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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

How cold is it? It's so cold chickens were seen lining up outside KFC waiting their turn for a dip in the deep fat fryer.

The weather lately has been cold with layers of ice in north central Iowa. I can only imagine the first winter on the Mayflower with cold weather, no heat, close quarters and influenza. In spite of our modern well-insulated homes with central heat, the influenza is breaking out all over north Iowa! We may have more in common with our distant ancestors than bloodline.

As bad as the weather is, I have been enjoying the warm indoor temperatures and looking through the dozen or so seed catalogues that have arrived in my mailbox. Shortly Spring will be here, and along with the daffodils and other blooming bulbs showing their splendor, the Annual Meeting of the Society will be converging on the Bonanza Restaurant at the intersection of I35/80 and Hwy 69.

Remember to pay your dues! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at my last official meeting as your Governor on Saturday, May 6th, 2017, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Daniel F. Wiechmann, Jr.

Governor

**HAVE YOU VISITED THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS WEBSITES?**

[<https://www.themayflowersociety.com/>](https://www.themayflowersociety.com/)

Or the Mayflower Descendants in Iowa website?

<http://sites.google.com/site/mavflowerdescendantsiniowa/>

GO GREEN: EMAIL REMINDER

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants now uses email exclusively wherever possible to communicate with members, distribution of the Iowa Hawkeye newsletter. Regular mail is

used only for those members who do not use email, or by request to [<rmftucker@gmail.com>](mailto:rmftucker@gmail.com)

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MINUTES
IOWA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants met at the Reserve in Urbandale on 5 November 2016. Deputy Governor Linda Cassman-Randall, in the absence of Governor Daniel Wiechmann, called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Board members in attendance were Danielle Knutson, Linda Cassman-Randall, Iris Eriksen, Maureen Wilson, Pam Manning, Bernadine McGuire, John Butler, Barb Gregersen, Barbara Clayton, and Ken Callison.

Ken Callison led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Butler, Elder, gave the invocation.

The August 27, 2016 minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer Danielle Knutson distributed the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted and will be filed for review and audit. Discussion on refund of Jr. Membership dues was tabled until the March 4, 2017, meeting.

Historian Pam Manning reported:

Applications sent to Plymouth since May 5 - 23 Approved applications 17

Approved supplemental applications 3 Number of members 387

Barb Gregersen read Ruth Tucker's report. There are currently 247 Jr. Members. She continues sending birthday cards to our junior members. Fourteen age out as of December 31, 2016.

Scholarship Committee

Linda Cassman-Randall reported that the scholarship application approved by the committee of Linda Cassman-Randall, John Butler, and Pam Manning was published in the Fall newsletter. It is attached to the minutes. The accepted scoring is also attached to the minutes. It was moved by Iris Eriksen and seconded by Ken Callison that the scholarship committee be the judges for the contest. Motion passed. It was agreed that after the first year, Board members would rotate as judges.

Public Relations

Iris Eriksen reported that her requests for publicizing Mayflower events and news in several large circulation newspapers have been ignored. She requests that anyone with contacts in media outlets contact her. Linda Cassman-Randall reported on the limited press coverage of the presentation several members gave to a group of home- schoolers on November 6, 2015.

National Officer's Report

Ken Callison gave the National Officers' Report. He attended National Board of Assistants meeting in Indianapolis in September. Contrary to some information, the General Society has not purchased the church that stands at the top of the hill in Plymouth. The congregation has offered to donate it to the General Society, but accepting the offer is contingent on the Society raising the necessary funds for restoration and upkeep. That amount approaches \$10 million.

Old Business

The selling of special T-shirts at the 2017 meeting in Plymouth was tabled until the March 4, 2017 meeting.

Nominating Committee

The committee of John Butler, Barb Gregersen Pam Manning, Ruth Tucker, and Daniel Wiechmann, Jr. presented the following slate of candidates for nomination for 2017- 2020:

Deputy Governor General - Daniel Wiechmann, Jr.	Historian - Pamela J. Manning
Assistant Governor General - Kenneth Callison, Sr.	Assistant Historian - Ruth M. Tucker
Governor - Linda Cassman-Randall	Captain - Thomas R. Jacobson
Deputy Governor - John S. Butler	Elder - William Nichols
Recording Secretary - Barbara J. Gregersen	Surgeon - Barbara Clayton
Corresponding Secretary- Iris C. Eriksen	Counselor - Bernadine McGuire
Treasurer - Danielle L. Knutson	Governor Emeritus - Maureen D. Wilson

Governor Emeritus is a new position. Bernadine McGuire will draft a proposal to amend the by-laws to establish this position and present it to the board at the 4 March 2017 Board of Assistants meeting. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the membership 15 days before the Annual Meeting and be approved by a 2/3 vote at the 6 May 2017 meeting. The election of officers for 2017-2020 will also take place at the May 6 meeting.

