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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

It seems that spring has finally arrived here in Vermont. After this past winter of snow, ice, and cold it is nice to see robins, green grass and flowers.

I hope to see many of you at the June meeting in Williamstown, VT. Our guest speaker will be Governor General Lea Filson. She plans on updating us on the GSMD (General Society of Mayflower Descendants). The ladies of the Order of The Eastern Star will once again be serving a delicious meal. The menu for this meeting is chicken pot pie, potato, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Coffee service with a selection of breakfast items will also be available.

I reported in our last newsletter that our October meeting would be held in Quechee, Vermont at the Shepard's Pie Restaurant. Unfortunately, the restaurant has closed and I am now searching for another venue to hold our meeting. The program has not changed. We will have a costumed interpreter from Plimoth Plantation who will present a program based on the life of the early Pilgrims.

At the last Board of Assistants meeting in October a possible group trip to Plymouth, Massachusetts was discussed. Along those lines I have contacted a tour company for some tentative ideas and prices for a trip to see the various sites in Plymouth. I will have information at the June meeting and will ask for feedback to gauge interest for this trip. If you will not be attending the meeting but would like information about the proposed trip please contact me at [rr1954@comcast.net](mailto:rr1954@comcast.net).

Respectfully,  
Randy Roberts, Governor

## ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE MEETING

There are many motels / hotels in the Barre / Montpelier area to choose from. The Comfort Inn at Trolley Square, Rutland, VT (802-775-2200) has accommodations for Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27. When making reservations there, mention that you want the Vermont Mayflower Society member special rate.

## 89TH SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, 27 June 2015

The Summit # 104 Masonic Lodge

111 Brush Hill Road

Williamstown, Vermont

### Directions:

From the North: I-89 to Exit 5, left onto VT Route 64. Go approximately four miles to Brush Hill Road. This will be a sharp left hand turn. If you have gone to the intersection of Route 64 and 14, you have gone too far. The Lodge is on your left, across from the Williamstown Elementary School.

From the South: I-89 to Exit 5, turn right and follow the above directions. Signs will be posted.

## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Board of Assistants Meeting
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Social Reception
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:30 - Noon	Speaker - Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson Topic: The Mayflower Society: Who We Are, Where We Are Going and Why It Matters (Leaving a Legacy for Those Who Follow Us)
12 Noon	Luncheon

Our meal will consist of chicken pot pie, potato, rolls, beverage, and dessert. This will be served family style, prepared by the ladies of the Charity Chapter #57 of the Order of Eastern Star. Please use form on page 5 for reservations.

**MINUTES OF 88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014  
SWEET CAROLINE'S RESTAURANT, WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT**

Governor Kathy Barrett opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Elise Roessler gave the invocation. The flag salute was led by Charles Walter and the Mayflower Compact was read by Carolyn Adams.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the June 28, 2014, meeting were approved as published in *the Green Mountain Pilgrim*.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

**Governor:** Governor Barrett thanked all of the officers who had helped her during her term as governor. In particular Cindy and Randy Roberts and Sharon Matyas.

**Treasurer:** Cindy Roberts presented the treasurer's report and stated that the largest expense for the Society continued to be General Society dues. Kathy Barrett noted that she had audited the treasurer's books and found them to be in order.

Cindy Roberts presented the proposed budget for 2015. **MOTION** by Michael Dwyer, **SECOND** by Randy Roberts, to approve the 2015 budget as presented. **VOTING:** all in favor, motion carried.

**Historian:** Sharon Matyas reported that six new members had been approved by Plymouth since June along with one supplement. There are currently eight applications pending in Plymouth. There had been two deaths in the Vermont Society since June.

**Juniors:** Sharon Matyas noted that this was her final report as junior chair. There were three new juniors since June for a total of 159. Nancy West and Karen Carrera will be the new chairs of the junior committee.

Menzer Doud said that Sharon had done a tremendous job with the juniors program since 1999. There was a standing ovation to thank her for her work with the juniors.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee of Kathy Barrett, Betsy Isham, Carolyn Adams, and Charles Walter presented the following slate of officers:

Governor Randy Roberts; Deputy Governor Ann Gray; Secretary Jeanne Kennedy; Treasurer Cindy Roberts; Historian Sharon Matyas; Elder Rev Donald Pepper; Surgeon Peg Sherlock, RN, SN, FNP-BC; Captain Patricia Dewitt; Counselor Carolyn Adams, Esq; Assistants to October 2017 Bonnie Bartlett and Alan Cheever; Assistant to October 2016 (completion of Jeanne Kennedy's term) Donna Reay.

