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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, the trees are budding, spring flowers are blooming and after a long snowy winter, mud season has arrived.

I'd like to bring to your attention some important recent announcements in *The Mayflower Quarterly.*
A $5000 scholarship to assist deserving children and grandchildren of GSMD members in acquiring a higher education was announced by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. For further information, please refer to page 86 of the March 2011 *Mayflower Quarterly.* Information is also available in the March 2011 *Mayflower Quarterly* regarding the 39th Mayflower General Congress which will be held September 10-14, 2011 in Plymouth, MA. If you are interested in attending, please let Sharon Matyas or me know as soon as possible.

Cindy Roberts has created our new society website. Here you will find a copy of our Constitution and By-laws, copies of the *Green Mountain Pilgrim* and dates for upcoming events. The internet address is http//www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtsmd/index.html.

Our Vermont Society now has a Facebook page created by former Governor Carolyn Adams. You can "like us" on Facebook. Our page is listed under communities as "Vermont Mayflower Society".

I hope to see you at our 85th Semi-Annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the Summit #104 Masonic Lodge in Williamstown, Vermont. Our guest speakers will be Harry P. Folger, 3rd, the Assistant Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and Alice Teal, editor of *The Mayflower Quarterly*. Those who attended last year's meeting will remember the wonderful homemade meal and goodies prepared by the Charity Chapter #57 ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star.

And for those of you who like to plan ahead, our Fall meeting and election of officers will be held on October 22, 2011, at the Windjammer Inn and Conference Center, South Burlington, VT

-Charles F. Walter, Governor

85th SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, 25 JUNE 2011
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 Guest Speakers -
Harry P. Folger III, Assist. Governor General
Topic: "Pilgrims, Pirates, and Patriots"
Alice Teal, Editor, *The Mayflower Quarterly*
Topic: *The Mayflower Quarterly*

12 Noon Luncheon

Please use form on page 5 for Meeting and Luncheon.

Our meal will be a turkey dinner, with potato, vegetable, rolls, and dessert served family style, prepared by the ladies of the Charity Chapter #57 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Coffee and pastries will be available prior to the meeting. The cost for the meal and meeting will be $15.00. The cost for just the meeting is $2.00.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE MEETING

There are many motels / hotels in the Barre / Montpelier area. However, Sharon Matyas has reserved a few rooms at The Comfort Inn at Trolley Square (1-800-432-6788) in Rutland, VT. When you call, ask for VT Mayflower rate of $59 plus tax. These rooms will be available until June 18. Call Sharon (315-672-5882) if there are any problems.

MINUTES OF 84TH ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010
HILDENE, MANCHESTER, VERMONT

Governor Charles Walter opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Rev. Donald Pepper gave the invocation. The flag salute was led by Randy Roberts and the Mayflower Compact was read by Menzer Doud.
Priscilla Usher of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants extended greetings from the General Society and presented a Governor General's Accommodation Award to Frances Roecker for her work in promoting members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
MOTION by Michael Dwyer, SECOND by Kathy Barrett, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June meeting since they were published in the September 2010 *Green Mountain Pilgrim*. **VOTING**: all in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Governor: Charles Walter noted that no one from the Vermont Society had attended the General Society meeting in San Diego this year and reviewed highlights of the meeting and mentioned that dues will be staying the same.

Treasurer: Randy Roberts reported the Society had ended the year with $8,064.81 added to the Operating Fund, and thanked the members for their generous contributions to the Society. The largest expense continues to be the General Society assessment. Interest rates remain extremely low.

Auditor: Kathy Barrett stated she had reviewed the treasurer's books and found them to be in order.

Budget: Randy Roberts presented the 2011 proposed budget (filed with these minutes).

MOTION by Randy, **SECOND** by Dana Roecker, to accept the 2011 budget as presented. **VOTING**: all in favor, motion carried.

Historian: Sharon Matyas reported that there are 14 new members and we have lost five members to death. Sharon said she was still working on returning documents she had in her files to members that have requested their return even though the Historian General did not think this was a good idea.

Juniors: Sharon Matyas noted there were three new junior members. She thanked everyone for contributing to the program. Sharon asked the membership to think about the possibility of a scholarship for a junior member.

Hospitality Committee: Randy Roberts thanked the staff at Hildene for allowing us to use the space for our meeting without a charge and for giving free tours to our members. Randy announced that the June 2011 meeting would be in Williamstown at the Masonic Lodge and the October 2011 meeting would be at the Windjammer in Burlington.