New Business

The decision whether to invite the Governor General to one of our meetings will be discussed at the March 4 Board of Assistants meeting. There is a question of accommodations of the Governor General since Maureen may not be residing at the Reserve.

The Treasurer has requested that a new laptop and updated software to track dues and penalties. John Butler has researched this and Danielle and he will report the results at the March meeting.

The next Board of Assistants meeting will be held at Bonanza Steakhouse in Des Moines on 4 March 2017 at 10:00 am.

The 6 May 2017 Annual Meeting will be held at Bonanza Steakhouse in Des Moines. Attendees will go through the buffet line and pay for their own meal. Bonanza has a meeting room we will use. Attendees may give a donation for the scholarship fund.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Barb Gregersen

Recording Secretary

The Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants met on the fifth of November 2016 at The Reserve in Urbandale, IA. Deputy Governor Linda Cassman-Randall called the meeting to order at 11:17 A.M. Elder John Butler gave the invocation followed by Deputy Governor General, Ken Callison, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of members and Guests

Members stated their name, city of residence and ancestor.

Fund Raising for the Scholarship

The items on side tables are for sale in order to raise money for the scholarship.

Secretary's Minutes

The minutes of the May Annual and August Board of Assistants meeting were approved as printed in the Fall 2016, newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes and filed for review.

Historian's Report:

Historian Pam Manning reported:

Applications sent to Plymouth 23

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Number of members 387

Junior Membership Chairman Ruth Tucker reported that there are 247 Junior members.

Education

Linda Cassman-Randall will do school programs about the Pilgrims. Barb Gregersen also presents Pilgrim programs. Iris Eriksen is a storyteller who tells stories about the Pilgrim experience.

Public Relations

Iris Eriksen asked that anyone who has contacts with people in the media contact her with that information. We have a website and are on Facebook. However, we need additional publicity to promote our organization.

National Officer's Report

Deputy Governor General Ken Callison reported on the September Board of Assistants meeting in Indianapolis. The General Society was offered the Stone Church in Plymouth, but acceptance of the church is contingent on having the money to restore and maintain it. The cost is between \$3 and \$10 million dollars. The bill to have a commemorative coin honoring the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower is having trouble getting co-signers. There is a competing bill from Plymouth and a compromise needs to be worked out.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:55

The group sang "We Gather Together" with piano accompaniment by Bernadine McGuire as grace before the meal. The meeting resumed at 1:00.

Reading of the Mayflower Compact

Deputy Governor General Ken Callison read the Mayflower Compact.

Roll call of Descendants Attending today

John Alden 4

Giles Hopkins 1

John Billington 5
William Bradford 2
William Brewster 4
Love Brewster 1
Francis Cooke 7
Edward Doty 1
Francis Eaton 3
Edward Fuller 3
Dr. Samuel Fuller 1
Stephen Hopkins 6
Mrs. Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins 1

John Howland 5
William Mullins 3
Priscilla Mullins 1
Thomas Rogers 2
Henry Samson 1
George Soule 7
John Tilley 2
Mrs. Joan (Rogers) (Hurst) Tilley 1
Elizabeth Tilley 1
Richard Warren 7
William White 1

Three -way tie with Francis Cooke, George Soule, and Richard Warren all having 7 descendants present.

Brian Bopp from Urbandale gave a dramatic presentation, "We Give Thanks", portraying William Bradford.

The annual meeting will be on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Bonanza Restaurant in Des Moines. Members will pay for their own buffet meal. The program will be determined at a later date.

Elder John Butler closed the meeting with a relevant reading

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Barbara Gregersen
Recording Secretary

APPROVED APPLICATIONS Since the Fall, 2016, Newsletter

Descendants of Richard Warren

Gen # 79874 IA# 1323 S# 3
Debra Lynn DOWNES VAN SANT
Le Claire IA

G# 90904 IA# 1512
Hannah Jane Reed
Wasau WI

Gen # 90902 IA# 1510
Alexis Nicole Reed
Eden Prairie MN

Descendants of William White
Gen # 90901 IA# 1509
Constance Sue Silk Fenn
Carson IA

Gen # 90903 IA#1511
Elizabeth Virginia Reed
Orinda CA

**Please contact us if there is a death, marriage, address change, etc.
We need this information!!**

In Memoriam

Gen # 69463 IA# 1186 Marvin Edward Jones, elected May 2001, died 17 Oct 2016

*Little deeds of Kindness
Little words of love
Help to make earth happy
Like the heaven above!*



Hear all the News!!!

