



Stephen Hopkins Colony
OF THE
SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA



Newsletter October 2018

The Stephen Hopkins Colony
serves the Treasure and Space Coasts of Florida, which includes
Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Martin Counties



Florida Mayflower Society
<http://flmayflower.com/>

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Descendants

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter, which we will send out by email each January, April, July and October. We are always looking for pertinent articles and photos that can be sent to our newsletter editor,

Etta Ocker at ettaocker@gmail.com, at least 3 weeks before the end of the quarter. As this is our first newsletter in a while, let me outline some of basics of our colony.

The General Mayflower Society at Plymouth Massachusetts is governing body, with each state's society falling under the General Society. In Florida, there are 17 colonies under the State society. The Board of Assistants for the State Society and our Colony are listed on the State website. Every three years each member shall receive a hard copy booklet of all our members and the Board of Assistants (officers) as will each new member. Electronic updates are sent out periodically.

Membership in the Mayflower Society must be kept up each year, there is no on one year and off the next. Dues are set by the State Society and are currently \$34, due by December 31 for the next calendar year. Lifetime memberships are available if you have been a member for 5 years and are 55 or older. The dues are a sliding scale based on age and can be found in the State By-Laws on the state website.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and please give me your feedback on how we can improve the newsletter.

Brian McWaters, Governor
Stephen Hopkins Colony



MEETINGS FOR 2018-19

We meet 5 times a year on the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 at C.J. Cannon's Restaurant at the Vero Beach Airport. Announcements for the meeting are sent out about three weeks in advance letting you know the meal choices and the speaker. You need to let John Hillhouse know you are coming and what meal choice you want. Currently meals cost are \$17.

Thursday, September 13, 2018– 11:30 AM

Thursday, November 8, 2018 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, February 14, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, April 11, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 11:30 AM



The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 8, 2018. If you plan to attend, please contact John Hillhouse with your menu choice at hillhousej@att.net please remember that if you have to cancel, let John know so that the Colony does not have to pay for your meal.

Our Nov 8, 2018 speaker is

Cindi Byers

“Thanks to the Naturals:

Our Earliest History as Pilgrims”



Membership Dues Notice

Our Stephen Hopkins Colony dues for the 2019 calendar year are due December 31, 2018. Dues are \$34 per year, checks should be made out to: **Stephen Hopkins Colony**

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

(Please indicate if your contact information has changed.)

**Please return this notice with your check due by
December 31, 2018 to:**

John Hillhouse
275 Date Palm Road
Vero Beach, FL 32963

Thank you for your cooperation and support

Voices For Sale at November Meeting

Ticket Prize

Liberty London Set

Which includes matching tea towel, apron and oven glove – Perfect for Thanksgiving! Here is what is says on the back of each piece.

Tudor House

"In 1924 Liberty completed its Tudor shop on Great Marlborough street from two old war ships from the British Navy. The building rises to the same height and length as HMS Impregnable, Above the main entrance sits a weathervane of the Mayflower ship which transported early pilgrims to America. The building quickly becomes an icon of London."



<https://www.libertylondon.com/uk/information/the-store/store-heritage.html>

Colony Name Tags

Tags are available to members of the Stephen Hopkins Colony at a cost of \$10.00 each if delivered to the member at a General Membership Meeting or \$13.00 if the member wishes the name tag mailed to their home address. To order name tag (s) please contact Kurt Bressner by email at kbressner@gmail.com No money is required at time of order. You may reimburse Kurt when the name tag is delivered. **IMPORTANT:** Please indicate EXACTLY HOW YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR NAME APPEAR ON THE TAG.



Florida Mayflower Society Junior Program

The Stephen Hopkins Colony has added 28 new Junior Members in 2018 so far! There are a total of 56 Junior Members.



If you have a family member (grandchildren, great nieces or great nephews) under the age of 18, they are eligible to sign-up for the Junior Program using your membership. All that is needed is a completed application form and a one-time \$30.00 application fee payable to "State Treasurer". Your Junior will receive a personal certificate with their Pilgrim's name and an information packet about the Pilgrims.

