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Governor William Bradford Colony Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Governor's Message

Laura Brock and I attended the 81st Annual Meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida. The meeting was hosted by the John Alden Colony November 16-17, 2018 in Deerfield Beach, FL. The guest speaker at the banquet was Caleb Johnson, renowned author and researcher. His presentation was on "Separatist/Mayflower Women".

At the Fall Business meeting, the 2019 Budget was presented and adopted. We heard reports from all of the colonies in the state as well as officer and committee chair reports on their activities and programs. It was reported that the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants is third in total membership behind Massachusetts and California. We are first in junior membership by several hundred, with Bradford Colony having the most junior membership in the State. Bradford also has the largest adult membership in the State.

Helen Bennett
Colony Governor

Meeting Schedule

Saturday Feb 2, 2019

Saturday May 4, 2019

Saturday Nov 2, 2019

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**2019 Dues Notice: Please see remittance form on the last page for 2019 dues.
Thank you in advance!**

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

Date: November 3, 2018

Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Call to Order: Colony Governor Helen Bennett called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

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

Invocation: Colony Elder Peggy Christie gave the invocation.

Introductions: Guests and prospective members were introduced. Prospectives included Linda Acaster, Barbara Aylesworth, Jim Bradley, Annette Gardner, Eric Jankel, Mary Lippitt, Fred Logman, Dory Nussbacher, Diana Seay, Debbie Small, Cindy Tremper (sister of Barbara Aylesworth) and Linda Werengar.

Presentation of New Members Certificates: Helen Bennett presented certificates to new members Lynne Dollar and Barbara Withey Williams

Approval of Minutes in the Newsletter: The minutes of the May 5, 2018 meeting were approved as printed in the Fall 2018 newsletter.

Report of the BOA meeting: Colony Governor Helen Bennett is going to the State Meeting in November. Terri McGoldrick showed an example of a gift basket to be auctioned off at the 2020 State Meeting that we will host. She is accepting donations for gift basket items. Terri reported that Junior member chair Elizabeth Whitehurst is collecting pictures of our junior members to be displayed on Bradford Colony trees at the 2020 meeting. You can bring pictures to our meetings or mail with meeting reservations. Children can be junior members until age 25 and can join GSMD without the application fee if they do so before reaching age 25. Applications for junior membership are on the tables. Our colony has the most junior members.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Brock: Her report will be filed.

Lunch: The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:10 to 1:35 pm. Elder Peggy Christie gave the blessing.

Program: Vice Governor Jeff Berg introduced our speaker Lori Coffey, who said "We're going to have fun." Dressed as a Pilgrim, Lori conducted a lively interactive question and answer time about the Pilgrims. She gave us two handouts: A Pilgrim Time line from the birth of William Brewster in 1566 to the death of the last surviving Mayflower passenger Mary Allerton Cushman in 1699 and a list of all the Mayflower passengers showing which ones had descendants. Jeff presented Lori with a certificate of appreciation after her presentation.

50/50 Winner: Speaker Lori Coffey had the winning ticket.

Benediction: Elder Margaret Christie gave the benediction.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Colony Governor Helen Bennett.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting will be February 2, 2019.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Werner, Secretary**

November Meeting Highlights



Our speaker, Lori Coffey came dressed for the part. She entertained us with all both famous and hidden stories about our Mayflower Pilgrim ancestors whom she knows like family. Her humorous anecdotes and audience participation brought our famous ancestors alive!

Vice Governor Jeff Berg presented Lori with a Certificate of Appreciation.

New Members

Name	Location	Ancestor
Sean Patrick Phinney	Kansas City	Thomas Rogers

Transfers

Name	Location
Shirley Ruth Denison Smith	Palmetto, FL

Memorial Service

At the February meeting, we will have the annual memorial service for deceased members over the past year.

February Lunch Meeting



Our speaker will be Abraham Lincoln, played by Saint Petersburg Attorney Kerry Brown. Mr. Brown began playing the part of Abraham Lincoln 20 years ago when he was asked to participate in the Great American Teach In at his children's elementary school. Rather than appearing at the school as "just another lawyer", Mr. Brown decided to arrive dressed as Abraham Lincoln, teaching about freedom, sacrifice and hard work.

In real life, Mr. Brown has been practicing law for 30 years. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Politics from Princeton University and his JD from the University of Florida School of Law.

Presentation of New Members



Governor Helen Bennett presented certificates to new members Lynn Dollar and Barbara Withey Williams.

Meeting Information

Location: St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33703
727-822-3873 (Call for directions)
Date: Saturday February 2, 2019
Gathering: 11:45-Noon
Noon: Call to Order

Lunch Menu

House Salad with choice of Ranch & Vinaigrette, Rosemary Rubbed Pork Loin, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Chef's Selection of Vegetables, Flourless Chocolate Torte
(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, Jan 28th** to:
Laura Brock, Treasurer
430 Bay St. NE #705
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701-3040
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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.

2019 Dues Remittance Form:

Member name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

2019 Dues Total: \$34

Please send a 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.

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