**MOTION** by Menzer Doud, **SECOND** by Michael Dwyer to approve the slate of officers as presented. **VOTING:** all in favor, motion carried.

**Scholarship Committee:** Diane Laberge, the 2014 scholarship recipient, was unable to attend the meeting. Peg Sherlock read her winning essay.

Governor Barrett pointed out that the amount of the scholarship had been raised to \$500 for 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Governor Barrett reported that Michael Dwyer had been elected a fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. He is the 162<sup>nd</sup> person to achieve this honor.

Michael Dwyer recognized Virginia Howard who had supported the Vermont Society for 54 years and was in attendance at this meeting. She has made sure that all of her children and grandchildren have become members

**General Society Congress 2014:** Carolyn Adams reported that she had been pleased to represent the Vermont Society as acting DGG. She felt this was one of the best she had attended and that the keynote address given by Michael Dwyer was also one of the best she has heard.

She noted that one of the major changes was that the historian general would no longer be a paid position and would become a member of the volunteer board. This change was necessary under Massachusetts law. The historian general will oversee paid genealogists who will review the applications.

**New England Governor's Conference:** Governor Barrett noted that all six New England States had been represented at the conference in Maine. She had found out that many of the states had education committees who do outreach to schools in their communities.

**ROLL CALL:**

John Alden 15	Issac Allerton 2	John Billington 1
William Bradford 4	William Brewster 7	Peter Brown 1
James Chilton 3	Francis Cooke 8	Edward Doty 4
Francis Eaton 1	Elizabeth Fisher 0	Moses Fletcher 0
Edward Fuller 9	Samuel Fuller 0	Stephen Hopkins 6
John Howland 14	Joan Hurst 11	Richard More 0
William Mullins 8	Priscilla Mullins	Mary Norris 0
Degory Priest 3	Thomas Rogers 3	Henry Samson 1
George Soule 5	Myles Standish 3	John Tilley 11
Richard Warren 14	William White 5	Edward Winslow 0

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** The newly elected officers were installed by Kathy Barrett

**BENEDICTION:** A benediction was given by Elise Roessler

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**PROGRAM:** A presentation by Governor Kathy Barrett

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann M Gray, Recording Secretary

## A FEW WORDS ABOUT DUES

There are still about 50 Annual members who have not paid their 2015 dues. The dues are still \$32 for one year or \$145 for five (5) years. Dues were due by **December 31, 2014** for the year 2015. Please check your mailing label. If it reads "Paid through 2014" you are in arrears and owe \$32. Please make your check or money order out to Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants and mail to Cynthia Roberts, Treasurer, 230 Blueberry Lane, Rutland, VT 05701.

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### DONATIONS TO THE VERMONT GENERAL FUND

January 1, 2015 - April 18, 2015

<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation Notes</u>
Horohoe, Martha	In honor of Geraldine T. Horohoe
Bomgren, Kathleen	In memory of Anita F. Dorn

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### MEMBERSHIP BOOKLETS

A new Membership Booklet was printed in April 2015. Copies will be available at the June meeting. If you will not be at the meeting and would like a copy, please write to: Betsy Isham, Editor, 28 Lafayette Place, Burlington, VT 05401. A contribution of \$2.00 to cover the cost of mailing is suggested



THE MAYFLOWER

## HISTORIAN REPORT

April 14, 2015

WELCOME to these new members to our Society. Nine people have joined our Vermont Mayflower Society since the February 2015 issue of *the Green Mountain Pilgrim*.

