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The Pilgrim Odyssey:

A Rare Example and Worthy to be Remembered

Our annual Spring Dinner will feature David Mark Bradford. He will portray, in period costume and first person character, William Bradford, Plymouth's second Governor, who was elected after the death of the previous Governor, John Carver. Bradford remained Governor for most of his life, from 1621-1656, and was reelected over 30 times. He kept detailed journals, which were later published, documenting the early settlement of Plymouth. His first wife, Dorothy, with whom he had one child, accidentally fell overboard and drowned. Bradford later remarried a young widow, Alice. Governor Bradford's stamina, vision, and remarkable ability to manage people and affairs were large factors in the success of the Plymouth Colony. He passed away in 1657 at age 68.

Our Guest Speaker, David, is a descendant of William Bradford. He will portray, in first person character, the Governor's experiences at Plymouth, as if he were here among us today. From the authenticity of his garments to his dialect and passion for history, David is keeping history alive.

David was born in Midland, Michigan in 1954. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1976 with bachelors' degrees in Psychology and Communications. He met his wife, Kathy, in Tuscola County, Michigan while working with Special Education students. They celebrated their 30-year anniversary last September. They have raised four boys and became grandparents for the first time in February.

David Bradford with his son, Aaron, and young grandson, William Aaron.

David began his own Quality and Safety consulting business in 1990 and is currently a Quality and Safety Manager at the Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility located on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Over the years, David has held leadership positions with various organizations and has served as an Elder and Officer in the Bible Fellowship Church of Newark for over 20 years. His primary interests include his family, Biblical counseling, Colonial and Early American history, music and theater. He is a life member in the Delaware Mayflower Society.

We look forward to this exciting portrayal as "William Bradford" comes to life at our Spring Dinner. *See page 8 for details.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 20, 2012
12:00 p.m., Sunday
Spring Dinner
Hunt Valley Golf Club, Phoenix, MD

September 6-9, 2012
Fri., Sat., Sun.
General Board of Assistants' Meeting
Mount Laurel, New Jersey

November 18, 2012
12:00 p.m., Sunday
Compact Day Dinner
DoubleTree Hotel, Annapois, MD

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Mayflower Society Members:

It seems as though we went from Fall right into Spring without experiencing Winter this year which, I am sure, was without complaint for many people. Spring in Maryland certainly is a beautiful time of year!

The Compact Day Dinner last November in Annapolis was a successful event with the premiere presentation of "Chilton's Challenge," written and directed by our own Deputy Governor, James Battles, and assisted by his cousin, Susan Scott Battles Brown. After the performance, Susan was presented with a copy of Fritz Briggs' painting, "Crossing of the Mayflower."

Also at that meeting, a new Board of Assistants was elected for a three-year term, and I was honored, once again, to be elected Governor. A big thank you for a job well done is in order for those previous Board and Committee Members who so graciously gave their time and talent to the Society, several of whom continue to serve. Congratulations to our new Board Members who are all off to a good start. Elsewhere in the *Log*, there are brief biographies of some of them. Our new Corresponding Secretary, Dian ("CJ") Corneliussen-James, has updated the membership directory, which is currently being printed, and will be mailed shortly. We thank CJ for her dedication to this very time-consuming project.

The guest speaker for our Spring Dinner is David M. Bradford who will be traveling from Delaware to be with us. He will be in costume portraying Governor William Bradford in first person. You won't want to miss it! As I have previously said, these semi-annual meetings continue to provide a wonderful opportunity for us all to gather with our Mayflower cousins.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 20th, at our Spring Dinner.

Yours in preserving our Mayflower Heritage,

Benjamin G. Proctor, Jr.,
Governor, Maryland Mayflower Society

Contact Information

If you have moved, changed your name, or we have an incorrect address or e-mail on file, please let us know. Our Directory entitled, ***The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maryland 2011-2014***, will be published and distributed to the members. The Directory provides detailed address and contact information and also contains our Society's Bylaws. Please send any new contact information to the Corresponding Secretary, Dian ("CJ") Corneliussen-James at cj77@comcast.net.

WELCOME ABOARD: New Members

We are happy to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Maryland Society:

- **MRS. ANNE (IRELAND) ANDREWS**, of Woodbine, 12th in descent from Stephen Hopkins.
- **MR. THOMAS FLOYD CHAPIN**, of Gambrills, 14th in descent from William Brewster.
- **MRS. ANN (BLAIR) EDWARDS**, of Lake Havasu City, Arziona, 12th in descent from Edward Doty.
- **MRS. NORMA DAMON (ZABRISKIE) HEATON**, of Hagerstown, 11th in descent from William White.

