

The BRIDGE, JANUARY 2010

Bradford Colony November 7, 2009 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club by Colony Governor Laura Brock with 34 members and guests present. The Invocation was given by Colony Elder Mary Kitchen. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Mayflower Pledge were led by Colony Captain George Pratt. Colony Governor Brock introduced new members: Adrienne Condon, Sandra Payton-Fiantago, Janice Bassett, Barbara Doxstader, Kelley Dodge, Christopher Koehler, William Koehler, Robert Koehler, Earl Baker and Sondra Harper. New members came forward and officially received their certificates if they had brought them.

Business reports: Dorothy Hornus made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 2, 1009 meeting and George Pratt seconded. Motion carried.

Colony Treasurer Mary Ann McLachlan reported we have \$8,755.00 in our checking account and \$3,936.00 in a CD at BBT Bank. This amount is before paying for today's luncheon and Mayflower state fees.

Acting Historian Laura Brock reported we have 138 members, 33 Life members and 16 prospective members. Reporting for Olin Wright Colony Jrs. Chair- we have 180 Juniors. When a Junior member reaches the age of 18 through 25, they are eligible to become regular members without paying the application fee. They must remain a member or our Colony for one year before than can transfer to another Colony.

Colony Director and member of the State Scholarship Committee Jeanne Clewis reported that any descendant in the 12th grade, who has a 3.0 GPA, sponsored by a Florida Mayflower member can apply for the \$1000 Scholarship by writing a 400-600 word essay and submitting two letters of recommendation by March 1, 2010.

George Pratt, member of the Bradford Scholarship Committee, reported that the Board of Assistants had voted to increase our Scholarship Award to \$1000. Any Bradford member or any relative of a Bradford member is eligible to apply which includes writing an essay, by March 1, 2010. Mr. Pratt had copies of the application available to members.

After luncheon was served, Vice Governor Kathryn Hebert introduced guest speaker, Rebecca O'Dell Townsend, Esq. Ms. Townsend gave a fascinating speech on our current Constitutional crisis, comparing the Mayflower Compact with the Constitution. Copies of the Constitution, courtesy of the Colony, were distributed to members.

Captain George Pratt called the Roll of Ancestors. Richard Warren had the largest representation.

Elder Mary Kitchen gave the Benediction.

Colony Governor Brock announced the FSMD State Meeting would be at The Villages on November 20 & 21. She and Kathryn Hebert will attend.

Next meeting: Feb. 6, 2010 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. 12 Noon.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Mary Ann McLachlan, Acting Secretary for the meeting.