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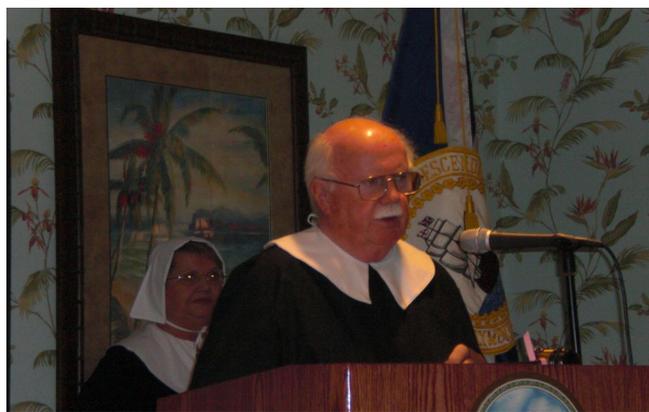
*Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida*

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**73rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER  
DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA WAS HELD  
NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2010  
AT THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA**

Members from all corners of the state of Florida were welcomed by Peter Adams, James Chilton Colony Governor, on Friday, November 19 at the Villages as the 73rd annual meeting of the state society convened. The James Chilton Colony has hosted the event for the past two years. Details about the meeting will be found throughout this issue.



**PETER ADAMS, GOVERNOR  
JAMES CHILTON COLONY**

The annual banquet was the highlight Friday evening. Governor Robert E. Burt called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Dr. Albert E. Myers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Salute to the Mayflower Flag, led by Kenneth Carter, Captain. Guests were introduced by Governor Burt, and the Roll Call of Ancestors was complete by Muriel Cushing, Historian.



**GOV. ROBERT E. BURT & WIFE, TRUDY**  
**Governor 2008-2011**  
**Society of Mayflower**  
**Descendants in the State of Florida**

*From Our Home to Yours—  
We wish you a healthy, and very  
Happy New Year.*

*Robbie and Trudy*

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**FLORIDA STATE SOCIETY GOVERNOR BURT PRESENTS MEDALS TO ASSISTANT GENERAL FRANCES LOPUS AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL GEORGE ALLERTON**

Governor Burt recognized Deputy Governor General George Milton Allerton and Assistant General Frances Lopus for their service to the state society at the Friday evening banquet of the November annual state society meeting. Governor Burt presented both with beautiful Mayflower medallions, pictured above. The medallions will be passed on to the individuals who succeed them in their positions in the future.



**CHILTON PLAYERS ENTERTAIN AT NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING**

Members of the James Chilton Colony entertained attendees at the state annual meeting in November with their “personal” Mayflower experiences. L-R: Sue Hennings, Barbara Kerr, Peter Adams, Jean Albrecht, and Marge Ripley.

**DR. ROBERT K. WRIGHT JR. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT 2010 ANNUAL MEETING**



Dr. Robert K. Wright, Jr. presented an entertaining and informational talk regarding **“The Defense of Plymouth”**. He reminded our members that most of the travelers on the Mayflower had absolutely no experience with guns, fighting, or protecting themselves. Myles Standish, with his military background, faced a formidable task training the colony members at Plymouth how to defend themselves.

Dr. Wright received a B.A. degree in history from the college of the Holy Cross, and M.A. and PH.D. degrees in early American history from the College of William and Mary. He served with the Army on active duty from 1968 to 1970 in Germany and then as a sergeant in the 18th Military History Detachment in Vietnam, where he recorded the combat operations of the 25th Infantry Division. In 1982 he joined the Virginia Army National Guard and commanded the 116th Military History Detachment, rising to the rank of major. He retired in that rank from the Army Reserve in 1996. Dr. Wright worked at the US Army Center of Military History from 1974 to 1989 and again from 1991 until he retired in 2002 as chief of the Center’s Historical Resources Branch, managing its library and archival functions. In addition to numerous essays and articles on military history subjects, Dr. Wright is the author or coauthor of *The Continental Army (1983)*, *Soldier-Statesmen of the Constitution (1987)*, *The Story of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps (1989)* and *Military Police (1991)*, and others. In retirement he founded Continental Army Associates, a historical and genealogical consulting firm.

