

# Howdy Pilgrim



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## 2017-2019 Elected Officers

Mike Nichols, Governor  
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Betty Gosdin, Co-Historian  
Kelly Lindsey, Assistant Historian  
Judy Ditmore, Assistant Historian  
Bart Henson, Elder  
John McWilliams IV, Captain



## Message From the Governor

2017 was a great year for our Texas Mayflower family and Society. We gained 106 new members, had 23 Supplemental Ancestor applications approved and welcomed 29 new Junior members. Our Co-Historians submitted another 124 new member applications and 25 Supplemental applications. As of December 31 we had 1,351 active members. Our Texas Society has the 4<sup>th</sup> largest membership of the 53 member societies. I am delighted to announce that Judy Ditmore has joined our Historians group as another Assistant Historian. A huge **Thank You** to our Historians group, past and present!

Many of our TXSOMD and Colony officers came to Austin in late September for our second Governors Forum. It was a great discussion about continuing to improve our Texas Society. The discussion included:

changing the Annual Meeting Colony rotation schedule,  
changing the way our Deputy Governor is nominated,  
making sure our members who do not belong to a Colony are included in our officers,  
committee chair changes,  
retitling our 2020 Fund fundraising to focus on education,  
several ideas about increasing our active membership,  
and the program for our 2018 Annual Meeting.

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Deputy Governor Dwight Benson worked with the Office of Texas Governor Greg Abbott and a proclamation was issued proclaiming November 21 as Mayflower Compact Day in the State of Texas. We would like to see this happen every year now that we know how to make it happen. It's fairly easy to ask your local government officials for proclamations as well. They are usually looking for ways to serve their constituents and it can really help increase our public image.

Our Texas Society offers college scholarships to graduating high school senior one for \$3,000 and another for \$1,000. These are in addition to the scholarships available from some of our Colonies and the General Society. A few years ago one of our Junior Members hit the 'Scholarship Trifecta' and was awarded Colony, Texas Society and General Society scholarships. The information and application form for the Texas Society scholarships are on our website <http://texasmayflower.com>. The Texas Society application deadline for our 2019 scholarships will be January 29. If your family has a current high school Junior who is planning to attend college please take a look at the scholarship information.

This newsletter issue contains a lot of information about our 2018 Annual Meeting. It promises to be entertaining and informative. All members and guests are invited to attend. Besides all the friends/cousins you will meet (which is always great) you will really enjoy the Saturday afternoon and evening programs and leave wanting more.

The January issue of American Spirit (one of the DAR magazines) has an article about "Abandoned Hopes". It talks about the many failed attempts by the Vikings, Spaniards, French and English to establish permanent settlements in North America and reinforces the importance of what our Pilgrim ancestors accomplished. It is definitely worth reading.

I recently had a discussion with Susan Belekewicz, the new Executive Director of the General Society in Plymouth. As 2020 approaches the application volume is really increasing. Plymouth is currently running about 4 months to process applications and we discussed several ways to improve that process. Pat and I were invited to visit our Waco, Houston, Tyler and Central Texas Colonies last spring and our DFW Colony this past Compact Day. Thank you for your hospitality and warm welcomes. You folks are awesome. It is a real pleasure to join with you.

We share a unique, and distinctly American legacy. We have a great story to tell and we need to 'Tell the Story'!

The Tyler Colony held its 12th Annual Compact Luncheon on November 4th at the Hamilton West Clubhouse. Thirteen "cousins" and three spouses enjoyed a turkey and ham lunch with all the trimmings. Thanks go out to Beverly Wilson and Betty Corcoran for making this beautiful facility available to us. John Michael Clay Boone, grandson of Dr. Tom and Carolyn McCall, was presented his new membership certificate. John is attending Tyler Community College. Corresponding Secretary Carolyn McCall presented past Governor, Jim Walker, with a certificate of appreciation for all he has done for our colony the past several years. Deputy Governor Paula Patterson was our speaker. She gave us background on why many of our ancestors were so miserable in England. Religious freedom was so important to them that they were willing to risk all they had in their venture across the Atlantic.



The Corpus Christi Colony held its Compact Day Luncheon on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Victoria Country Club in Victoria, Texas with 22 present. Speaker Elizabeth Heise, Texas State Co-Historian, delivered the interesting and informative presentation "DNA and Genealogy." Pictured: Jacqie Perabo, Charlie Bass, Nancy Parker, Elizabeth Heise, Patsy Crocker, and Judie Allen.



Houston Colony held their Compact Luncheon at the Braeburn Country Club on November 18, 2018.