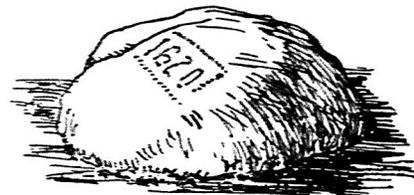
<b>Nancy Richardson Eilertsen</b> Corinth, VT	<b>VT # 1748</b>	<b>GEN 87,70</b> 11 - John Alden
<b>Joy E. Donnelly</b> Ludlow, NY	<b>VT # 1749</b>	<b>GEN 87,715</b> 12 - John Billington
<b>George K. Norton</b> Granville, NY	<b>VT # 1750</b>	<b>GEN 87,734</b> 12 - Richard Warren
<b>Sandra L. McKeever</b> Wingdale, NY	<b>VT # 1751</b>	<b>GEN 87,747</b> 12 - Richard Warren
<b>Lorin C. Grover</b> West Lebanon, NH	<b>VT # 1752</b>	<b>GEN 87,886</b> 12 - William Brewster
<b>Barbara Lauer-Morris</b> Arlington, VT	<b>VT # 1753</b>	<b>GEN 87,937</b> 14 - William Bradford
<b>Jean E. Audet</b> Orwell, VT	<b>VT # 1754</b>	<b>GEN 87,960</b> 11 - Richard Warren
<b>Douglas H. Eurbin</b> Lancaster, CA	<b>VT # 1755</b>	<b>GEN 87,968</b> 12 - John Alden
<b>Cindra L. H. Mueller</b> Athol, ID	<b>VT # 1756</b>	<b>GEN 87,975</b> 12 - Stephen Hopkins

#### Supplements:

**Theodore Barkley**  
13 - William Brewster

**James E. Moore, Jr.**  
12 - William Brewster

-Sharon Matyas, Historian - samatyas@aol.com



**HISTORIAN'S UPDATE**  
**April 2015**

The other day, was a beautiful day, bright, sunny, and it even got up to almost 65 degrees. At last, Spring! Myself and anyone who saw that day, all thought at last the end of the cold and snow. Even the crocus were starting to bloom and the daffodils had poked their heads up in the front yard too. Spring was starting to spring and no one in the Northeast could be happier. As usual, Mother Nature laughed and within 24 hours we were back to the usual 20 degrees and of course we cannot forget the +6 degree wind chill! Boy, these last two winters have been something else! February was the coldest on record here in Central New York in over 100 years. Hopefully, it will soon green up and it looks as if it is trying as Jan Kral and I will soon be on our annual trip. I am sure you have figured out that I am writing this in April, and you will be reading it in May. By that time, I will have had the pleasure of seeing some of our members while Jan and I are on my annual trek through the state. I am now either in Plymouth, going soon or back home or at camp on the St. Lawrence. Anyway, this year I am going to learn how to do applications the "new and improved" way. More on that at the June meeting. We lost two members since February, one being a former member of our Board, J Leigh Howard. There were no transfers or reinstatements. However, with the new members added we now have 607 members. We have seven applications in Plymouth, including three supplements. We also have three applications ready to be signed, as well as others in various stages of completion. I also have sent out at least twenty worksheets to be completed since January. I told you it was a cold winter, so let's do genealogy!! As you know, if you need help with any application or supplement, let me know and I will be happy to help you. I hope to see you at the June meeting. As I said before in this report, the week I wrote this, Janet Kral and I were getting ready to travel, holding open houses and having a great time. Sure, it hasn't happened yet, but I am sure we had a great time, and for that, we thank you. I wish you all a happy spring, if it ever arrives, a safe mud season and I will see you all in June. So until then, I remain your traveling Historian,

-Sharon A. Matyas, Historian

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**JUNIOR GREEN MOUNTAIN PILGRIMS**

Greetings!! As this is being written, we are still experiencing snow here in Shrewsbury, VT and are hoping for spring SOON!! Hopefully, some of you are seeing flowers and grass.

We have not received any new applications for Juniors since the last newsletter. A reminder, the cost for this membership is a one-time charge of only \$10, up until they are age 18, at which time they are eligible to become regular Society members. The current membership is 164 Juniors. Fifteen have become or will be turning 18 this year, so we hope they become regular members. However, three were originally enrolled as Life members, so this is good news!

We would like to hear from you!! Our e-mail contacts are Nancy West: [benzvette@vermontel.net](mailto:benzvette@vermontel.net) or Karen Carrara: [gramkarenc@aol.com](mailto:gramkarenc@aol.com). For your convenience, you may cut or copy this section, to use as Junior enrollment:

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR Name and Address and Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

So we may thank you for being a sponsor. Include the enrollment fee of \$10, with the check made out to: Vermont Mayflower Society and mail to: Nancy West, 316 Hempstead Rd., Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

Juniors are sent birthday cards and other mailings throughout the year. Thanks to those of you who support the Juniors through contributions!