Colony Member Vicki Condie McTavish commented on the Junior Program, "my grandchildren were super excited about their Jr. Membership and the wonderful kit of information about their pilgrim.... the process was so simple and fast; their faces tell it all."

Also, Colony Member Jeff Rogers recently presented. Junior Certificates to three of his grandsons in Virginia commenting, "These junior memberships are your ties as 16th generation descendants to the 102 brave people who made that perilous and rigorous journey to America on the Mayflower. Forty-two died in that dreadful 1st winter, but that was followed that next November with the 1st Thanksgiving." If you are interested, please contact:

Kurt Bressner, Historian and Junior Membership Chair at:

kbressner@gmail.com 561-436-2328



Photo caption:

Left to right; Nathan Condie; Stephen Hopkins Colony Member Vicki Condie MacTavish; Kevin Condie and John Read. All Descendants of Stephen Hopkins.



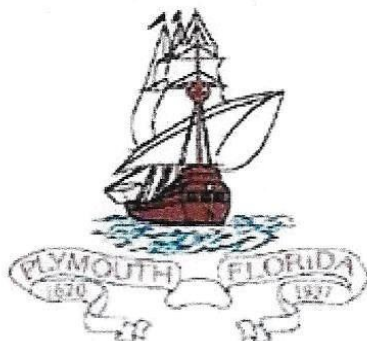
Photo Caption:

Stephen Hopkins Colony member

Jeffrey Rogers presented Junior Certificates to three of his grandsons: Silas, Justus and Benjamin, all descendants of Thomas Rogers.

Junior Application Here

<http://flmayflower.com/docs/Junior%20Application%202018.pdf>



ALL members, their children & grandchildren, spouses, partners, and guests
are cordially invited to attend the
81st Annual Meeting of the

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida

Hosted by the John Alden Colony

November 16-17, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Deerfield Beach
100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

(Deadline for receipt of meeting registration is Friday, October 16, 2018)

MEMBER NAME _____ GUEST NAME(S) _____
(Please print clearly as these are the names which will be used on the meeting identification badges.)

STREET _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

COLONY NAME _____ TITLE (if an officer) _____

FRIDAY, 16 Nov 2018

Non-Refundable Registration Fee for each adult member & guest \$4.00 (\$4 X _____ =) \$ _____
Social Hour (6-7pm): cash bar \$ _____ 0.00
Mayflower Banquet (7-10pm): \$50.00 per person X _____ people = \$ _____

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner: Chef's Choice of Soup, Chef's House Salad, Sliced Turkey and Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Homemade Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Pumpkin Cheesecake

Those with special dietary requirements PLEASE SEND THAT INFO WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM

Anyone wishing to wear traditional Mayflower attire during the banquet is encouraged to do so

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: CALEB JOHNSON, RENOWNED AUTHOR & RESEARCHER

SATURDAY, 17 Nov 2018

BoA & General Membership Meeting (complimentary refreshments) \$ _____ 0.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED (If registering more than one person, you may write one check for the grand total.) \$ _____

All registration forms with a check payable to "John Alden Colony FSMD" should be mailed to Colony Treasurer, Naida Moore, 581 S. Lake Dasha Drive, Plantation, FL 33324-3155 before Friday, October 16, 2018.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Advanced registration required. Book before October 16, 2018 to get preferential group rate; please mention Mayflower Society Special Rate:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
100 Fairway Drive
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone: 1-954-427-7700

Discounted room rates are as follows:
Standard (1 King or 2 double beds) guestroom \$119.00
PLUS Broward County Occupancy Tax of 12%

FSMD Mayflower Descendants Scholarship program 2018

The FSMD Mayflower Descendants Scholarship program is restricted to high school seniors, and entries must be submitted in the fall semester of the student's senior year.

A student can live anywhere however his or her sponsor (parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle etc.) must be a member in good standing of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Judging criteria:

GPA: Unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale. Advanced Placement or Honors Classes can be recognized, but cannot be used to increase the GPA above a 4.0.

Note: If you have a home schooled or international student, contact me to discuss grading. .