**COLONY TAX EXEMPT ISSUES  
CLARIFIED AT STATE MEETING BY  
HANK DRESSEL, TREASURER**



**HANK DRESSEL  
STATE TREASURER**

At the recent November annual meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida at the Villages, Hank Dressel, reviewed and clarified the status of the tax exempt certificates for colonies. All colonies fall under the Florida State Society as tax exempt,

because none of the colonies have greater than \$5,000 per year in revenue, other than dues. Hank will continue to file the tax exempt paperwork with the state of Florida, and will send a copy of the new tax exempt certificate to each colony when it is issued in February, 2011. Counselor Ed Sullivan, an attorney, also verified that they have validated this procedure with the state treasurer's office. Colonies should NOT contact the state or attempt to file tax exempt paperwork.



***IN MEMORY OF OUR  
DECEASED MEMBERS***



A beautiful memorial service was conducted by The Rev. Dr. Albert E. Myers, Elder, assisted by Ken Carter, Captain, prior to the business meeting on Saturday, November 20 for our 28 members who have departed in the past year. As their names were called, members from their specific colonies stood to honor their deceased members.

**MAYFLOWER DECORATED CAKE  
SERVED AT ANNUAL MEETING**



**REMINDER TO ALL COLONIES  
REGARDING JUNIOR MEMBERS  
WHO ARE AGING OUT TO ADULTS**



**JIM PRESTON  
FLORIDA  
JUNIOR  
CHAIRMAN**

Jim Preston, Florida Junior Member Chairman would like to remind all colony Governors and members, that as Junior Members reach the age for adult membership, the original sponsor for the junior member should be contacted. Many of these young folks are in college, or starting a career and may not feel the need and expense of continuing membership. The sponsor may wish to assist or encourage them to do so.

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO STATE  
SECRETARY, JESSIE BRABHAM  
ON THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND**

The Society of May flower Descendants in the State of Florida extends its deepest sympathy to our secretary, Jessie Brabham for the loss of her dear husband, Roy. Although Roy's health had been failing for many months and Jessie was by his side every



**Jessie and Roy Brabham**

day, Jessie continued to fulfill her duties as state secretary with her laptop. Jessie is such a positive individual and an inspiration to all of us.



## 2010 FLORIDA MAYFLOWER CRUISE

by Muriel Curtis Cushing

The 2010 Mayflower Cruise sailed from Miami the first week in December for the Southern Caribbean. Eight colonies of Florida were represented in our group of 27 and it was fun to meet so many different members from all over the state as well as from Texas.

The first day at sea we met in a private room where we introduced ourselves and exchanged some colony and personal information. Cruise directors Wendy and Mark Cushing awarded three prizes of onboard coupon books to winners of a Mayflower trivia quiz won by Ruth Ann Fay of the Francis Cooke Colony, Dorothy Hornus of the William Bradford Colony and Nate Heuberger of the John Howland Colony. Florida Deputy Governor "Ren" Cushing accepted a check for \$500 from *Cruise Planners* to be given to the state of Florida Mayflower Society.

Tom and Ann Hodges of the James Chilton Colony and Chuck Farmer of the Richard Warren Colony gave an interesting account of life on Antigua and Barbados. Both members had lived in the islands for several years and related the living conditions and some of their fascinating experiences. Chuck Farmer spoke on the history of Barbados, its government, people and highlighted the sights worth seeing. Both talks gave us all a better understanding of the islands we would be visiting during the next four days.

The weather was a beautiful balmy 80's every day and it was hard not to chuckle at the cold weather Florida was experiencing at the time. It was decided that we would meet every evening for dinner to exchange our adventures and the various tours taken while visiting Samana in the Dominican Republic, Tortola, Antigua, Barbados and St. Kitts. Some Christmas gifts were purchased and it seems a lot of Christmas tree ornaments from each of the islands visited. A few of the ladies took advantage of the excellent jewelry buys of rings and necklaces.