Guest Speaker, W. Edward Powers, M.D., Director, UTMB Aerospace Medicine Residency Program, Galveston, TX and former Chief of the Medical Operations Branch, NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX spoke to the members about "The Mayflower and the International Space Station: Comparing Early Voyagers to Modern Explorers".

Governor Charles Prince with guest speaker, Dr. Ed Powers.



Waco Colony GSMD participated in the 17th Annual Genealogy Lock-In at the Waco- McLennan County Library and Genealogy Center on Oct. 20, 2017. The yearly event is a celebration of Family History Month with numerous Lineage Societies presenting information together for people interested in searching their heritage. In costume was Waco Colony Governor, Dottie Tate who manned the exhibit along with several colony members and passed out Mayflower brochures



Waco Colony Genealogy Lock-In 2017

## Proposed Bylaw Amendments for Consideration at the 2018 Annual Meeting

### Amendment 1. Article IV. Section 6. F, Items 1-20

Amend by striking and replacing with new Items 1-16.

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Answer inquiries concerning membership and mail Preliminary Applications to prospective members.</li> <li>2. Receive the Preliminary Applications, collect the application fee, and forward the fee to the Treasurer.</li> <li>3. Send the Application Review Forms (ARFs) with instructions to applicants who have paid the required fee and notify in writing the Governor/President, Co-Historians, Treasurer, and other officers of the names of all applicants to whom PAs and ARFs are sent.</li> <li>4. Upon receipt of the Application Review Form from the applicant and proof of payment, fill out an application worksheet with the approved information on his/her line to such point where the applicant will need to supply documentation and send it to the applicant promptly.</li> <li>5. Review all returned application worksheets and documentation. Inform the applicant of any additional documentation that must be received before the application can be approved.</li> <li>6. Keep an accurate list of all working applications. This list shall include the date an application worksheet is received, the date the completed application is sent to the applicant for signature, and the date it is sent to the Historian General.</li> <li>7. Approve or reject each applicant's lineage worksheet and documentation before sending it to Plymouth.</li> <li>8. Prepare one application for the signature and acknowledgment of the applicant.</li> <li>9. Send the completed application to Plymouth, along with one complete set of documentation.</li> <li>10. Promptly notify the applying member of approval or rejection of both original and supplemental lines of descent.</li> <li>11. Upon notification from the Historian General of the acceptance of a new member, mail a certificate of membership, a copy of the approved application, and a letter of welcome to the new member.</li> <li>12. Maintain a complete list of all members' proven ancestral lines including supplementals.</li> <li>13. Upon receipt of the General Society number from the Historian General promptly notify the Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Governor/President, Newsletter Editor, Deputy Governor, and the Colony Governors, giving each the correct name, address, state and general numbers, dates of approval and election, and the ancestor's name.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep an accurate list of all working applications.</li> <li>2. Answer inquiries concerning membership and email Preliminary Applications to prospective members.</li> <li>3. Receive the Preliminary Applications, collect the application fee, and forward the fee to the Treasurer.</li> <li>4. Review all returned documentation. Inform the applicant of any additional documentation that must be received before the application can be approved.</li> <li>5. Approve or reject each applicant's lineage and documentation before sending it to Plymouth.</li> <li>6. Prepare one application for the signature and acknowledgment of the applicant.</li> <li>7. Scan the documents associated with the applications.</li> <li>8. Send the completed application to Plymouth, along with one complete set of documentation.</li> <li>9. Upon approval of a new member by the Historian General, assign a state number.</li> <li>10. Upon notification from the Historian General of the acceptance of a new member, mail a certificate of membership, a copy of the approved application, and a letter of welcome to the new member.</li> <li>11. At the end of each month notify Board of Assistants of the correct name, address, state and general numbers, dates of approval and election, and the ancestor's name.</li> <li>12. Conduct correspondence relative to Junior membership. Refer inquiries to the Junior Membership Chair.</li> <li>13. Notify the Corresponding Secretary of any known changes in classification, name, address, telephone number, or death of members.</li> <li>14. Send a monthly report to the Treasurer of all applications submitted to the Historian General for approval.</li> <li>15. Share the scans of the supporting documents and digital copies of the approved applications to the Digital Archivist to be included in the digital records of the Society.</li> <li>16. Perform such other duties, as the Governor/President shall direct.</li> </ol>

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>14. Upon approval of a new member by the Historian General, assign a state number.</p> <p>15. Maintain a list of all known member's ancestral lines that have been closed by Plymouth.</p> <p>16. Conduct correspondence relative to Junior membership.</p> <p>17. Notify the Corresponding Secretary of any known changes in classification, name, address, telephone number, or death of members.</p> <p>18. Send a monthly report to the Treasurer of all applications submitted to the Historian General for approval.</p> <p>19. Scan the documents associated with the approved applications and send the digital files and digital copies of the approved applications to the Digital Archivist to be included in the digital records of the Society..</p> <p>20. Perform such other duties as the Governor/ President shall direct.</p>	

Rationale: Current bylaws no longer reflect how the Historians complete, submit and handle applications.

