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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all of you for electing me as your new Governor and I am humbly grateful to be chosen to lead this great Society. I owe a special thanks to our new board of officers for their willingness to serve and their dedication is most appreciated. I pledge that I will do my best to serve you all.

As Mayflower descendants we are proud of our heritage. We wear our badges, attend meetings and are amazed that we can trace our family back for 400 years. We teach our children and grandchildren about the little ship Mayflower that bounced across a stormy sea, we tell them of Thanksgiving and Indians, and glorify the little band of people who started our great country. Just a simple message.

I, as Governor, along with your state officers, want to be sure we are all headed in the right direction. My term will be focused on three areas. Educate, communicate and participate. May I encourage our members to carry forth our legacy through public education, membership communication and above all participation in your society.

Please call, write or email me with any thoughts or ideas you have.

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FSMD Governor Reynolds P. Cushing &
wife, FSMD Historian Muriel C. Cushing

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74TH ANNUAL MEETING

The 74th annual meeting of the Florida Society, hosted by the Elder William Brewster Colony at the Miccosukee Resort in Miami, was held 18 & 19 Nov 2011 with members and their guests from 12 of the Society's 16 colonies in attendance. At the traditional Friday night banquet, welcoming remarks were given by Clara Waterman Powell, governor of the host colony, and valedictory remarks by Governor Robby Burt whose 3-year term was ending. The program featured a slide show and talk by Claude Alix on famous (or infamous) pirates of the Caribbean of the 17th and 18th centuries and antique maps from the same era.



FSMD Gov. Burt &
Brewster Colony Gov. Powell

At the business meeting on Saturday, the following officers were elected by unanimous ballot of the members present and then were installed by outgoing Governor Burt to lead the Florida Society for the next 3 years:

Governor	Reynolds P. Cushing of the Tilley & Samson Colonies
Deputy Governor	Kenneth E. Carter of the Chilton Colony
Secretary	Jessie F. Brabham of the Mullins Colony
Treasurer	Henry F. Dressel of the Howland Colony
Muriel C. Cushing of the Tilley & Samson Colonies	
James W. Preston of the Fuller Colony	
Jean E. Albrecht of the Chilton Colony	
Edward D. Sullivan of the Alden Colony	
Laura Farmer of the Warren Colony	
Sherman Bishop of the Alden Colony	
Nancy Fodi of the Standish Colony	
Frances M. Lopus of the Standish Colony	
Robert E. Burt of the Brewster Colony	

A solemn memorial service was led by outgoing Elder, the Rev. Dr. Albert E. Myers, who began the Memorial Litany with this: "We remember today, with thanks to God, the lives of our ancestors who arrived in America in 1620 and their descendants who joined us in the witness and work of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants. Let us remember them as we pray." He read the names of our fellow members who had died since the last annual meeting, their colony affiliation and their Mayflower ancestor. With each name, he tolled the Mayflower Bell as host colony Gov. Clara Waterman Powell placed a long stem red rose in a vase and as members present from the departed member's colony stood in silent homage and celebration of a life well lived.



Hank Dressel

FSMD Treasurer (and Howland Colony Governor) Henry F. Dressel reported that the financial condition of the state society is strong: an \$3,168 increase in total assets from 1 Nov 2010 to 31 Oct 2011 and an \$1,599.07 excess of receipts over expenses for the same period. Due to the illness of Nate Heuberger, Finance Committee Chair, the Treasurer's books were audited by Ruth Ann Fay, former governor of the Francis Cooke Colony and Trustee of the State Trust Fund, and found to be in order.

Colony officers in attendance included: Alden Colony immediate past governor Sherman Bishop, new governor Alexandra Harris and treasurer Susie Wuest; Samson Colony governor Clyde Blanchard and elder the Rev. Dr. Albert Myers; Howland Colony governor Hank Dressel; Standish Colony governor Nancy Fodi; Allerton Colony vice governor Dick Hopkins and secretary Beth MacGregor; Fuller Colony immediate past governor Blythe Thomas and new governor Jim Preston; Brewster Colony governor torian Donald Randolph and captain Jon Stemples; Cooke Colony former governor Ruth Ann Fay; and Richard Wheeler.