High School Transcript: The student must submit a high school transcript provided, signed, and **sealed** by a member of the school administration such as principal, vice principal, or counselor. Note: If the student transfers, attends multiple schools, or is home schooled composite records are acceptable.

Leadership: This can take many forms, but the leadership component **must** be a clear. Participation in activities does **not** qualify as leadership.

Examples which **would qualify**: student body president, editor of a school newspaper, captain of a sports team, club president, Boy Scout Eagle candidate managing a community service project.

Extra Curricular Activities and Volunteering:

Activities: Again, this can be a wide range of activities. We have kids who participate in all kinds of sports – baseball, football, swimming, and gymnastics. We have students who are active in 4H or boy or girl scouts. Some students are active in music or theater and perform with choirs, bands, or theater groups.

Letters of Recommendation: The student **must** have 2 or more letters of recommendation. Recommendations can come from many sources. Some examples are teachers or staff at the student's school; supervisors where the student works or volunteers; members of the student's church, Synagogue, or Parrish; Boy or Girl Scout Leaders.

Letters of recommendation **must be sealed** by the person giving the recommendation. Unsealed letters will not be accepted.

Essay on the Topic: "What being a Mayflower descendant means to me". **The essay is double weighted and must be typed and within 400 and 500 word range.**

Suggestion: Set your counter and put the count on the bottom of your essay.

We have lost the most students on failure to address the topic and failure to remain within the word limits. Please emphasize this with your applicant.

Regards, Alvene Watson

FSMD Mayflower Scholarship Chairman E-mail: fhwaew@mindspring.com

THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____
 Last First Middle

Address _____ Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____.

Educational Plans and Objectives: _____

School You Plan to Attend: _____

Career Goal _____

GPA _____ (4.0 System) Class Rank _____ Out of _____

Requirements:

Provide proof of ancestry to a Mayflower passenger including name of the sponsoring relative who is a member of the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants

- Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or better
- Attach your 400-600 word essay on "What My Mayflower Ancestry Means to Me"
- Attach a copy of your school transcript
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a school official and one from a non-relative, both still sealed in their envelope

On one side of 8 ½ X 11 paper list extracurricular activities, honors received, and information demonstrating community involvement.

Send postmarked material dated by Monday, 15 October, 2018 to:

Alvene E. Watson, Scholarship Chairman
685 Hurst Rd N.E.
Palm Bay, Florida 32907-1439

Applicant's Signature

date

Stephen Hopkins Colony Mayflower Society
General Meeting September 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Governor Brian McWaters. Elder Lisa Thompson gave the Invocation, Captain Charles Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Brian McWaters introduced the board members, prospective members and guests. A new member, Susan Hunt, was in attendance as was welcomed.

Call of Ancestors – Director Marsha Adams

Minutes – A motion was made by Governor McWaters to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Memorial – A candle was lit by Elder Lisa Thompson in memory of M. Louise Scarpate who passed away August 17, 2018.

Unfinished Business: - Governor Brian McWaters

Looking for volunteers to serve as Assistant Treasurer and as Webmaster.

Officer Reports:

Historian - Kurt Bressner reported that there are currently 88 members. There are 11 new members this year to date and 2 new supplementals. There are 4 applications and 9 supplementals waiting for approval in Plymouth. Name tags can be ordered by contacting Kurt.

Treasurer – John Hillhouse reported \$3,599.49 currently in the account. Dues are payable now and must be paid before the end of the year. Annual dues are \$34. His report has been filed.

Secretary – Janice Sly is out of town. No report.

Committee Reports:

Junior Chairman – Kurt Bressner reported that there are 28 new junior members.

Blessing of the Food – Elder Lisa Thompson gave the Blessing.

Speaker – Vice Governor Sharon Paugh introduced the speaker, Miles Meyer, who is the director of the Family History Center in Vero Beach. His topic was “FamilySearch Unveiled” and he explained how to navigate the FamilySearch genealogical website. Vice Governor, Sharon Paugh, presented Mr. Meyer with a thank you gift.