Supplemental Lines

Congratulations to our members who recently had supplemental lines approved

- **MRS. JOANNE MARGERY (EELLS) COE**, of Gaithersburg,10th in descent from William Mullins.
- **MRS. PRISCILLA ANN (SOLDAN) SCOTT**, of Andover, Massachusetts,12th in descent from Richard Warren and Thomas Rogers.
- **MR. HARVEY MORTON SOLDAN**, of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina,10th in descent from John Howland and 12th in descent from John Tilley.
- **MR. HARVEY MORTON SOLDAN**, of Riverside, California, 12th in descent from Richard Warren and Thomas Rogers.
- **MR. MARK SCOTT SOLDAN**, of Tacoma, Washington, 12th in descent from Richard Warren and Thomas Rogers.

Junior Members

We welcome our newest junior members

We welcome the following junior members who are each 12th in descent from Richard Warren and children of our member, Robert Blake Burgio:

- **MASTER THOMAS JAMES BURGIO**
- **MISS ELIZABETH ANN BURGIO**

In Memoriam

We sadly report the loss of these members

- **MR. WALTER FOCKE HERMAN,** of Baltimore, former member and Governor of the Maryland Mayflower Society from 1961-1964, passed away on March 2, 2012.
- **MRS. MARY VIRGINIA (BRANDT) RUXTON,** passed away on October 30, 2011.

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Treasurer's Corner

After being installed as the Maryland Society's new Treasurer at the Compact Day Dinner, the months since have been a learning experience for me. First of all, I would like to thank Tim Mallory, the past Treasurer, and Ben Proctor, our current Governor, for their encouragement and guidance in this period of transition.

The biggest task in this new role as Treasurer has been the collection of annual membership dues. QuickBooks Non-Profit, an off-the-shelf accounting software package, has been integrated into the dues collecting process and is now also serving as the primary source of recordkeeping for the Maryland Society's books. As of March 26, 168 annual membership dues and 23 junior dues have been collected. Additionally, five annual members elected to become lifetime members. To date, we received $9,725 in 2012 annual and lifetime membership dues. Currently, 27 annual members and 11 junior members have yet to pay their 2012 dues.

Other sources of revenues for the Maryland Society have been for application fees made through our Historian, Carolyn Fowler, for new memberships and supplemental lines to the General Society in Plymouth.

Year-to-date expenditures for 2012 include the annual assessment made to the General Society of $5,860 which was paid in early March. Other 2012 expenditures include two $100 donations:

- A donation was given to Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth for general support. Pilgrim Hall is a museum that contains a number of artifacts relating to the Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers. It's a very interesting place and well worth a visit. There is a recent building addition to the museum.

- The other donation was given to the Winslow House. The Winslow House is an eighteenth century house that functions as the General Society's headquarters in Plymouth, and like most historical sites, it is always in need of constant maintenance and improvements. The endowment fund is a separate fund designated for that purpose. If you are interested, there is a virtual tour of the Winslow House on the General Society's website (www.themayflowersociety.com).

Our assets include a checking account and an investment account with no liabilities. As of March 26, 2012, the balance in our checking account is $7,698.43 and the March 1, 2012 balance in our investment account is $48,610.

G. Steve Hartong
Treasurer

Beer & Water, Wine & Cider:

The Drinks of Early Plymouth

The drink of the Pilgrims, alcoholic or not, shaped the course of the Colony. Their drink was determined by their cultural habits, trade, and the availability of ingredients. They may have wished for a tankard of beer or a glass of wine, but it was the local water that sustained them in the early days, and in later years, cider became the most common drink.

Mayflower passenger, Stephen Hopkins, provides a perfect framework for understanding the beverages available to the early Colonists. An inventory of his first wife's possessions in England revealed them to be tavern keepers, prior to landing in the New World. In his last years until his death in 1644, Stephen Hopkins was running a tavern out of his home, serving beer, wine, and cider. In fact, Hopkins was fined by the Plymouth authorities for selling either too much alcohol or selling at prices that were too high.

Beer

The English and Dutch of the early 17th century were primarily beer drinkers. Other drinks like wine and distilled spirits were available but never rivaled the popularity of beer. The *Mayflower* was loaded with barrels of beer and water, having much more beer than water. Undoubtedly an advantage of beer was that, unlike more perishable foods, it would keep during long voyages and, having been boiled, was purer than ordinary water. The beer on the Mayflower was most likely "ship's beer," which had very little alcohol but could be stored for months without spoiling.

It is a curious fact that beer played such an influential role in the founding of the Plymouth Colony in December, 1620. Dwindling supplies on board the Mayflower, including the ship's supply of beer running low, pressured the hasty decision to establish the settlement at Plymouth instead of sailing further South.