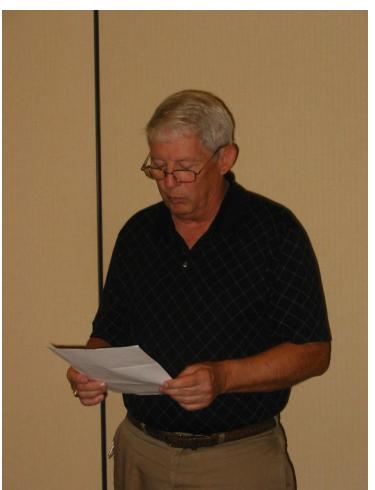


Rev. Dr. Myers &
Brewster Colony Gov. Powell



Ruth Ann Fay

Regarding the lifeblood of any voluntary membership organization like FSMD (i.e., the younger generations), Junior Membership Chair James W. Preston announced that we have 949 junior members of whom 370 will reach age 18 in the coming year and be eligible to apply for regular membership. He also reported on some innovative programs being pursued by other state Mayflower societies to hold and develop the interest of Juniors so that they will want to become active regular members when they reach majority. "I encourage all members to bring their Juniors to their colony meetings and instill an interest in the rich history of our Mayflower Descendants. These Juniors are the future members that will keep our legacy alive far into the future," he said.



Jim Preston



Former FSMD Gov. Robby Burt, right, administers the oath of office to the newly-elected officers and directors of the Florida Society as part of the installation ceremony
at the 74th annual meeting on 19 Nov 2011 in Miami

Reports were given by all outgoing state officers, committee chairs, and the colony governors in attendance. Minutes of the annual business meeting can be found on the Florida Society's website: www.flmayflower.com.

The 2012 annual meeting, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the chartering of the Florida Society in 1937, is scheduled for 16-17 Nov 2012 and will be hosted by the Richard Warren Colony in the Jacksonville area.

Newly-elected Governor Cushing

appointed Dick Hopkins, incoming Publicity Chair, as chair of a special committee to help with arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee 2012 annual meeting. Also serving on that committee are FSMD Deputy Governor Ken Carter, FSMD Historian Muriel Cushing, and Richard Wheeler, governor of the host Warren Colony.



Dick Hopkins, standing, makes a point from the floor as (seated L to R)
Clara Waterman Powell, Clyde Blanchard,
Beth MacGregor and Charlen Randolph listen



Ceremonial passing of the Governor's Medallion and gavel from former FSMD Gov. Robby Burt to incoming FSMD Governor Ren Cushing

FLORIDA SOCIETY WELL REPRESENTED AT 39TH GENERAL CONGRESS

The Florida Society was well-represented at the 39th triennial congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, MA, last September 10-14th. Former Governor General Edward Delano Sullivan led the Florida group, which included the following first time delegates: former state captain (and now deputy governor) Ken Carter, state secretary Jessie Brabham, Samson Colony governor Clyde Blanchard, Tilley Colony vice governor Larry Peck, Horace Moody, Janell Lopus and brand new Mullins Colony member Claudia Doddington. Delegates returning to Plymouth for their 2nd (or more) congress were: former AG (and now DGG) Fran Lopus, former DDG George Allerton, former state deputy governor (and now governor) Ren Cushing, state historian Muriel Cushing, Nelson Kennerson, Sandra Kennerson, Ellen Kirby and Kathryn Hebert.

At the congress, Muriel Cushing (2nd from right) received a Governor General's commendation award for her "outstanding service to the Florida Society as Historian and Webmaster and varied positions for several Colonies." Also pictured (from left to right) are Governor General Judith Swan and members of the award committee Jay Lucas, Virginia Mucciaccio, and Roger L. Young. Muriel also received a framed certificate of appreciation from GSMD Junior Chair Debra G. Miller for her "volunteer efforts and commitment to the education of our young people through the Mayflower Compact Signer's Booklet Project." Education of the younger generations so they appreciate the character and sacrifice of our Pilgrim ancestors is at the heart of the Mayflower Society's mission.



Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs & Muriel C. Cushing

Leiden period: Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation. Dr. Bangs has graciously given permission to the Florida Society to use his painting of the Mayflower on our new Pilgrim masthead.



NEW MEMBERS

Name	Location	General/FL #	Ancestor	Colony
Priscilla Ellen (Barton) Parmerter	Fort Myers	83344/4749	John Cooke	Samson
Janet Seigel Rogers	Delray Bch	83387/4752	John Cooke	Allerton
Kent Douglas Hamill	Coral Gables	83372/4750	Stephen Hopkins	Bradford
Charles Moore	Satellite Bch	83421/4754	Stephen Hopkins	Hopkins
Glenda Ruth (Hartman) Holifield (transfer in from MO)	Coconut Grove	82689/4751	William Brewster	Brewster

NEW MEMBERS (cont'd)

Name	Location	General/FL #	Ancestor	Colony
Shirley Ruth Denison Smith	Summerfield	83420/4753	William Brewster	Chilton
Melissa Peterson Smith	Jupiter	83443/4755	Richard Warren	Allerton
James Edward Collins	Melbourne	83459/4756	William White	Hopkins
Jann Louise Zermenio	Melbourne	83460/4757	James Chilton	Hopkins
Arthur Gilson Drinkwater	The Villages	83461/4758	George Soule	Chilton
Tanya Lynette Woodard Jasper	Fruitland Park	83536/4760	George Soule	Chilton
Stanley Frazer Rose	Naples	83535/4759	John Alden	Standish
George Barford	Anna Maria	83548/4761	Edward Fuller	Tilley
Albert Kenfield Barnes	Sarasota	83549/4762	Myles Standish	Tilley
Steven Gray Chandler (transfer in from MS)	N. Fort Myers	35501/4764	John Cooke	Samson
Kathleen Louise Shaw Rottino	Weeki Wachee	83630/4766	William Bradford	Bradford
Patricia Barnes Seymour Forstrom (transfer in from CT)	Sarasota	54696/4770	Stephen Hopkins	Tilley

TRANSFERS OUT

Jane Ann (Stephenson) Fairburn	to SC	54515/2899	William Brewster	Warren
Iris Willey DiMercurio	to MICH	7527/4176	Richard Warren	Chilton
Lindell Ray Doty	to ARK	82723/4763	Edward Doty	Mullins

SUPPLEMENTS

Jean Elizabeth Albrecht	The Villages	57282/2899	Priscilla Mullins	Chilton
Raymond Francis Laurie	Port Charlotte	82096/4662	Stephen Hopkins	Tilley

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Charlotte Abercrombie	1 July 2011	26300/3073	Doty
Ethelynne Greenwood Lee	22 June 2011	22371/2231	Standish
Marilyn Faith Young-Richey	11 July 2011	66165/3548	Standish
Robert Frederick Gellerman	13 June 2011	56643/3032	Mullins
Mildred Louise (Kennedy) Hofmann	28 Sept 2011	70938/3876	Alden
Daniel Boone Gray	3 June 2011	54424/2886	Howland
Muriel Walker Dubuc	24 Aug 2011	61156/3254	Howland
Dr. Henry Clinton Davis	9 Oct 2011	38744/2000	Brewster



HENRY SAMSON COLONY IS CHARTERED



Fran Lopus (right) greets First Lady Trudy Burt as Robby Burt, Laura Brock & George Pratt look on

The Bridge Room of the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers, with a spectacular view overlooking the Caloosahatchee River, was the setting 26 Oct 2011 for the charter meeting of the Henry Samson Colony, the 16th and newest colony to be formed under the Florida Society. Twenty-two of the 34 charter members were in attendance, as were the following state and colony officers: General Society AG (now DGG) Frances Lopus, Governor Robby Burt (now General Society AG), Captain (now Deputy Governor) Ken Carter, Secretary Jessie Brabham, Elder the Rev. Dr. Albert Myers, Director & Scholarship Chair Laura Brock (and BOA member as Governor of the William Bradford Colony), Florida Pilgrim editor Nancy Fodi, and BOA members George Pratt (incoming Governor of the William Bradford Colony) and Richard Wheeler, Governor of the Richard Warren Colony.