Our yearly cruise was filled with fun, drama and excitement. Jeri Ruane who was hypnotized during one of the evening performances, our fantastic troupe of trivia fame, called what else but "The Pilgrims," some Bingo and card players and meeting a young couple on leave - Steve who is being deployed back to Afghanistan at the end of the cruise and his wife Brenda who will return to duty at Fort Campbell, KY. Our prayers are with them. Why not join us?? All are invited to sail on our 2011 Florida Mayflower Cruise through the Panama Canal. See Page 7.



## DONATIONS NEEDED TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE MAYFLOWER II

Many thanks to those of you who responded to my email to vote for our ship, the Mayflower II, in the Pepsi Refresh Challenge, which was awarding \$250,000 to a cause with the most popular support. The applicant group, Plimoth Plantation, made it into the top 1,000 to be considered, and is currently hovering in the top 80 organizations. We are ten years away from the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage, and Mayflower II will be the flagship for all of the Pilgrim celebrations. She has to be at her best when the world's attention turns to the Pilgrim Story. The world knows the story of Mayflower's crossing and so we're positioned in a place for even greater international attention and inestimable visitation. Each year the Plimoth Plantation Museum spends more than \$350,000 exhibiting and maintaining Mayflower II, but at least \$1,000,000 in additional marine work is needed to put her in optimal condition. After all, Mayflower II is now 53 years old. She has survived more years than the original Mayflower did. They also need a completely new waterfront exhibit with much livelier elements to introduce guests to the world of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag in 1620. **If you or your colony would like to donate toward the Mayflower II project, please forward a check to Richard Pickering, Deputy Director, Plimoth Plantation, PO Box 1620, Plymouth, MA 02362-1620. Richard can be reached at (508) 746-1622. Email: rpickering1@msn.com.**

## REPORT OF MAYFLOWER SOCIETY BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER, 2010

Florida Deputy Governor Reynolds Cushing and Florida State Historian Muriel Curtis Cushing represented Florida at the BOA meeting held in San Diego on September 10 & 11, 2010 as alternate Deputy Governor General (DGG) and alternate Assistant General (AG). Registration was held Thursday and Friday at the Handlery Hotel with the California State Society as host.

It was great seeing old friends and making new acquaintances. Most of the time was spent in meetings but a cocktail party, San Diego tour and banquet all provided fun and relaxation.

A historian's meeting was held Friday afternoon but though many attended there were only approximately seven state historians'. Many of the state DGG's or AG's represented their state historians and discussed some of the duties and problems they are facing.

A JR's meeting was held Friday evening and Joan Miller and Deborah Yingst presented an introduction to JR Chair Deborah Miller's project of having illustrations and stories of each Pilgrim. At present this is in its infancy and more will be learned later.

The General Society BOA was held all day Saturday presided by Governor General Judith H. Swan. Items of interest in sequence after ratification of agenda, minutes of the 2009 BOA meeting in Plymouth and acceptance of General Officer reports:

Reports of Committees:

- Ren Cushing received a *Governor General's Commendation & Appreciation Award* in recognition of his unwavering support in many capacities to the Florida Society and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.
- Florida was among 5 states recognized and commended for their leading achievement in digitalizing their lineage records. Albert Myers of Florida was publicly thanked for his support and encouragement of our women Mayflower passengers.
- Congress Arrangements: To be held in Plymouth on Sept. 11-13, 2011  
Tim Mallory was elected as 2020 committee chair of the 400 years event.



**Ren Cushing receives award from  
Governor General Judy Swan**

Education: A scholarship program to be awarded to a high school student, child or grandchild of a current direct descendant of the Mayflower was approved. It was voted to hire Gateway Press to publish 150 books of the 400 pages Diamond Jubilee Mayflower Quarterly.

Historian: To increase the fee of electronic forms from \$10 to \$20

A "garden walkway project" was authorized to provide funds for the gardens and upkeep of the Mayflower House and to place a two page ad and order form in the next Mayflower Quarterly.