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New Business: - Governor Brian McWaters

1. \$250 was presented to Jan Zermeno for Operation Hope to help fund their Thanksgiving food drive. \$250 will also be presented to the Salvation Army.
2. Bylaws – Kurt Bressner reported that a few bylaw adjustments are needed and a notice will be sent out before the next meeting.
3. Elder Lisa Thompson will be bringing a three-piece Mayflower linen set from London to raffle at our next meeting.

50/50 - \$86 was collected in ticket sales and awards of \$26 and \$17 were paid to two winners.

The next general meeting will be our annual Thanksgiving luncheon on November 8, 2018 at CJ Cannon's Restaurant.

The benediction was given by Elder Lisa Thompson.

The meeting was adjourned by Governor Brian McWaters at 1:35 PM.

Nan Baker
Recording Secretary



Stephen Hopkins Colony Mayflower Society
General Meeting July 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m. by Governor Brian McWaters. Elder Lisa Thompson gave the Invocation, Captain Charles Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Brian McWaters introduced the board members, prospective members and guests.

Call of Ancestors – Director Marsha Adams

Speaker – Vice Governor Sharon Paugh introduced the speaker, Dee Collier.

Dee Collier was dressed as Pilgrim Priscilla Alden and spoke of her journey on the Mayflower and her life at Plymouth. Vice Governor, Sharon Paugh, her with a gift as a thank you.



Blessing of the Food – Elder Lisa Thompson gave the Blessing.

50/50 - \$92 was collected in ticket sales and awards of \$28 and \$18 were paid to two winners.

Minutes – A motion was made by Governor McWaters to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Unfinished Business: - Governor Brian McWaters

Looking for volunteers to serve as Assistant Treasurer, on Audit Committee, as Webmaster, and as Newsletter Editor.

Officer Reports:

Historian - Kurt Bressner reported that there are currently 86 members. There are 23 applications in process. 7 new members and 2 supplemental applications have been approved since April. He thanked the membership for their assistance at the Genealogical Conference in April. Name tags are available.

Treasurer – John Hillhouse reported \$3,406.05 currently in the account. \$2890 has been collected for dues of which \$1557 will be paid to the Florida Society. There is \$216 in the Education Fund.

Secretary – Janice Sly is out of town. No report.

Elder – Lisa Thompson reported she is working on the “pink sheets” revision, which will include areas of interest of the members.

Committee Reports:

Junior Chairman – Kurt Bressner reported that there are 56 junior members.

New Business: Governor Brian McWaters

1. Condolences were expressed to Captain Charles Moore for the loss of his wife, Janice, who was always a good friend to the colony.
2. The board has voted to prepare new paper yearbooks for the colony members every three years, or at the beginning of a new board term. Updated information will be provided each year. New members will receive yearbooks upon their approval to the colony
3. Donations are needed so that the Society can purchase the church in Plymouth. Three million dollars must be raised and is to be designated as the maintenance fund for the church.

The next general meeting will be September 13, 2018 at CJ Cannon's Restaurant.

The benediction was given by Elder Lisa Tompson.

The meeting was adjourned by Governor Brian McWaters at 1:21 PM.

Nan Baker
Recording Secretary



Stephen Hopkins Colony Mayflower Society
General Meeting April 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m. by Governor Brian McWaters. Governor McWaters gave the Invocation, Captain Charles Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Brian McWaters introduced the board members, prospective members and guests. New members in attendance were David Lassalle and June Bormanis.

Call of Ancestors – Secretary Janice Sly.

Minutes – A motion was made by Governor McWaters to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Unfinished Business: - Governor Brian McWaters
Looking for volunteer to serve as Assistant Treasurer.

Officer Reports:

Historian - Kurt Bressner reported that there are currently 80 members. There are 31 applications in process. Lockwood Rianhard reported that the NE Gen Society has genealogical and Mayflower silver books available on their American Ancestors website, and is entering the Mayflower descendants onto their database.

Treasurer – John Hillhouse reported \$3,206 currently in the account. The education account from the 50/50 raffle stands at \$159. All members have paid their dues

Secretary – Janice Sly reminded members to advise her of any contact changes so she can keep records updated.

Committee Reports:

Junior Chairman – Kurt Bressner reported 41 junior members. Packets sent to juniors includes maps and information about their ancestor. Junior membership is available to children up to the age of 18 and the child does not have to live in the state of Florida. See Kurt Bressner for more information.