Clyde A. Blanchard

Clyde A. Blanchard, head of the organizing committee and former historian of the Myles Standish Colony in Naples, the mother colony, extended a warm welcome to all members and guests in attendance. He credited the Rev. Dr. Albert Myers of the Standish Colony as providing the impetus for the formation of the new colony and thanked Standish Colony Governor W. Richard Hazen for his active cooperation throughout the organizational process. "Put simply, the Henry Samson Colony could not have been organized without Albert Myers' vision and Dick Hazen's active assistance and support," Blanchard said with obvious gratitude. He also thanked the outpouring of support shown by the charter members. He noted that he and Myers had originally wondered if they could get the 12 signatures required for a petition for chartering a new colony and were nearly overwhelmed when over 20 charter members signed up.

The invocation was given and the Mayflower Compact was read by FSMD and Standish Colony Elder, the Rev. Dr. Albert Myers, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by charter member and organizing committee secretary Mary Keiser.



Lee County Commissioner Frank Mann

Lee County Commissioner (and charter member) Frank Mann welcomed the charter members and guests by presenting each with a scallop shell lapel pin on behalf of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. His mother, 97 year old Barbara Mann, is also a charter member and was in attendance.

Blanchard introduced the other members of the organizing committee (all Standish Colony members): Ellen Full (Standish Colony treasurer), Mary Keiser, Patricia Myers, Marilyn Fielding and Rev. Albert Myers. Marilyn Fielding read the roll call of Mayflower ancestors and Ellen Full presided as the charter members unanimously adopted a constitution and bylaws

and elected its initial slate of officers:

Governor	Clyde A. Blanchard
Vice Governor	Ellen Full
Secretary	Mary E. Keiser
Treasurer	Patricia A. Myers
Historian	Marilyn W. Fielding
Captain	Rev. Dr. Albert E. Myers
Director	Muriel C. Cushing (FSMD Historian)



Rev. Dr. Albert E. Myers



Ellen Full

Muriel and her husband Ren, newly elected Governor of the Florida Society, are both charter members of the Samson Colony, maintaining dual membership there and in the Elizabeth Tilley Colony in Sarasota.

FSMD Governor Robby Burt presented Colony Governor Blanchard with the Colony's charter and administered the oath of office installing the new Colony officers for a 3-year term.

"Florida has the largest number of colonies of any state Mayflower society," Burt observed, "and, like any proud parent, we're overjoyed that our family has increased by one today. It proves that our Florida Society, like Florida itself, is vibrant and still growing."

The Samson Colony's location in Fort Myers will make it much more convenient for Lee and Hendry County members to attend colony meetings, rather having to drive 100 miles round trip to Naples.



Samson Colony charter members present at the delivery of its charter by FSMD Gov. Robby Burt to colony governor Clyde Blanchard, 26 Oct 2011 at Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers, FL; this photo subsequently appeared in the [Fort Myers Press-News](#)



Jessie Brabham & Gov. Blanchard

FSMD Secretary Jessie F. Brabham commented that the Samson Colony added two members even before its Charter was officially presented: Steven G. Chandler, a transfer in from Mississippi, and Ellen Parmerter, a new Mayflower member elected to the Florida Society on 23 June 2011. Samson Colony historian Marilyn Fielding reported that there are 4-5 new applications already in the works.

Standish Colony Governor Dick Hazen presented Gov. Blanchard with a pink gavel "for crowd control purposes," while Standish Colony treasurer Ellen Full presented Samson Colony treasurer Patricia Myers a check for the transferring members' annual dues.