Actions of the Executive Committee:

- A motion to authorize a code of conduct to cover and govern the 12 general officers was defeated.
- It was voted to submit a proposal by the BOA to be presented at the 2011 Congress that the Society's reorganized Constitution and Bylaws be adopted.
- Other items voted and approved were to increase named library staff salaries and amend holiday, vacations and leaves; recycle of the Mayflower Index; a copy of the Captain General's manual to be copied and supplied to each state; the purchase of a polyester flag and an appeal mailing for funds to be sent to members.

Gov. Gen. Judy Swan appointed Asst. Gov. Harry P. Folger to chair the nomination committee and the meeting adjourned after the benediction.

The GSMD officers and state delegates enjoyed a formal banquet with requested black tie and decorations. Caleb Johnson was the featured speaker.

**Muriel Curtis Cushing, DGG alternate**

## NOTHIN' FANCY

In 1634, the General Court of Massachusetts issued this edict:--  
"That no person, man or woman, shall hereafter make or buy any Apparell, either Woolen, or Silk, or Linen, with any Lace on it, Silver, Gold, or Thread, under the penalty of forfeiture of said clothes. Also that no person either man or woman, shall make or buy any Slashed Clothes, other than one Slash in each Sleeve and another in the Back. Also all Cut-works, embroideries, or Needlework Caps, Bands or Rails, are forbidden hereafter to be made and worn under the aforesaid Penalty; also all gold or silver Girdles, Hat bands, Belts, Ruffs, Beaver hats are prohibited to be bought and worn hereafter."

Stephen Hopkins Colony *Early Pilgrim*, Nov 2010



### STEPHEN HOPKINS COLONY ANNOUNCES OFFICERS FOR 2011

From Left: Holly Billero, Secretary; Cora Sjogren Welch, Co-Historian; Ben Patt, Director of Programs; John Hillhouse, Treasurer; Aline Scott, Governor; Nances Duress, Director of Education; Elizabeth Smith, Co-Historian.



### STEPHEN HOPKINS COLONY DONATES TO SALVATION ARMY

Governor Ben Patt (left) presents a check for \$500 to John Corapi, Indian River County director for the Salvation Army, to purchase Thanksgiving meals for the needy.

## STEPHEN HOPKINS COLONY NEWS

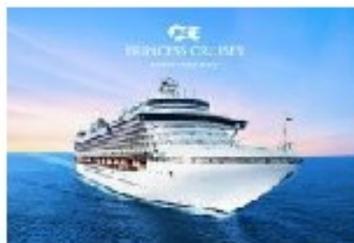


### NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM ABOUT THE PILGRIMS

Members of the Stephen Hopkins Colony were treated to a special preview of a new documentary film at their quarterly meeting on October 14.

**John Bona**, a local businessman, devoted Christian, and student of American history was the featured speaker. His very informative and heartfelt speech concerned a new documentary film with which he is associated, primarily about our ancestors, the pilgrims, and their search for religious freedom. The film, **Monumental – In Search of America's National Treasure**, will feature former child actor, **Kirk Cameron**, narrating and retracing the footsteps of the Pilgrim Fathers in their journey to the founding of our nation.

The film begins with the monument erected at Plymouth, Mass., **The National Monument To The Forefathers**, which was dedicated to the Pilgrims. It is the theme of the film that the high ideals as depicted on the monument are the ones which inspired the founders. Those ideals are: Faith, Freedom, Morality, Law, and Education. The film goes further to suggest that each succeeding generation must become aware of those ideals and pass them on to their children for the republic to endure. Also at the meeting was the director and producer of the film, **Duane Barnhart**. Filming was completed in September and the film will be released in the first quarter of 2011.