Web Page: Cindy Roberts reported that the new web page is similar to the previous one but it now has a menu and multiple pages for expansion capability. It is hosted by rootsweb.com genealogy website at no cost.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee consisting of Norman Case, Dana Roecker, Sharon Matyas, Randy Roberts, and Charles Walter proposed Jeanne Kennedy and Elise Roessler for a three-year term (2010-2013) on the Board of Assistants.
MOTION by Randy Roberts, **SECOND** by Frances Roecker, to elect Jeanne Kennedy and Elise Roessler for a three-year term (2010-2013) on the Board of Assistants. **VOTING**: all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS
Governor Walter explained that a resolution for a bylaws change had been approved at the June meeting. The proposed change was for changing the date of the spring meeting back to the fourth Saturday in June. The date had been changed to May several years ago because of the conflict with the History Expo in June. However, the Expo is now held every other year so this conflict had diminished and there are problems with finding meeting space in May because of college graduations.

MOTION by Kathy Barrett, **SECOND** by Michael Dwyer to approve a bylaws change as follows: The Vermont Mayflower Society will hold two regular business meetings each year, an annual meeting the fourth Saturday in October and a semi-annual meeting the fourth Saturday in June.
Randy Roberts pointed out that a bylaws change required a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.

VOTING: 39 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried with more than a two-thirds vote.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

ROLL CALL:

John Alden 12	Issac Allerton 2	John Billington 2
William Bradford 6	William Brewster 7	Peter Brown 0
James Chilton 6	Francis Cooke 5	Edward Doty 8
Francis Eaton 1	Elizabeth Fisher 0	Moses Fletcher 0
Edward Fuller 6	Samuel Fuller 0	Stephen Hopkins 5
John Howland 7	Joan Hurst5	Richard More 0
William Mullins 10	Mary Norris 1	Degory Priest 3
Thomas Rogers 5	Henry Samson 2	George Soule 5
Myles Standish 4	John Tilley 6	Richard Warren 10
William White 4	Edward Winslow 0	

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
-Ann M. Gray, Recording Secretary

GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS
August 10, 2010 - May 2, 2011

Betty Campbell in memory of Frances Fleury
Michael Newcomb in memory of Barbara Turner
Barbara Little in honor of Janipher Little Kane
Robert Hillick in memory of Nettie Bradford Hillick
Nancy Gray
Jean Beatty in memory of Fred and Dan Harvie
James Reed in memory of Glenn Adams Reed
Douglas Howe
Menzer Doud
Kathleen Van Wie
Nelson Claflin
Marion Chester
Allan Gurney
Joyce Cook in memory of Frances Fleury
Charlotte Edson in honor of Charles Walter
George Hopkins in memory of Barbara Turner
Kathy Barrett
Carol Schwenk
Edwina Way in honor of Betsy Isham
Marilyn King in memory of
Lina Battles Daniels Mikolajczyk
Marian Abbott in memory of Dorothy Folsom Melby
Paul Parsons in memory of Gerald James Parsons
Frances and Dana Roecker
Mrs. John Farrell and Mrs. Richard Krum
Maurice Brewster in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brewster Sr.
Norman Case
Nancy West
Eudora Murray
Denise Dickinson in memory of Marilyn Pemrick
Kathleen Bomgren in memroy of Anita Fralick Dorn
Brian Parsons in memory of Gerald James Parsons
Sylvia Stanfford in memory of Janice Galutz
Mrs. Martha Horohoe
Eleanor Rees in memory of Elizabeth Lincoln
One annonymous

If you wish to contribute to the General Fund please send your check or money order, payable to **Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants** with the word contribution in the memo section, to our treasurer, Randy Roberts. (Address on page 6)

A FEW WORDS ABOUT DUES
Attention Annual Members

There are still 45 Annual members who have not paid their 2011 dues. The dues are still **$32** for one year or **$145** for five (5) years. Dues were due by December 31, 2010 for the year 2011.
Please check your mailing label. If it reads "paid through 2010" you are in arrears and owe $32.
Please make your check or money order out to: **Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendents** and mail to Randy Roberts, Treasurer. (See address on page 6.)

HISTORIAN'S REPORT
April 2011

WELCOME to the new members of our Society!! Sixteen new people have joined our Vermont Mayflower Society since the October *Green Mountain Pilgrim*.