Congratulatory gifts to the new Colony's treasury were also presented by FSMD Secretary Jessie Brabham on behalf of the William Mullins Colony, by former colony governor (and now FSMD Deputy



Clyde Blanchard & Dick Hazen

Governor) Ken Carter on behalf of the James Chilton Colony, by incoming colony governor George Pratt on behalf of the William Bradford Colony, and by colony governor Richard Wheeler on behalf of the Richard Warren Colony.

The next meeting of the Samson Colony will be held 25 Jan 2012 at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. More photos from the charter luncheon can be viewed on the Colony's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/Henry-Samson-Colony/153079831423883) or the Colony's page at the State Society's website (www.flmayflower.com/colonies.html).



Clyde Blanchard & Ken Carter

All State Society members join in wishing the new colony well in promoting the ideals of the Mayflower Society in the Fort Myers area.

3 WAYS TO GET YOUR FLORIDA PILGRIM



new editor of The Florida Pilgrim
Richard S. Wheeler

First, if you have a computer, iPad or smart phone with internet access, go to the Florida Society's website <http://www.flmayflower.com/> and click the "Newsletters" link at the top of the page. You can open and read the current and past issues of The Florida Pilgrim there **in full color** or download them to your own device for future reference at your own convenience.

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Third, you can receive a printed hard copy by US mail. We used Sheridan Press in Hanover, PA, to produce and mail the Summer 2011 issue. We use bulk rate mailing because it is cheaper than regular first class mail (i.e., \$0.28 per copy vs. \$0.64 for first class). The Postal Service does not, however, forward bulk mail so those who've moved without notifying FSMD will not get the newsletter.

We mailed 1,182 copies of the Summer 2011 issue at a cost of \$1.24 per copy (i.e., \$0.75 for printing, \$0.21 for label generation and mailing prep, and \$0.28 for postage). Approximately 80 were returned as undeliverable.

There are substantial cost savings available if more members would agree to receive their newsletter by the first or second methods. With a total printing and mailing cost of \$1.24 per copy times 1,300 members times 2 issues per year, we could save \$1,612 a year ... or enough to make two additional \$800 scholarship awards to deserving students each year ... if only HALF the total membership would agree to get their newsletter electronically. Or we could publish THREE newsletters a year for the same money we have budgeted for the two issues (i.e., Summer and Winter) which we've produced in the past.

Wouldn't you prefer to see more of your \$10/year Florida Society dues go to fund scholarships, or outreach educational programs to elementary schools in your community, or other worthwhile projects?

As a test, the Board of Assistants has approved that the next issue of The Florida Pilgrim (i.e., the Summer 2012 issue) be sent via email to all members for whom we have email addresses and be mailed only to those for whom we have no email address. If you're not sure we have your current email address, email it to me. If you want to opt out of getting the newsletter by email only, let me know via email or postal mail.

Without costing you an extra cent in dues, you can help make the Florida Society a stronger and more effective organization in achieving its non-profit educational goals.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE SUNSHINE STATE - OUR COLONIES IN ACTION

BRADFORD COLONY ELECTS OFFICERS

At its meeting on 5 Nov 2011 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, the William Bradford Colony elected the following officers to serve for the next 3 years: governor George Pratt, vice governor Mary Ann McLachan, secretary Mary Ellen ("Mimi") Jozwiak, treasurer Sondra Harper, historian Laura Brock, elder Dr. Peter Waldron, captain Lynda Schoonover, director/Bradford Scholarship Dr. Adrienne Condon, director/State Scholarship Robin Warniment, director/communications Susan Ohl, newsletter/Facebook director Deborah Hubbard, and parliamentarian Dorothy Hornus. The guest speaker was Rebecca O'Dell Townsend, Esq., an attorney from St. Pete specializing in appellate practice, who gave a rousing speech on the U.S. Constitution, the intentions of the Founding Fathers in separating the powers of the three branches of government, and of the grave importance in upholding the Constitution



in today's society. In the photo above, Horace Moody (far left) administers the oath of office to the new directors and officers at the installation ceremony. The colony's next meeting will be at noon on Saturday 4 Feb 2012 at Belleair Country Club in Clearwater, where elder Dr. Peter Waldron will conduct a memorial service for departed colony members and also give a talk on Stephen Hopkins.