**FLORIDA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY ANNUAL CRUISE  
FOR 2011  
PANAMA CANAL—10 NTS ON ISLAND PRINCESS**

**October 20—30, 2011**

**Ports of Call:**

***Ft Lauderdale, Aruba, Cartagena, Panama Canal, Colon,  
Puerto Limon, Grand Cayman and back to Ft Lauderdale!***

*Come join us if you can, we had 27 people in 2010 and would like to see more for 2011! Invite all you know!*



**Inclusive Rates for 2011 Panama Canal Sailing:**

Vista Suite = \$3199 pp  
AB Mini Suite = \$2199 pp  
AC Mini Suite = \$2149 pp  
BB Balcony = \$1929 pp  
BC Balcony = \$1889 pp  
BD Balcony = \$1849 pp  
BE Balcony = \$1849 pp  
D Ocean View = \$1699 pp  
EE Ocean View = \$1549 pp  
I Inside = \$1369 pp  
JJ Inside = \$1349 pp

All cabins come with \$50 onboard credit and a bottle of wine, special invitations to get together, dinners together and more!

All cruise rates include the following:

Cruise Fare—Port charges—all government taxes per person

Insurance will be individually quoted when provided with names and

birthdates—we strive to get you the most value in your vacation package!



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**SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS  
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2010  
THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA**

A banquet was held on Friday evening with 60 present representing most of Florida's colonies. A call to order by State Governor Robert Burt was followed by a very special event. State Governor Burt presented our new Medallions to DGG George Allerton and AG Fran Lopus. They are worn during their term of Office and will be passed to the next elected persons holding that office. The Invocation was given by Rev. Albert Myers, State Elder. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and a salute to the Mayflower Flag were led by Kenneth Carter, State Captain. A welcome greeting was given by Peter Adams, Colony Governor of the host Colony James Chilton. Governor Robert Burt gave a response.

After dinner, the General and State Officers were introduced by Governor Burt. The Roll Call of Ancestors was conducted by Muriel Cushing, State Historian. Governor Burt introduced the Chilton Players and their speaker who presented information about the 1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving. Captain Kenneth Carter introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Robert Wright who told us about the Defense of Plymouth. Deputy Governor Reynolds Cushing read The Compact followed with the Benediction by Elder Rev. Albert Myers.

**BOARD OF ASSISTANT'S MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Governor Robert Burt called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM with 23 present. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the 2010 BOA Spring Meeting as they had been printed in the Newsletter. The Minutes were approved as written.

II. Each Colony present reported on how many members would be dropped for non-payment of dues for a total of 36. More will probably be added before year end reports are ready.

III. By Laws Chairman provided copies of revised By Laws and Standing Rules. Jean asked for questions. Finance Chairman Nate Heuberger explained rationale for updating rules and qualification for Life membership. Wording still poses problem on effective date.

IV. A Nominating Committee was selected: Fran Lopus, Chairman, Nate Heuberger and Laura Brock will work with a deadline of April and the slate will be presented at Spring BOA. DGG Allerton made a motion "If Colony members are interested in holding a State Office, contact should be made with Fran Lopus." The motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried.

V. By-Laws Section 5 concerning replacement of outgoing DGG and AG was discussed. The word "may" gives right for persons other than out-going State Governor to be selected for that position.

VI. The Florida Exemption Certificate will need renewal in February. Colonies are not listed as individual entities. This why the Colony Treasurer is unable to file the "990N" required each year. At present this only applies to Main State Society which has blanket coverage for all Colonies. It only applies when gross receipts is not over \$5,000.00. Bequests are not part of that category. Our Counselor Ed Sullivan will do renewal paperwork and may include list of individual Colonies. When new Certificate is received, he will send it to Treasurer Dressel for further handling. Ruth Ann Faye explained EIN #.

VII. Counselor Edward Sullivan is the author of a Resolution that will allow Former President Generals the right to be an automatic and active part of the Executive Board and be allowed to speak in reference to subjects they are very qualified to address. Their previous service is an excellent resource and should be utilized for the good of our Society. Secretary Brabham will send this Resolution to the General Society Secretary General for consideration and presentation at 2011 Congress. A Motion for acceptance by DGG Allerton was seconded and upon a vote was carried.

VIII. The question of the ability of raising dues was discussed. This is a figure set by General and additional assessments are not legal. A fund raiser or donations should be utilized if there is a need for more operating funds for a Colony.