Leslie Snow Nepp
VT # 1667 GEN 82,483
New Castle, CO
11 – Stephen Hopkins

Mary Collins Cole
VT # 1668 GEN 82,519
Livonia, NY
12 – Richard Warren

Joanne Reed Baker
VT # 1669 GEN 82,520
Charlotte, VT
13 – Thomas Rogers

Layne Bryan French, Jr
VT # 1670 GEN 82,550
Houston, TX
12 – Stephen Hopkins

Rebecca Penn French
VT # 1671 GEN 82,551
Houston, TX
12 – Stephen Hopkins

Gordon W. Maycumber
VT # 1673 GEN 82,700
Central Square, NY
11- George Soule

Ian Buchanan Chisholm
VT # 1674 GEN 82,701
So. Burlington, VT
10 – Edward Doty

Judith A. Harwood
VT # 1675 GEN 82,744
Manchester Center, VT
10 – William Brewster

Norrine Abbott Williams
VT # 1676 GEN 82,799
Lower Waterford, VT
12 – Richard Warren

Jesse McCoy
VT # 1678 GEN 82,833
Bellows Falls, VT
12 – John Alden

M. Joyce Taggart
VT # 1679 GEN 82,947
Canastota, NY
12 – Francis Cooke

Phyllis C. Fenander
VT # 1680 GEN 82,985
Lincoln, VT
11 – William Brewster

Melissa L. Jones
VT # 1682 GEN 83,082
Burlington, VT
10 – Edward Doty

Dual with Colorado

Emily Steere Palmer
VT # 1672 GEN 60,536
Boulder, CO
11 – Francis Cooke

Transfer from New York

Joyce Kraatz-Sumner
VT # 1681 GEN 75,975
Stowe, VT
10 – Francis Cooke

Transfer from Arizona

Edward Judd Booth III
VT # 1677 GEN 79,514
Scottsdale, AZ
12 – Edward Fuller

Re-instated
Robert W. Chayer

Supplementals:
Robert L. Chayer
12 – Richard Warren

Joanne Baker
13 – John Howland

William C. Fitts
12 – William Bradford

Kimberly Wilkinson
12 – Francis Cooke

Patricia Dewitt
10 – John Howland

JUNIOR GREEN MOUNTAIN PILGRIMS

Welcome to our seven new Junior Green Mountain Pilgrims

No.	Name	Ancestor	Sponsor	Relationship
317	Hannah G. Cooney	Edward Fuller	William Fuller	Grand Uncle
318	Eric M. Dimetrosky	John Howland	Charles Walter	Grandfather
319	Caleigh L. O'Brien	Isaac Allerton	Eleanor Miller	G-Grand Aunt
320	Collin L. O'Brien	Isaac Allerton	Eleanor Miller	G-Grand Aunt
321	Lane L. Kennedy	Richard Warren	Terence Kennedy	Grandfather
322	Jordan P. Handy	William Brewster	Carolyn Handy	Aunt
323	Nicole R. Charlebois	John Howland	Kathleen Barrett	Aunt

It is hard to believe that we have seven new members since last October!! Great, just wonderful!! I wish to thank all the people who give to this program. Your contributions, monetary or stamps or whatever, are greatly appreciated. While on the subject of contributions, thanks to you, I could give some extra money to our contest winners. The winners are listed below. While on the subject of the contest, the contest entries this year were the worst ever! So, I have now decided that next year we will put it "on line". I will send a postcard to all that are eligible telling when it will be posted and for how long. Any other information will be listed in the next newsletter or, maybe on our website -http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtsmd/index.html
Now, as usual, if you have a youngster who is not a member of the Junior Green Mountain Pilgrims, why? Remember, it isn't just your heritage, it is theirs also. It is important that they know they descend from the Pilgrims. Stop thinking about it, and do it! Spend the ten bucks and make them a member. One of these days, it will cost you more, maybe $15, so do it now before we increase the fee..ok?

On that note, I wish you all an enjoyable mud season and a happy spring and I look forward to seeing all at our meeting in Williamstown on June 25th.

Contest Winners

Age 3 - 7	Age 8 - 12	Age 13 - 18
Kaitlyn Bean	Abigail Clark	Alexander Clark
Harrison Dunlap	Katherine Grimm	Mackenzie Clinton
Bridget Swartz	Mollie Parsons	Mackenzie Roberts
Abigail Brodne	Maeghan Peterson	Kristin Peterson
Caraline Kennedy	Elizabeth Adorno	Rebekah Peterson

-Sharon A. Matyas, Junior Chair
(Contact information on page 6)

MEMBER NEWS

Emily S. Palmer, a new Vermont member who is dual with Colorado, has an article in the March, 2011 issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly. "Rebecca Harlow, Wife of Rev. Isaac Cushman of Plympton, Massachusetts. How mtDNA Solved A 17th Century Genealogical Mystery"* is one of the Women of the Mayflower Series.
Emily is the current Historian of the Colorado Society and served on the General Society Nominating Committee for the slate of officers to be elected at Congress in September.

