen Bennett

OUTGOING COLONY GOVERNOR – Laura Brock

VICE GOVERNOR: Jeff Berg

TREASURER: Laura Brock

SECRETARY: Libby Werner

ELDER: Peggy Christie

HISTORIAN: Laura Brock

CAPTAIN: Terri McGoldrick

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, Susan Ohl

Our speaker is Reynolds Cushing, Captain General of the National Society of



Mayflower Descendants. Ren previously served as Governor of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants. The title of his presentation is “Monumental Things”. He will also give us updates from the General Society. His wife, Muriel Cushing, who is the Florida State Historian, will accompany him to our meeting. At the recent 2017

Triennial Congress of the National Society of Mayflower Descendants Muriel was awarded the Governor General’s Distinguished Service Award.

Meeting Information

Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33703
727-822-3873 (Call for directions)
Date: November 4, 2017
Gathering: 11:45-Noon
Noon: Call to Order

Lunch Menu

House salad, Roast Turkey with Dressing & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Cranberry Relish, Rolls, and Pumpkin Pie
(Indicate below if Vegetarian Menu is preferred.)

Luncheon Reservations: \$30 (including valet parking). Make checks payable to Governor William Bradford Colony. Send reservations by **Monday, October 30**
to: Laura Brock, Colony Governor
430 Bay St. NE #705
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701-3040
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727-823-9258

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 an official name badge.

2018 Dues Remittance Form:

Member name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

2018 Dues Total: \$34

Please send check for \$34 made payable to Governor William Bradford Colony to:

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SUPPORT OUR 2020 CELEBRATION. 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 the 2020 celebration.