Meeting was adjourned for refreshments before Annual meeting to start at 9:30.

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order by State Governor Robert Burt at 9:30 AM. With 47 members and guests present. The Invocation was given by Rev. Albert Myers, State Elder. The Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the Mayflower flag were led by Kenneth Carter, State Captain.

**Florida State Governor: Robert E. Burt**

. By-Laws Section 5 concerning replacement of outgoing DGG and AG was discussed. "Each Colony may submit one or two names from the Colony to be voted on by the Board of Assistants at the annual meeting held immediately preceding the triennial meeting."

The word "may" gives right for persons other than out-going State Governor to be selected for the AG position. No DGG or AG who has served a full 3 year term may be eligible to succeed themselves.

**State Elder Albert Myers**, began the Memorial service with a prayer and all present then sang 'My Country Tis' of Thee'. After the Scripture reading, Elder Myers reminded us that "Death is the last enemy to be destroyed. The certainty of Life beyond death

brought our Ancestors to this land". He then gave the Memorial Litany. Rev. Myers called the names and colonies of twenty-eight members who are deceased since our last memorial in 2009. Red Carnations were arranged in a vase by Kenneth Carter, Past Chilton Colony Governor as the names were called and a bell was rung. Members of the colony of the deceased stood in honor.

Governor Burt told the members that they were welcome to take the carnations for family in memory of their loved one.

**State Secretary Jessie Brabham** called the roll call of officers. All thirteen elected officers were present. Ten of our thirteen appointed officers were present. Seven of our fifteen Colony Governors were represented. Seven of fifteen Colony Historians were present or had a representative.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the last State Meeting since they had been published in the newsletter "The Pilgrim". DGG Allerton moved "that the Minutes be accepted as printed". Motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried. The Secretary reported on the activities of the Board of Assistant's Meeting earlier in the morning.

Reports of Elected/Appointed Officers:

**1) State Treasurer: Henry (Hank) Dressel** presented an overview of the financial statement. Our Assets are up as Revenues have increased. We will be staying with Merrill. Undesignated funds can be used to cover Ren's new scanner expenses. The New DGG and AG Medallions were purchased. Hank also reported that his books have been audited. DGG Allerton moved to accept Treasurer's report as presented. Motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried.

**2) Counselor Edward D. Sullivan** wants Florida Society to propose two changes to the GSMD Constitution and Bylaws to read as follows:

**Article V. Section 3.**

There shall be an Executive Committee to consist of the Governor General, Assistant Governor General, Secretary General, Treasurer General, Historian General, Counselor General, **Former Governor Generals**, and three members of the General Society, one of whom shall be from a State Society west of the Mississippi, said three members to be elected by the Congress after nominations for the same are made from the floor.

Article VI. Section 9. Paragraph 3:

The Governor General shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, through the Secretary General is authorized to use electronic communications for ballots and shall render a report at each meeting of the General Board of Assistants

It was moved, seconded and upon a vote was passed. Secretary Brabham will send the resolutions to Secretary General for consideration.

**2-b) Counselor Sullivan** reminded the Board that our 501C-3 Exemption Certificate expires on February 28, 2011. The renewal application should list all 15 colonies. He will do necessary application.

**3) By-Laws and Standing Rules Chairman Jean Harden** provided copies of each in the new format. After much discussion, It was decided to table the discussion until the Spring Board meeting. One reason for concern was the misunderstanding of the rule about the effective date of a new life membership and the need to be in good standing prior to that. New standing rule concerning Life membership will not be effective until Nov 2012

**4) State Historian Muriel Cushing** reported new members 79; transfers in 3; Transfer out-of-state 4; Jr members approved 3; supplementals 8; Jr's in Plymouth 3; Supplementals in Plymouth 1; Total new members 82; Total papers processed 110.