TRIVIA

Passed on from somewhere — all you really need to know about government and bureaucracy

PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM	24 words
THE LORD'S PRAYER	66 words
ARCHIMEDES' PRINCIPLE	67 words
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS	179 words
THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS	286 words
THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE	1300 words
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON THE SALE OF CABBAGE	26,911 words

from the *Iowa Hawkeye Newsletter*, May 2004.

HISTORIAN'S UPDATE

As I write this, I am home from my annual "Pilgrimage" through this beautiful state and had a wonderful time as always. Right now, I am sitting at this computer trying to put this report on paper and if my little ferrets would just sleep, I might be able to accomplish this. Traveling with me this year was one of our newer members, Janet Kral. She thought everything and everyone was great. We met many of our members as well as a couple of new prospects. We were also very lucky, as the weather was great, we were either ahead or behind the rain.

I really cannot say enough about all our members. They are a wonderful and special group of people. We had a problem, and it was solved with just a phone call to one of them, Elise (Winkie) Roessler, with whom we had lunch earlier. We were in St. Johnsbury, when Jan realized she did not have her cell phone. We had been in and out of the car from the time we left the restaurant in Newport, but we took a chance, and we called the restaurant. It was there (sigh of relief!!) We made a phone call to Winkie to ask her to get it the next time she was in Newport, she just said, see you in a little while. She went from Barton to the restaurant in Newport and down to St. Johnsbury just to give it to us. That deserves a special thanks. So Winkie, we Thank You! This shows you just how special our members are. Anyway, we are now home watching spring bloom and getting ready to go to Plymouth in a couple of weeks.

Speaking of Plymouth, to the delegates of our Society, don't forget to fill out the pink sheet in the back of the March *Mayflower Quarterly* to register for Congress. Also anyone interested in staying at the Governor Bradford at a special Vermont Mayflower Rate (be sure to ask for Vermont), call them after May 20 and before August 15th. Congress will be a very interesting time as usual.

We have applications in Plymouth as well as a few in the finishing stages. Applicants are down this year so far, but I am hoping with the end of mud season (soon I hope!!) that things will pick up. Remember if you have any trouble with an application or supplement, just let me know and I will be happy to help.

Thanks to all, take care, see you June 25th in Williamstown. Until then, I remain, Sharon your traveling Historian.

FYI-Glenn Cheney's book "Thanksgiving" is now available on Kindle and other e-readers.

- Sharon Matyas, Historian
(Contact information on page 6)

IN MEMORIAM

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

Marie Farnham		Member 32 yrs
	+ 24 March 2008	
VT L797	Age 92	GEN 42,505
Ethyle Farnum		Member 35 yrs.
	+30 July 2010	
VT L669	Age 92	GEN 38,282
Cynthia Fearon		Member 28 yrs
	+ 5 Sept. 2010	
VT 908	Age 68	GEN 47,105
George Hopkins		Member 11 yrs.
	+30 Oct. 2010	
VT 1230	Age 82	GEN 64,979
Charlotte Kautto		Member 1 year
	+31 Oct. 2010	
VT 1642	Age 88	GEN 81,413
Nathan West		Member 1 year
	+ Nov. 2010	
VT 1645	Age 31	GEN 81,446
Ruth Roberts		Member 36 yrs
	+ 21 Nov. 2010	
VT 651	Age 89	GEN 37,780
Terrence Kennedy		Member 2 yrs.
	+ 2 Dec. 2010	
VT 1576	Age 60	GEN 78,341
Martha Suitor		Member 7 yrs.
	+12 Feb. 2011	
VT 1461	Age 92	GEN 72,736
Mary Jo Andrews		Member 21 yrs
	+22 Feb. 2011	
VT 1041	Age 87	GEN 54,533

Mother of Member Barbara Waite		VT L802
Margaret "Peggy" Waite	+2 March 2011	Age 95
Husband of Member Edwina Way		VT L233
Harry Way	+24 April 2011	Age 90

Reservation Form for June 25, 2011 Luncheon and Meeting

Our meal will consist of turkey dinner, potato, vegetable, rolls, beverage and dessert. Coffee and pastries will be available prior to the meeting. The cost for the meal and meeting will be $15.00 and the cost for just the meeting will be $2.

Member(s) Name_____ $15.00 _____

Guest(s) Name_____ $15.00 _____

Member(s) **Meeting Only**_____ $ 2.00 _____

Guest(s) Name **Meeting Only**_____ $ 2.00 _____

Enclosed is $_____for_____reservations.

Contact Person: Name, Phone #, or E-Mail

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Please make check payable to **VT Society of Mayflower Descendants** and send by **Saturday, June 11, 2011** to:
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HOPE TO SEE YOU IN WILLIAMSTOWN!