#### **Amendment 2. Article IV. Section 6. G, Items 1-7**

Amend by striking and replacing items 1-2

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>1. Support the responsibilities of the Co-Historians.</p> <p>2. Learn policy and procedure for the preparation of lineage applications as proscribed by the Historian General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.</p> <p>3. Be directed by the Co-Historians, answer inquiries concerning membership, and send instructions to applicants.</p> <p>4. Assist applicants referred to them by the Co-Historians with duties included.</p> <p>5. Upon receipt of all necessary documentation, complete applications and send by mail and/or electronically to the appropriate Co-Historian.</p> <p>6. Keep and submit to the Co-Historians when requested, an accurate list of prospective applicants and working applications which shall include the date a worksheet is sent, status of documentation in progress, and date application and documents are sent to the appropriate Co-Historian.</p> <p>7. Perform such other duties, as the Governor/ President shall direct.</p>	<p>1. Support the responsibilities of the Co-Historians.</p> <p>2. Perform such other duties, as the Governor/ President shall direct.</p>

Rationale: Simplify the language of Assistant Historian duties allowing the Historians flexibility in assigning their duties.



**Amendment 3. Article V E.** Amend by inserting additional paragraph addressing the Deputy Governor and retitling section.

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p><b>E. Nominating the State Governor/President.</b> The Society gives each colony an opportunity to nominate one of its members for State Governor/President in the odd numbered years according to an orderly sequence, alphabetically by colony name. If the colony whose turn it may be cannot provide a qualified member who would accept the nomination for State Governor/President, then the next colony in the sequence will be given the opportunity of providing a nominee.</p>	<p><b>E. Nominating the State Governor/President and Deputy Governor.</b> The Society gives each colony an opportunity to nominate one of its members for State Governor/President in the odd numbered years according to an orderly sequence, alphabetically by colony name. If the colony whose turn it may be cannot provide a qualified member who would accept the nomination for State Governor/President, then the next colony in the sequence will be given the opportunity of providing a nominee. The Society shall give each colony an opportunity to nominate one of its members for Deputy Governor in the odd numbered years according to the same orderly sequence as the Governor/President, alphabetically by colony name. The Deputy Governor would be nominated by the next colony alphabetically following the State Governor/President and could become the next nominee for Governor/President</p>

Rationale: This would give the Deputy Governor exposure and experience at the State Society level prior to being nominated for State President/Governor at the next election cycle with the expectation that he/she could be the next nominee for State President/Governor.

**Amendment 4. Article VI Meetings. Section 2 Place of the Annual Meeting**

Amend by striking and inserting beginning with second sentence.

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p><b>2. Place of the Annual Meeting.</b> The Annual Meeting place shall be chosen by the hosting colony. The hosting colonies shall progress through a repeating eight-year cycle with Dallas/Fort Worth occupying the first and fifth years; Houston occupying the second and sixth years; San Antonio occupying the third and seventh years, Waco occupying the fourth year; and the other colonies, in alphabetic order of the colony names, given the chance to occupy the eighth year.</p>	<p><b>2. Place of the Annual Meeting.</b> The Annual Meeting place shall be chosen by the hosting colony. The hosting colonies shall progress through a repeating six-year cycle beginning with Central Texas, and progressing alphabetically by colony to Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, and Waco. The other colonies, in alphabetic order of the colony names, are given the chance to occupy the sixth year.</p>

Rationale: The three colonies currently on the four year rotation are finding that hosting a meeting that frequently is burdensome and a drain on colony volunteers and resources.

## Calling All Pilgrims!

The DFW Colony is hosting our April 6-7 Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Arlington. We are continuing to use the changed format of our Annual Meeting which began in 2017. All of the officer, committee and colony reports are to be filed well before the meeting and will be made available on our web site. This allows us to complete our business matters Saturday morning and spend the afternoon with some really great education.