Water

Most sailors knew the importance of carrying both beer and water in tightly bound casks. Water, however, would not last more than a few weeks at sea before it developed a film and became undrinkable, as bacteria quickly grows. However, once they reached the Massachusetts coast, the Pilgrims soon discovered fresh water springs. "At length they found water and refreshed themselves," wrote William Bradford. The local Wampanoags, who guided the Pilgrims, would only willingly drink from a spring. Fresh water streams and springs were plentiful, and the Colonists were never thirsty, but drank the water with some embarrassment. The quality of water was much better in the North. The farther South they settled, the warmer the climate, the more likely the water would be contaminated.

Cider, stored in barrels in the cellar, was served with every meal. Men could not labor without cider, as water seldom agreed with them.

The lack of fermented drinks posed a major problem for those settlers who arrived later, as they were not accustomed to drinking water. People drank water only if they could not afford to buy ale. The settlers had to make do with water.

Wine

Wine did not travel long distances well without being treated in some way. The wines Hopkins and the other Pilgrims were familiar with were sweeter and heavier than most of today's wines, similar to Rieslings, Ports, and Madeiras. Shortly after landing, the Pilgrims began making wine out of wild grapes.

Cider

By the late 1630's, orchards of apple and pear trees, brought from England, thrived in the Plymouth area. Cider made from apples and pears became a popular alcoholic drink in the Colony. Cider in England was a common drink for the poor until the 1640's when all classes started drinking it. In Plymouth, barrels of cider, presses, and orchards all attest to the drink's popularity that would continue into the 19th century. Pear cider, also called "peary" or "perry," was never as common as apple cider.

Alcoholic beverages were a necessity to the PIlgrims, who did not appreciate water as a beverage.

Compiled from the Pilgrim Society News, Summer 2010 and others.

Cooke House Destroyed by Fire

Replica hut destroyed during cooking demonstration

The fire began in the chimney of the Cooke House, during a cooking demonstration, intended to show how early Colonists prepared meals over an open flame.

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, just before the Thanksgiving Parade began in downtown Plymouth, MA, a fire broke out at the Cooke House in Plimoth Plantation. The fire began in the chimney and spread quickly onto the straw-thatched roof of the house. Despite windy conditions, the Plymouth Fire Department contained the fire and no one was hurt. The Plantation's officials said they had determined that the Cooke House, a Colonial-era style building, could not be salvaged and should be torn down but would be rebuilt. The last fire in the Plantation, which is mostly comprised of wood buildings, was 15 years ago. The Cooke House was named after Francis Cooke, a passenger on the *Mayflower*. The Maryland Mayflower Society made a donation of $200 toward the restoration.

BOOK SALE: Silver and Pink Books

Retired copies of the *Mayflower Families for Five Generations* (silver) and *Mayflower Families in Progress* (pink) books published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants will be available for sale at the Spring Dinner for $1.00 each. These books, which have been superseded by updated editions, are still full of useful information. Please note that genealogical documentation would have to be verified through the most current edition of the books, shown in parenthesis. The following books will be available:

Silver Book: *Edward Fuller*, vol. 4, 1990 (3rd edition, 2006);
Peter Brown, vol. 7, 1992 (2nd edition, 2002);
Edward Doty, vol. 11, Part 1, 1996 (2nd edition, 2009);
William White, vol. 13, 1997 (3rd edition, 2006);
Richard Warren, vol. 18, Part 2, 1999 (2nd ed., 2011);

Pink Book: *George Soule and His Descendants for Four Generations*, 5th ed., 2006 (6th edition, 2011).

Meet Your New Board Members

At our last Compact Day Dinner, the following new board members were elected to serve on the board.

Corresponding Secretary
Dian ("CJ") Corneliussen-James

Retired Air Force Intelligence Officer Lt Col Dian ("CJ") Corneliussen-James is Co-founder/President of METAvivor Research and Support—an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit for metastatic breast cancer (MBC). Heavily involved in patient advocacy, building awareness and funding research for the largely unsupported, fatal condition, CJ enjoys gardening, bicycling and boating with her husband, Rob, when she can spare the time.

Assistant Historian
Marcia Moore

Marcia moved to the Eastern Shore for the leisurely pace of small town living in Easton. She joined a writers' group that helped to finish her first book, a young-adult novel about the American Revolution. She also enjoys researching her family roots—most recently, a Maryland ancestor who fought in the War of 1812. Another Maryland ancestor, from Scotland, provided eligibility for the St. Andrews Society.

Surgeon
Dr. James Egan

Dr. Egan graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, and completed his training as a Child Psychiatrist. He is former head of psychiatry at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and has five grown children and eleven grandchildren.