WARREN COLONY CELEBRATES 54th ANNIVERSARY OF ITS CHARTER

At its Fall membership meeting on 5 Nov 2011 at Hidden Hills Country Club in Jacksonville, the Richard Warren Colony celebrated the 54th anniversary of its charter on 16 Nov 1957 as the 6th colony under the Florida Society. Three past colony governors were honored: Helen Gatlin (1988-90), Donna Lucas (1984-86 & 2002-05) and Bob Hawkes (1996-99), who had just celebrated his 90th birthday. The original charter had been located and framed and was prominently on display. Colony elder Jeri Ruane led the celebration with readings from a newly discovered colony scrapbook. The program featured violinist Nancy Gehret and cellist Ginger Dodd playing early 17th century English, Dutch & German music. The Colony voted to continue its Thanksgiving tradition of making a donation to the City Rescue Mission to assist it in feeding the homeless.



In the photo below (seated left to right) are colony secretary Jamie Rodale, past governor Bob Hawkes and prospective member Libby Rattrie; standing is colony deputy governor Jon Wheeler.



Jeri Ruane with original colony charter framed on the left and The Mayflower Compact on the right

The Warren Colony's next meeting is at 1130am on Saturday 11 Feb 2012 at San Jose Country Club in Jacksonville, where newly-elected FSMD Governor Ren Cushing will be the featured speaker.

The Warren Colony has a newly updated page on the Florida Society's website ... go to www.flmayflower.com, click on "Colonies" and click the "Warren" icon. Included there is a link to the completely revised and updated version of the colony's bylaws drafted by its governor, Winter Park attorney Richard S. Wheeler, Esq. "Other colonies may wish to

use this as a guide in reviewing and updating their own bylaws," Wheeler said.

STEPHEN HOPKINS COLONY



Colony Governor Aline Scott presents a check to Major Sam Van Denberg of the Salvation Army

Bud Casey, editor of The Early Pilgrim, the Hopkins Colony newsletter, has graciously permitted us to reprint the lead article from the upcoming February 2012 issue:

"Descendants Continue Pilgrim Tradition"

An act of kindness that inspired a national holiday has become a tradition in Indian River County. It was almost four hundred years ago, in the autumn of 1621, that the newly arrived English settlers of Plymouth Colony invited their Indian friends to share in their meager harvest and the event became the first Thanksgiving. The Stephen Hopkins Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants, an organization of descendants of those long-ago Pilgrims, annually makes a donation to the Salvation Army with the expressed purpose of buying turkey dinners for the needy of Indian River County at Thanksgiving.

This year the check was in the amount of \$500.00, which was presented to the Salvation Army at a meeting of the Colony at C.J. Cannon's Restaurant on November 10."

The next meeting of the Hopkins Colony is Thursday 9 Feb 2012 at C.J. Cannon's Restaurant in Vero Beach.

EDWARD DOTY COLONY



John Appleyard

What a wonderful way to end the year by attending a program delivered by John Appleyard, Pensacola's own great story teller. Our group was entertained as well as informed about Pensacola in the Colonial Times. Our appreciation to Mr. Appleyard and the staff at Azalea Trace for their professional service in providing a delicious Thanksgiving meal. Outgoing governor Bunny Halligan received gifts and applause for her many dedicated hours of work for the Colony.

Mark your calendars for the next meeting of the Doty Colony on Saturday 11 Feb 2012 at the Tryon Branch Library, 1200 Langley Avenue at 1130am.

Our ancestors worked toward the common goal of making the Colony survive. Let's do our share to keep our Colony moving forward.

Patricia Crumly,
Colony Governor

[Editor's Note: On 13 Nov 2011, outgoing colony governor Bunny Halligan posted a moving letter of gratitude on FSMD's Facebook page for all the support and encouragement she and her fellow officers received during the past three years. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/groups/fimayflower/> to read this letter.]