Have you ever met a 'Pilgrim' or wondered what life was like for our Mayflower ancestors? One way to experience that is to visit Plimoth Plantation. Instead of that, we are bringing some of their 'Pilgrims' to our 2018 Annual Meeting. They will be the anchors of our Saturday afternoon program, sharing the Pilgrim experience, helping us understand the practice of medicine in the 1620's, the role of women in Plimoth Colony, an update on the Mayflower II and the Plantation's plans for 2020.

Sandra Sauers and Sheryl Schilling had a private tour of Mayflower II while being refurbished in Mystic Seaport last fall. They will be sharing that experience with us as well as their photos. Michael Byrne has a great set of photos of the ship when it was still in Plymouth harbor, so we can see how it looked before the trip to Mystic.

DNA is a very technical topic. Elizabeth Heise made DNA fun last year and she has agreed to give us a follow up on using DNA in Genealogy.

GSMD Governor General Dr. George Garmany will also be with us and bring us up-to-date about the General Society projects and the plans for 2020.

It should be a great meeting. Please plan to join us. The program and registration form are in this issue of our newsletter.



The Dallas – Fort Worth Colony cordially invites you to  
**2018 TEXAS STATE MEETING**  
**APRIL 6 -7, ARLINGTON, TX**

Come learn more about the Pilgrims and how they lived. Our keynote speaker will be our National Governor, Dr. George Garmany. Other speakers include Elizabeth Heise speaking on DNA, Sandra Sauers and Sheryl Schilling speaking about the Mayflower II and the Director of Educational Services at Plimoth Plantation as a reenactor.

For those not attending the Saturday morning meetings, there will be a self-guided tour at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys (\$17, pay when you get there, transportation provided).

## REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Colony \_\_\_\_\_

Office or Position in SOMD \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (If different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (If different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

**SOMD Registration Fee**      \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00

**Guest Registration Fee**      \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00

**Governor's Reception** (Friday evening) # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Lunch

Texas Barbeque      # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$37.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegan Enchiladas      # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$37.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Dinner

Artichoke Chicken      # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Pasta      # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gluten Free Chicken (no dessert) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ( REGISTRATION AND MEALS)**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and your check made out to SOMD DFW Colony to:  
 Ms. Barbara Cobb, Treasurer, 1301 Airport Fwy., Apt. 231, Bedford, TX 76021

*The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Texas*  
*Hosted by the Dallas/Fort Worth Colony*

2018 Annual Meeting  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Arlington, TX  
April 6-7, 2018

**Agenda**

**Friday – April 6, 2018**

3:00 – 6:30 PM     Registration  
4:00 – 6:00 PM     Board of Assistants Meeting  
6:30 – 8:00 PM     Governor's Reception, Cash Bar

**Saturday Morning – April 7, 2018**

8:00 – 10:30 AM   Registration  
8:30 – 11:30 AM   Business Meeting  
11:30 – Noon       Memorial Service

**Saturday Afternoon and Evening – April 7, 2018**

Noon – 1:30 PM   Luncheon  
2:00 – 5:00 PM   Afternoon Program  
         Visit with a Pilgrim  
         Medicine in the 1620s  
         The role of women in the 1620s  
         Plimoth Plantation and 2020  
         Visiting Mayflower II  
         DNA and the Mayflower Society  
5:00 – 6:00 PM   Board of Assistants Meeting  
6:00 – 9:30 PM   Cash Bar  
7:00 – 9:30 PM   Banquet  
         Guest Speaker Governor General Dr. George Garmany, M.D



## Show your Mayflower pride!

DFW Colony is offering white polo style cotton/poly shirts with “Society of Mayflower Descendants” embroidered on left side.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail check made out to “SOMD DFW Colony” to Marilyn Funderburk, 6105 Shorewood Dr., Arlington, TX 76016.

The State meeting will be held at the **Crown Plaza Arlington**, 700 Ave H East, close to Hwy 360 and I-30. The hotel has just finished a total renovation! Everything is new and beautiful! For reservations, please call 817-394-5200. Be sure to ask for the Mayflower Society rate of \$114 (with fees \$128.48).

The Crown Plaza has a complimentary shuttle to and from DFW Airport (NOT Love Field.) After you get your bags, call 817-394-5000 for the shuttle.