New Business: Governor Brian McWaters

Genealogical Conference – Will be April 14, 2018 at LDS Temple in Vero Beach.
Kurt Bressner will be speaking at 1:00.

Etta Ocker has volunteered to serve as newsletter editor.

Blessing of the Food – Vice Governor Sharon Paugh gave the Blessing.

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Speaker – Vice Governor Sharon Paugh introduced the speaker, Lynne Jensen, who is also a prospective member. Lynne is Vice Regent of Halpatiokee DAR and President of Daughters of 1812 in Stuart.

Lynne spoke of The Half-Share Man, Peter Folger of Nantucket, and how religious beliefs motivated people of the 1600's to move to locations with people of the same beliefs. Vice Governor, Sharon Paugh, presented Mrs. Jensen with a scarf from the Mayflower Store as a thank you gift.

50/50 - \$113 was collected in ticket sales and awards of \$34 and \$22 were paid to two winners.

The next general meeting will be July 12, 2018 at CJ Cannon's Restaurant.

The benediction was given by Vice Governor Sharon Paugh.

The meeting was adjourned by Governor Brian McWaters at 1:13 PM.

Nan Baker
Recording Secretary



Stephen Hopkins Colony
General Meeting February 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:38 a.m. by Governor Brian McWaters. Elder Lisa Thompson gave the Invocation, Captain Charles Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Brian McWaters introduced distinguished guests Clara Waterman Powell, the FSDM Junior Chair, and her husband. Past Colony Governor Aline Scott, the colony board, prospective members and luncheon guests were introduced. New members in attendance were Bonnie Dobbs and Jeff Rogers.

Call of Ancestors – By Secretary Janice Sly.

Minutes – A motion was made by Kurt Bressner to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Unfinished Business: - Governor Brian McWaters
Suggestions for programs are appreciated.
Looking for volunteer to serve as Assistant Treasurer.

Officer Reports:

Historian - Historian Kurt Bressner reported that there were 15 new members in 2017, the most in the state of Florida. There are 18 active applications in process.

Treasurer – Treasurer John Hillhouse reported \$2,562.04 currently in the account. \$1870 was paid to the state for dues. Eight members still have not yet paid their dues

Secretary – Janice Sly - No report.

Committee Reports:

Junior Chairman – Kurt Bressner - No report.

New Business: Governor Brian McWaters

Genealogical Conference – Will be April 14, 2018 at LDS Temple in Vero Beach. Kurt Bressner will be a speaker and he reported that the colony will have a representative table. He distributed sign-up sheets for volunteers to help staff the table.

The 2020 400th Year Celebration will be in Plymouth, MA. They are expecting about 1200 participants.

Blessing of the Food – Elder Lisa Thompson gave the Blessing

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50/50 - Tickets were sold and awards of \$32 and \$22 were paid to two winners

Speaker – Clara Waterman Powell – FSMD Junior Chairman

She sends certificates to all new Junior Mayflower Members. Juniors do not have to live in Florida. Cost is \$30 to sponsor. Vice Governor, Sharon Paugh, presented Mrs. Powell with a scarf from the Mayflower Store as a thank you gift.

The next general meeting will be April 12, 2018 at CJ Cannon's Restaurant.

The benediction was given by Elder Lisa Tompson.

The meeting was adjourned by Governor Brian McWaters at 1:26 PM.

Nan Baker
Recording Secretary





Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project

BREAKING NEWS

Lock and Mary Rianhard attended a talk by Craig Chartier, Principal Archaeologist at the Plymouth Archaeology Rediscovery Project, regarding ground breaking radar used on Burial Hill in Plymouth and Duxbury First Meeting House. This is the same technology that was used in Jamestown, VA. There they located the original church and have started the dig. Hopefully, this will be done in the future at Burial Hill!

www.plymoutharch.com/



<https://plymouth400inc.org/>

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Mayflower II Preservation <http://plimoth.org/mayflowerII-blog/>

Jamestowne Rediscovery <https://historicijamestowne.org/>



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