Bunny Halligan & Patricia Crumly



Edward Doty Colony in Pensacola installs new officers at its Annual Meeting and Luncheon on 5 Nov 2011.

From left to right: Dorothy Heideman, elder; Libby Prochaska, treasurer; Barbara Page, secretary; George Igo, colony vice governor; and Patricia Crumly, colony governor.

Mary Birch, historian, was not able to attend.

FLORIDA SOCIETY'S NEW YAHOO EMAIL GROUP

On November 15th, Ren Cushing posted this on the Florida Society's Facebook page:

In addition to the Facebook page, I've started a Yahoo Groups. I will be adding members. This is strictly a private email group. Try it and if you do not want to be part of the group let me know. To send a message to the group use floridamayflower@yahoogroups.com. We have to have some way of communication between the members and the colonies. The electronic age is upon us, and we must keep up. Colonies post your meetings and other colony information. Members ask questions of the State Historian or others.

If you'd like Ren to add you to the group, please email him at renmur605@comcast.net and let him know.

MYLES STANDISH COLONY

Colony governor Nancy Fodi reports that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 Jan 2012 and the featured speaker will be newly-elected FSMD Governor Ren Cushing. The March meeting will be on Wednesday 7 Mar 2012 when the speaker will be Susan Loucks, Director of Development for Plimoth Plantation, whose talk will be informational: what is happening at Plimoth Plantation now, resources available to Mayflower Society members, and preparations being made for the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower. The Standish Colony donated \$1,000 in 2011 toward the restoration of the Mayflower II and much more money is needed. For more information, email Nancy at nancyfodi22@embargmail.com.

JAMES CHILTON COLONY

On November 12th, the James Chilton Colony held an "Old Fashioned Thanksgiving" at the Pimlico Recreation Center in The Villages with 55 members and guests present.

The Colony purchased the turkey, ham, mashed



Colony secretary Nancy Formisano & her husband Michael



Dr. McNally

potatoes, stuffing, gravy and cranberry/orange relish, while everyone pitched in to bring all the "fixings."

The guest speaker was Dr. Lou McNally, Ph.D., meteorology professor at Embry Riddle University. His topic was "Weather for the Early Settlers" and he kept the audience captivated for his entire presentation. With a doctorate in Global Climate Change, he also shared his prediction for future weather patterns for North America.

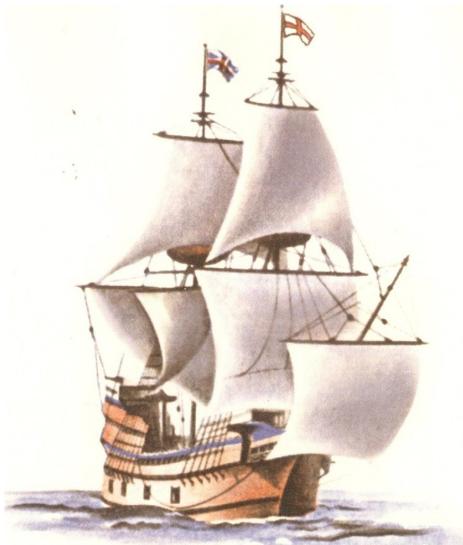
The Colony's Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2012-2014 which was adopted: governor Stephen "Scrib" Kelly, vice governor Marcia J. Dalkalitis, secretary Nancy Formisano, treasurer Kenneth E. Carter, historian Thomas J. Hodges, elder Jean E. Albrecht, captain Shirley R. Smith, director Peter C. Adams, director Evelyn T. Daley and director Janet S. Reinhart.

The next meeting will be a luncheon on Saturday 7 Jan 2012 at the Churchill Street Recreation Center in The Villages at 1130am when newly elected FSMD Governor Ren Cushing will install the slate of officers and his wife, FSMD Historian Muriel Cushing, will be guest speaker with a talk on "Women of the Mayflower." Chilton Colony has a picnic scheduled for Saturday 31 Mar 2012 at Spruce Creek South in Summerfield which should be a great event.

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