**5) State Historian Muriel Cushing** reported that Florida Deputy Governor Reynolds Cushing and Florida State Historian (herself) represented Florida at the BOA meeting held in San Diego on September 10 & 11 as Alternate Deputy Governor General (DGG) and alternate Assistant General (AG). On Saturday, many items were discussed including the new Garden Walkway Project. Ren Cushing received a Governor General's Commendation & Appreciation Award in recognition of his unwavering support in several capacities to the Florida Society and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Florida was one of 5 states recognized and commended for digitalizing of their lineage record. (Ren's current project) Our Elder Albert Myers was publicly thanked for his support and encouragement of our women Mayflower passengers. Assistant Governor Harry P. Folger was appointed to chair nominating committee and next Congress will be held in Plymouth September 11-13, 2011.

**6) Deputy Governor Ren Cushing** reported that he has the new scanner. The scanning is slowed by staples and fragile papers need individual handling. Approximately 400 out of 3000 have been processed.

**7) Finance Committee Chairman: Nathan Heuberger** reported 1) that the audit of Treasurer's records was completed on 5 November 2010. The financial health of the Society remains very good. The value of Assets has increased by almost \$7,000. Treasurer's books and records are detailed and impeccable, therefore very easy to audit. No discrepancies were found. This committee has worked primarily to draft a proposed amendment to By-Laws concerning the financial health of the Life membership Reserve Account. Standing Rules would also need revisions on same subject. The wording of applicable Standing Rules concerning effective dates of Life Membership was debated and further discussion was tabled until the Spring BOA. Standing Rules #5 through #9 were

deleted as recommended by the Finance Committee since they are better managed as budget items. The Standing Rules have been revised and renumbered.

The resignation of Craig Lopus created a vacancy in the Finance Committee. With the approval of Governor Burt, Nate has persuaded Jean Harden to fill the empty seat. AGG Allerton moved that Chairman Heuberger's report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and upon a vote was carried.

We have 3 new Life members for a total of 102.

**8) Captain Kenneth Carter** reported that Flags and all other necessary paraphernalia were present at all State meetings.

**9) Education Jean Albrecht** reported that The Chilton Players gave a presentation about Plumouth Colony Thanksgiving and the Indians who joined them to a neighborhood social and at our Banquet on Friday night. She shared appreciation letters from the Lady Lake Elementary School following the Chilton Players third grade annual Thanksgiving presentation.

**10) Scholarship Laura Brock** reported the award of a \$1000 scholarship to Emily Anne O'Brien sponsored by her grandmother, Barbara Herdusky of James Chilton Colony. The theme for next year will remain the same .

**11) Juniors James Preston** reported that we have **954** Juniors. Bradford Colony has largest individual total of 192, Standish Colony has 180, Tilley Colony has 137 and all other colony totals are 59 and under.

**12) FMOL Chairman Nancy Talleur** had no report.

### Colony Reports:

John Alden- Gov. Sherman Bishop reported a membership count of 55 and 56 Juniors. A Colony Scholarship program has been put on hold.

Isaac Allerton-Gov. Dorothy Ferris reported membership count of 95 and 30 Juniors.

William Bradford Colony – Gov. Laura Brock reported membership of 184 and 193 Juniors and 33 Life members. Colony Scholarship of \$1000 was split between 2 deserving applicants.

William Brewster Colony Gov. Clara Waterman-Powell Their Colony has 76 members and 17 Juniors.

James Chilton-Gov. Peter Adams reported membership of 69 and 57 juniors. Their Chilton Players Program with guidance by Jean Albrecht and Barbara Kerr is going very well. They are very popular with

all the elementary schools they've visited. They did a program for this 73rd Annual meeting where they are the Host Colony for 2<sup>nd</sup> year..

Francis Cooke Colony Gov. Ruth Ann Fay reported membership of 91 members and 59 Juniors.

Edward Doty Colony Gov. Bunny Halligan e-mailed report showed 42 members and 34 juniors.

Edward Fuller Colony Gov. Blythe Thomas reported 50 members and 38 juniors. Donated Silver Book Vol 23, pt 1 "John Howland in memory of Pauline Dupre to the Polk County Gen. Library

Stephen Hopkins Colony Gov. Benjamin Patt's term is at completion. Aline Scott will become new Governor for a 3 year term. They have 48 members and 29 Juniors.