Counselor
Hrant Jamgochian, Esquire

Hrant serves as the Executive Director for Dialysis Patient Citizens, the Nation's largest patient-led organization working to improve the quality of life of dialysis patients through education and advocacy. Previously, Hrant was the Director of Health Policy for United Way Worldwide, where he served as the lead expert on federal and state health policy, assisting in formulating and advancing the health policy agenda.

COMPACT DAY DINNER:

Chilton's Challenge

On Sunday, November 20, 2011, the members met at the DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland for our annual Compact Day Dinner. Our own member, James B. Battles, wrote the play, entitled "Chilton's Challenge", and performed the part of "James Chilton" in period clothing and first person character. His cousin, Susan Scott Battles Brown, portrayed "Mary Chilton," James Chilton's youngest daughter.

The premiere performance featured a father and daughter's story of their pilgrimage to Plimoth Plantation. "James Chilton", who was the oldest passenger on the Mayflower, told his story of how and why he and his family came to America. "Mary Chilton" recounted her story from a vantage point of a mature, wealthy woman and recollected her early days in Plimoth Plantation.

Jim Battles presented a copy of Fritz Briggs' painting of the *Mayflower*, to his cousin, Susan, who is an expert in historic costume design, and thanked her for making the trip and costumes.

Alice Teal, Editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly*, and Harry Folger, III, Assistant Editor, presented Governor Ben Proctor with the "Mayflower Quarterly Volunteer of the Year, the Distinguished Percussionist" award. The award was presented for Governor Proctor's service as the drummer for the 39th General Congress of the GSMD.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

The Board has recommended the following revisions to Article VIII, section 5, of the Bylaws entitled, "Fees, Annual Dues, and Assessments," to ensure appropriate oversight of our funds. This revision, as shown in bold italicized text, will be voted upon at the Spring Dinner:

Current:

> Funds derived from Life Memberships, gifts, bequests or legacies shall be invested by the Treasurer in a permanent fund at the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee and approval of the Board of Assistants. Income from such funds may be used in defraying expenses of the Society.

Proposed:

> Funds derived from Life Memberships, gifts, bequests or legacies shall be invested by the Treasurer in ***an investment*** fund at the recommendation of the ***Finance Committee*** and approval of the Board of Assistants. ***Such*** funds may be used in defraying the expenses of the Society.

15th Annual Phantom PHANTOM PILGRIM BALL

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maryland cordially invites you **NOT** to attend

THE PHANTOM PILGRIM BALL

Your contribution is tax-deductible and the proceeds will be allocated for educational projects and to obtain speakers. The categories are:

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on
Sunday, May 20, 2012
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"A Pilgrim Odyssey"
Presented by David Mark Bradford

12:00 P.M. RECEPTION & COCKTAILS
1:00 P.M. DINNER

RSVP to Warren Howard before Friday, May 11, 2012

Menu

Hors d'oeuvres
Fruit, vegetable, and cheese trays
Spanakopita
Tuscan stuffed mushrooms

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First Course
Garden salad with assorted dressings
Warm rolls and butter

Choice of Entree:
Petite Filet with demi glace, or
Maryland-style Jumbo Lump Crab Cake, or
Grilled Salmon with dijon buerre blanc

all entrees served with roasted red potatoes & green beans

Dessert
Apple Pie with whipped topping

♦ ♦ ♦

Childrens' Menu: Chicken fingers & french fries

Location

Address: **Hunt Valley Golf Club**
14101 Phoenix Road
Phoenix, MD 21131

Phone: (410) 527-3300

Website: huntvalleygc.com

Directions from I-83:
Take I-83 North to Exit 20A, Shawan Road to Cockeysville East;
Turn right onto York Road, Rt. 45S (.3 miles);
Turn left onto Ashland-Paper Mill Roads, MD-145E (2.3 miles);
Turn left onto Phoenix Road (.5 miles);
Turn right onto Highland Ridge Road. Entrance to club is on right.

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RSVP

Spring Dinner

TO: *Warren B. Howard*
15207 Briarcliff Manor Way
Burtonsville, MD 20866-1662

FOR: _____ adults and _____ children
for the dinner on May 20, 2012 at
Hunt Valley Golf Club, Phoenix, MD

COST: $35.00 for each Adult *(cash bar)*
$13.00 for each Child
(price includes a 20% gratuity)

TIME: 12:00 p.m.: Reception & Cocktails
1:00 p.m.: Luncheon

DEADLINE: Friday, May 11, 2012

MEMBER'S NAME: _____ *Entree*:* _____

GUEST'S NAME: _____ *Entree*:* _____

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

**Please indicate choice of entree.* ♦ *Checks made payable to the Maryland Mayflower Society.*

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