### New Members

Name	Ancestor	Name	Ancestor
<b>Pamela Christine Cross Collier</b>	George Soule	<b>William Christopher Moore</b>	John Howland
<b>Karen Shenko Cook</b>	John Alden	<b>Caleb Dale Moore</b>	Edward Fuller
<b>John Michael Clay Boone</b>	William Mullins	<b>Devery Page Goss-Johnson</b>	William Bradford
<b>Cheremie Belle Moore</b>	Edward Fuller	<b>Julie Ann Paschal Rushin</b>	Edward Fuller
<b>Erika Lynne Shughart</b>	Edward Fuller	<b>Michele Lee Shughart</b>	Edward Fuller
<b>Barbara Sheldon-Huggins</b>	William Brewster	<b>Frances Rosalind Dunlap Matchett</b>	Thomas Rogers
<b>Heather Wiseman Lyon</b>	George Soule	<b>Lisa Wiseman Moore</b>	George Soule
<b>Lisabeth Brown Wiseman</b>	George Soule	<b>Nigel Bradley "Doc" Beech</b>	Richard More
<b>Kitt Dolf Christopherson</b>	William Bradford	<b>Anna Jill Roberts-Levy</b>	Stephen Hopkins
<b>Brian Curtis Studey</b>	John Howland	<b>Kevin George Studey</b>	John Howland
<b>Patrick William Studey</b>	John Howland	<b>Melody Kathryn Snider Porter</b>	Francis Cooke
<b>Elmer Calvin Dillman</b>	John Alden	<b>Sherrie Lynne Quick Ferguson</b>	William White
<b>Brooks Leeland Haley</b>	William Bradford	<b>Michael Alan Lewis</b>	Francis Cooke
<b>David Edward Bramble</b>	Richard Warren	<b>Valerie Katherine Bramble</b>	Richard Warren
<b>Glenn Donald McLaughlin</b>	Richard Warren	<b>Willie Lee Tipton Scott</b>	Francis Cooke
<b>Gerlene Rose Tipton Snider</b>	Francis Cooke	<b>Paul S Wilson</b>	William Brewster
<b>Timothy Charles Craig</b>	William Bradford	<b>Lorraine Mary Schum Hunte</b>	John Alden
<b>Olivia Thea Hunter Ivey</b>	John Alden	<b>Sharon Ardith Haulk Lantz</b>	John Alden
<b>Anne Elizabeth Mayfield</b>	Myles Standish		

### Supplementals

<b>John Albert Baxter, Jr.</b>	Elizabeth Tilley	<b>Carol Mary Bishop</b>	Mary Chilton
<b>Veronica Healey Boone</b>	James Chilton		
<b>Derrick Michael Dillman</b>	Richard Warren		

### Transfers

<b>James Elliott Battles</b>	James Chilton	<b>Timothy Keith Battles</b>	James Chilton
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Name	Ancestor	Sponsor
<b>Juniors</b>		
<b>Kase Chandler Evans</b>	William Bradford	<b>Brenda Jordan</b>
<b>Kanyon Raine Evans</b>	William Bradford	<b>Brenda Jordan</b>
<b>Kinston Jo Evans</b>	William Bradford	<b>Brenda Jordan</b>
<b>Emma Rose Cook</b>	John Alden	<b>Karen Cook</b>
<b>Alice Pauline Bondurant</b>	Stephen Hopkins	<b>Jana Galt (nee Brown)</b>
<b>Evelyn Marie Bondurant</b>	Stephen Hopkins	<b>Jana Galt (nee Brown)</b>
<b>Austin Thomas Gulledge</b>	John Alden	<b>Linda Gulledge</b>
<b>Maxwell Rowland Taylor</b>	Francis Cooke	<b>Linda L Hill</b>
<b>Rennie Rose Taylor</b>	Francis Cooke	<b>Linda L Hill</b>
<b>Addison Joy Hill</b>	Francis Cooke	<b>Linda L Hill</b>
<b>Aila James Walker</b>	William Brewster	<b>Dicksie House Walker</b>
<b>Cyra Carlisle Walker</b>	William Brewster	<b>Dicksie House Walker</b>
<b>Holden Grant Battles</b>	James Chilton	<b>James Bruce Battles</b>
<b>Beckett Bruce Battles</b>	James Chilton	<b>James Bruce Battles</b>
<b>Liam Patrick Battles</b>	James Chilton	<b>James Bruce Battles</b>
<b>Oliver James Battles</b>	James Chilton	<b>James Bruce Battles</b>

### **Dual Memberships**

**Marcia Jo Stroman Dalkalitsis** Stephen Hopkins .

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**2018 TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING**

**'Interested in learning what life was like as a Mayflower Pilgrim? That is the theme for the afternoon of our 2018 Annual Meeting'**

**Dates: April 6 & 7, 2018**

**Place: Crowne Plaza, 700 Ave H East, Arlington, TX (Hwys 360 and I-30)  
817-394-5200**

**Information and Application inside this Newsletter.**