Iowa Mayflower Society Scholarship

Requirements:

The applicant must be a descendant from one of the Mayflower passengers who came to America in 1620.

The applicant need not be a member of the Iowa Society but **must have a blood relative who is a member of the Iowa Society.** The ancestor and the Iowa member's name and relationship to the applicant must be included.

The applicant must be a high school senior or a home school student who is the equivalent of a senior. The applicant must attend an accredited university, college, junior college, community college, or certified trade school.

Application must include at least two letters of recommendation from non-family members. The letters should include identification of the writer along with a home or business address, the relationship with the student and length of time he/she has known the student, and the student's qualities, which make the student an appropriate candidate for consideration.

A 500 word original typed or word-processed essay that includes a bibliography of at least two sources must be included. The topic will be determined each year by the scholarship committee. **The topic for the 2017 essay will be: The Mayflower Compact is often called the foundation of the U.S. Constitution. Discuss the areas in the Compact that are foundational to our current Constitution.**

A list including GPA, community service, school and/or church, or any activities of importance should be provided. These activities are not mandatory, but are factors that may be considered.

A \$500.00 scholarship will be paid to the post-high school institution the student attends after the first semester/term is completed.

A relative of the applicant may not be a judge in the rating of applications.

APPLICATION for the Iowa Mayflower Society 2017 Scholarship

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Name of the relative _____ Iowa _____

Relationship _____ Mayflower ancestor _____

GPA, community service, school and/or church, or any activities of importance. These activities are not mandatory, but are factors that may be considered.

The application must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2017.
Send to: Linda Cassmann-Randall, 21957 Hwy# 3, Allison, IA 50602-9310

JUNIOR MEMBERS in IOWA

JUNIOR MEMBERS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 18 & 25

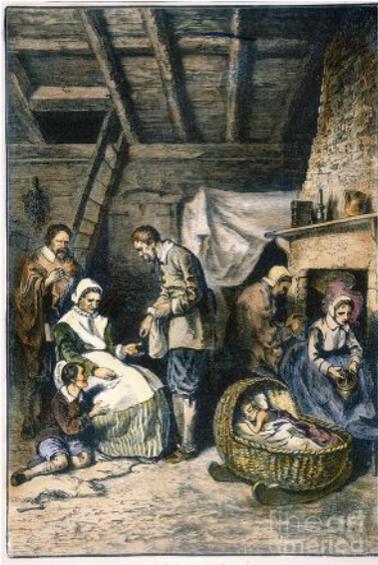
Junior members in Iowa, between the ages of 18 & 25, have the opportunity to become regular members of the General Society of Descendants of the Mayflower by completing the application form, providing necessary documentation and the application fees.

After the Historian General at Plymouth approves the application, a portion of the application fee is refunded to the person paying the application fee. If they have not started the application process by the age of 25, they will be dropped from membership.

JUNIOR MEMBERS Since September 2016

JR#	NAME	SPONSOR	MF ANCESTOR
1260	LAWSON-CHAPMAN, Piper Elizabeth	LAWSON, Harold E. IA# 1422 Grandfather	ALDEN & CHILTON
1261	REED, Julia Claire	REED, Peter W. IA# 1497 Grandfather	WARREN, Richard
1262	REED, Ryan Warren	REED, Peter W. IA# 1497 Grandfather	WARREN, Richard
1263	POSTELL, Charlotte Rae	TUCKER, Ruth M. IA# 1060 G-G-Grandmother	EATON, Francis
1264	MABARY, Elsie Lou	MABARY, Ricky J. IA# 1378 Grandfather	BREWSTER, William
1265	NEILSON, Rhett Gregory	HARRIS, Linda S. IA# 654 Aunt	HOWLAND, John

STARVING TIME 1622- 1623



Pilgrims Starving 1623 by Granger

food they had was severely rationed. Nearing starvation, Governor Bradford wrote: that "...it would not hold out above six months at half allowance...but they bore it patiently under hope of supply". Edward Winslow recorded this note: *"And indeed, had we not been in a place where divers sorts of shell fish may be taken with the hand, we must have perished."* By the spring in 1622, their food was gone and the harvest was still months away and many were too weak and weary to help with the raising of their crops. Edward Winslow traveled the Maine coast to trade provisions with English ships. Those he found would donate goods of some sort. When he returned his friends in

We know that the first feast of the Pilgrims in the fall of 1621, was a huge get-together and a bountiful feast. Edward Winslow's letter details how the ninety Native American guests stayed in Plymouth Colony for a three-day celebration.