It is a pleasure to be part of the Vermont Society and serve as co-chairs for this important program

-Nancy West and Karen Carrara, Junior Co-chairs

**MISSING ADDRESSES**

We have several members without current addresses in our files. If you can help with an address or a contact (relative or friend) please send the info to Cindy Roberts, 230 Blueberry Lane, Rutland, VT 05701.

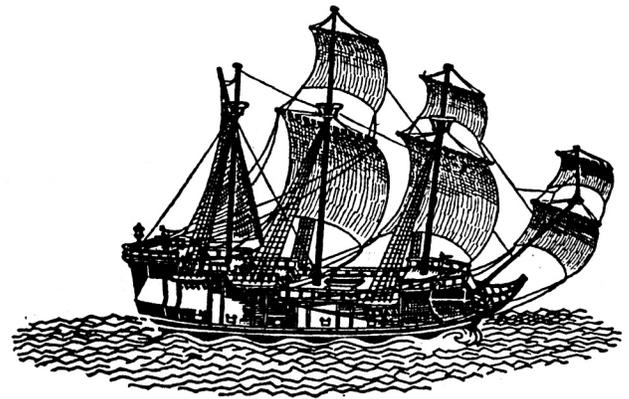
Candice Nisen - VT L1196

Elizabeth Bailey Pratten - VT L1139

Paul Armstrong - VT L1054

**“SOFT COPY” OF *THE PILGRIM***

We would be happy to send you *the Green Mountain Pilgrim* soft copy instead of the usual USPS mailing. This would cut down on postage cost and copies printed for the Society. If you are interested, please provide a current and valid e-mail address to Bonnie Bartlett - [brbartlett@myfairpoint.net](mailto:brbartlett@myfairpoint.net).



**IN MEMORIAM**

Our sincerest condolences to the families of our departed members, may they walk hand in hand with their Mayflower Ancestors.

**Judith Leigh** +16 March 2015 Member 25 years  
**Howard (JLeigh)**  
 VT L1062 Age 43 GEN 55,22

**Ronald A. Junker** +17 March 2015 Member 8 years  
 VT 1540 Age 61 GEN 76,815

**Reservation Form for June 27, 2015 Luncheon and Meeting**

The cost of just the meeting to include coffee and pastries is \$5. The cost of the luncheon, meeting and coffee and pastries will be \$20. The meal will be a chicken pot pie, potato, rolls, beverage and dessert.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Member **Meeting Only** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name **Meeting Only** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

Contact Person: Name, Phone Number, or e-mail

Please make check payable to **VT Society of Mayflower Descendants** and send by **Saturday, June 13, 2015** to: Cynthia Roberts, Treasurer, 230 Blueberry Lane, Rutland, VT 05701-944



LEA SINCLAIR FILSON  
Governor General  
General Society Mayflower Descendants

Once she learned she was a descendant, Lea Filson joined the Mayflower Society in the state of Louisiana, a relatively small society, which gave her the opportunity to get involved in many areas. She was public relations chair at the state level before becoming the State Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. From May 2002 - 2005, she served as the Louisiana State Governor. She has also been Editor of the Louisiana Drumbeats newsletter, and is presently Louisiana Deputy Governor.

In 2002, she volunteered to help with the national insignia program and Governor General Bob Davis appointed her General Society Insignia Chair. Lea attended Congress in 2005 after being evacuated from New Orleans due to Hurricane Katrina. While there, she learned she had lost her home, but luckily the GSMD insignia was safe on the 4th floor of a storage unit. She sold insignia at that Congress with the help of her Mother, Ellen Sinclair of the Illinois Society, using only photos. She continued as Insignia Chair until 2012.

In 2010, she volunteered to take over the GSMD website and rework it. She oversaw its changes until it could be taken over by Plymouth staff. TheMayflowerSociety.org continues to be updated with new content and over 4000 members have registered as of December 2014.

Lea was elected Executive Committee Member at Large at the 2005 Congress and reelected in the same position in 2008. In 2011, she became Assistant Governor General until this past September when she was elected Governor General, a position she is proud and honored to hold.

Lea is descended from Mayflower passengers Isaac Allerton, Mary Norris Allerton, Mary Allerton Cushman, and Degory Priest.

Her career includes many years on-air as a broadcaster in both television and radio. That was the basis for her consulting company, LEAF Communications, where she specializes in media, marketing, and public relations.

Lea is Director of Communications for the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation. She is happily married to Ronald Coulter Filson.

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**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN  
WILLIAMSTOWN**