John Howland Colony Henry (Hank) Dressel reported membership of 81 and 49 juniors. They have reported new Colony Officers. Hank is Governor, Historian, Secretary and Captain. Treasurer is Nancy Norris. Elder and Vice Gov. position is vacant.

William Mullins Colony Gov. Dr. William Hopkins reported by e-mail has 97 members 2 dual members and 43 Juniors. The Silver Book Project has been completed with presentation of 13 Silver books including Howland 4 Vol set plus 2 Vol set of Mayflower Births and Deaths to the Mathiesen Museum in Gainesville. Gov. Hopkins has tendered his resignation. Richard Sumner will be new Governor.

Miles Standish Colony Gov. W. Richard Hazen reported 138 members and 180 juniors.

Elizabeth Tilley Colony Gov. Harold Crapo, Jr. reported membership of 119 and 137 Juniors. They awarded a Colony scholarship of \$1500 to Abbey Garner which was presented by Mary Lou Johnson at Lemon Bay High School in presence of Abbey's peers .

Richard Warren Colony Gov. Laura Farmer reported 70 members and 23 Juniors. Their colony is working on a presentation to be given in their local schools.

Edward Winslow Colony Gov. Dorislynn Padgett-White Their Colony has 45 members and 23 Juniors.

Chilton Governor Pete Adams read the The James Chilton Colony Resolution expressing thanks and heartfelt appreciation for an excellent Annual meeting. It also thanked the Waterfront Inn of the Villages for their gracious Hospitality and services.

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Stephen Hopkins Colony Gov. Benjamin Patt's term is at completion. Aline Scott will become new Governor for a 3 year term. All other officers remain the same. They have 48 members and 29 Juniors.

John Howland Colony Henry (Hank) Dressel reported membership of 81 and 49 juniors. They have reported new Colony Officers. Hank is Governor, Historian, Secretary and Captain. Treasurer is Nancy Norris. Elder and Vice Gov. position is vacant.

William Mullins Colony Gov. Dr. William Hopkins reported by e-mail has 97 members 2 dual members and 43 Juniors. The Silver Book Project has been completed with presentation of 13 Silver books including Howland 4 Vol set plus 2 Vol set of Mayflower Births and Deaths to the Mathiesen Museum in Gainesville. Gov. Hopkins has tendered his resignation. Richard Sumner will be new Governor.

Miles Standish Colony Gov. W. Richard Hazen reported 138 members and 180 juniors.

Elizabeth Tilley Colony Gov. Harold Crapo, Jr. reported membership of 119 and 137 Juniors. They awarded a Colony scholarship of \$1500 to Abbey Garner which was presented by Mary Lou Johnson at Lemon Bay High School in presence of Abbey's peers .

Richard Warren Colony Gov. Laura Farmer reported 70 members and 23 Juniors. Their colony is working on a presentation to be given in their local schools.

Edward Winslow Colony Gov. Dorislynn Padgett-White Their Colony has 45 members and 23 Juniors.

Chilton Governor Pete Adams read the The James Chilton Colony Resolution expressing thanks and heartfelt appreciation for an excellent Annual meeting. It also thanked the Waterfront Inn of the Villages for their gracious Hospitality and services.

Captain Kenneth Carter read "**The Compact**". Elder Albert Myers gave the Benediction and Grace. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

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## Thanksgiving Blessings

We give thanks for all our gifts  
And for those we love.  
On this very blessed day,  
We look to God above.

We join in prayer and thanksgiving  
As we join hand-in-hand,  
To ask the Lord to keep us safe  
In our precious land.

For the Pilgrims gave us freedom  
So many years ago,  
To have this feast that we enjoy  
And to let our bounty flow.

Without their fearless sacrifice  
Who knows what might have been?  
So, we cherish each and every day  
With our friends and kin.

Our joy of friends and family  
Gathering at this special time,  
Warms our hearts and lifts us up  
To a place that's so sublime.

When our meal has been consumed  
And the night is drawing near,  
We embrace and hope with all our hearts  
To gather again next year.

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