When the ship *Fortune* arrived a few days after this grand feast, there were thirty-five more mouths to feed and only three of them were women. Not only that, they came with little more than the clothes they had worn on their journey from England. Governor William Bradford wrote in his journal: *"... there was not so much as biscuit or cake or any other victuals for them, neither had they bedding, but some sorry things they had in their cabins; not a pot nor pan to dress any meat in; nor over many clothes..."*

To make matters worse, the Pilgrim colonists of Plymouth Colony had not prepared for winter after they overestimated their grand harvest. With the additional settlers in Plymouth to feed plus the crew of the *Fortune* needing food for its return voyage on December 13, the



The Pilgrim settlers' entire diet consisted of fish and water from the nearby stream, known today as Town Brook.

When he returned his friends in

Plymouth Colony were starving, but what little food he brought back had to be rationed.

The harvest in 1622 was a near failure and some of the crops that matured were even stolen by unfriendly Indians. When the corn supply was exhausted, they had no bread two or three months, and their entire diet consisted of fish and water.

A blessing occurred when the ship, *Discovery*, visited Plymouth Colony once again on its way home to England from Virginia. On the ship were goods to settle their own debt with the merchant adventurers in England. Although William Bradford recorded that Captain Jones was not fair with the exchange of trading items, they gave thanks for the beads ("which were then good trade") and some knives. This trade allowed them to trade with the Native Americans for precious corn. The Pilgrim settlers did not realize the value of corn until the Native Americans shared their Indian corn with them. From his journal, Bradford wrote of their hospitality to old friends aboard the *Discovery*: "...The best dish they could present their friends with was a lobster or a piece of fish without bread or anything else but a cup of fair spring water... By the time our corn is planted, our victuals are spent, not knowing at night where to have a bite in the morning, and have neither bread nor corn for 3 or 4 months together; yet bear our wants with cheerfulness, and rest on Providence."



In the winter of 1623, the small shallop had been made into a fishing vessel. The Pilgrim settlers would rotate crews as they fished and unloaded their catches. Until harvest time, they could better survive on fish, clams, nuts, and if they were good shots, an occasional deer.

The Plymouth colonists prayerfully waited for their crops to produce, living only on a few grains of corn for four or five days at a time*. Unfortunately, the summer brought a very long drought that began turning their wilting crops brown. The Separatist Pilgrims always gave thanks for what they had.

One a hot day in July, with no clouds in sight, they prayed for relief. Their prayers were answered the very next morning and, as Edward Winslow wrote: "such soft, sweet and moderate showers...As it is was hard to say whether our withered corne or drooping affections were most quickened and revived." In the meantime, they lived for days at a time with only a few grains of corn*.

The welcomed relief and revival of their crops became a blessing times two! That same month, sixty new colonists arrived on the ships *Anne* and *Little James*, bringing ships full of goods for their survival. The fall harvest of 1623 was another blessing. Not only was it one of the best crops, it saved the Pilgrims from starvation by supplying food and they learned the art of preparation for winter months.

*For the descendants of Mayflower passengers, the five kernels of corn are symbols of the Pilgrims' willingness to fight great hardships for their beliefs, and most importantly, of their greatest legacy--a government by consent of the people with just and equal laws. The "Five Kernels of Corn" material is based largely on the work of Susan E. Roser of the Canadian Mayflower Society (as credited by www.rootsweb.ancestry.com)

PAY 2017 MAYFLOWER SOCIETY DUES NOW**

Life members or 50-year members in the Iowa Society do not pay annual dues.

Please use this membership form to help keep addresses current when you renew your 2017 Membership. -

**IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM – 2017**

2017 Annual Dues (\$25) _____ **\$30 if submitting after 31 December, 2016** _____

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Ruth M.F. Tucker
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IOWA SOCIETY HAVE
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
Address Correction requested.

ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, 6 May 2017
Bonanza Steakhouse
5029 NE14th St. (I80 Exit 136), Des Moines, Iowa

**2017 Iowa
Mayflower
Society Dues due
31 Dec 2016**

**Pay by May 1 to
avoid being
dropped from
membership.**



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**Iowa Mayflower Society See page 5 for more
Scholarship information.**

IOWA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY IS A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

As of December 9, 2014, the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. **This means that donors to the Iowa Society can deduct their contributions on their tax returns.**

If you would like to make a donation to the Iowa Society Scholarship Fund, please make your check payable to "Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants" with *Scholarship* in the *Memo* space, and send it to Danielle Knutson, Treasurer, 18473 Co. Hwy. D65, Hubbard, IA 50122-8401.

A big thank you to the Marvin Jones family for their donation to the scholarship fund.