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Thanksgiving Service Commemoration

The Commemoration of the First Harvest Festival in Plymouth Colony in 1621, more commonly known as the annual Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday afternoon, November 18th, at Palm Schwenckfelder Church in Palm, PA. The Rev. Nicholas Pence, pastor of the host church will be the preacher.

In 1963 the Palm Church became an Associate member of the United Church of Christ; however, denominationally they are part of Schwenckfelder Church.

The Schwenckfelder Church was formed by Casper Schwenckfeld (1489-1561) who was raised Roman Catholic in Silesia (now part of Poland). He was raised to be a diplomat in the European courts, and it was while serving as court advisor in Silesia that he became drawn to the Protestant Reformation. In 1517, Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses in Wittenberg, Germany which triggered the movement and Casper's interest. He soon left his post as court advisor and gave his full attention to studying the Scriptures and early church writings. Casper believed and shared many of Martin Luther views; however, there were areas of Luther's theology with which he disagreed. Casper discussed the meaning of the Lord's Supper with Luther as they had conflicting interpretations, but reconciling their differences became unattainable. He announced he would not be apart of the movement until the differences were resolved.

It was not Casper Schwenckfeld's intention to start a new church, but in 1526 with the

Stillstand in place (the name given Casper's decision to not commune with Martin Luther) he found he had a group of followers who believed as he did. They formed religious groups called the "Confessors of the Glory of Christ" or "Schwenckfelders."

For the next 200 years, the followers would worship in their homes guided by Schwenckfeld's writings.

In 1726 due to religious persecution, the most ardent followers left their homes and began the migration to America. In 1734, on the ship "St. Andrew," 171 members arrived in Philadelphia. On September 24, 1734, the Schwenckfelders held a service of thanksgiving to God for their deliverance from persecution and safe arrival. They shared a simple meal together of bread, butter and apple butter. Schwenckfelders have held a Day of Remembrance service every year since then, making this the oldest continuous thanksgiving observance in the country.

-Article by Sherri Smith, SMDPA Editor





*The Society of Mayflower
Descendants in the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*

2018 Board of Assistants

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From the Governor's Desk

Members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

It is my duty to report that Governor Peter Adams has resigned due to personal reasons.

As prescribed by our bylaws, Article VI, section 2:

The Deputy Governor, in the case of the absence of the Governor, shall preside at the meetings of the members of this Society and of the Board of Assistants. In the event of the absence, resignation, disability or death of the Governor, the Deputy Governor shall exercise all the powers and perform all of the duties of the Governor, until the return of the Governor, or until such disability shall have been removed, or until a new Governor shall have been elected.

This action transitions the Deputy Governor to the "Acting Governor."

As your Acting Governor, you can expect the transition to be seamless as Peter, myself and the Board of Assistants (BOA) have been working closely together on society business and activities. The next BOA meeting will be September. We are creating an agenda to cover all priorities for our responsible committees.



We welcome members to join our leadership team at the BOA or Colony level.

There are many opportunities in the future. With the 400 year anniversary in two years, expect some exciting events to celebrate and help grow our membership!

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach me directly by email at thekneales@aol.com or by cell phone 724-880-0233.

I thank Peter for his commitment and efforts on behalf of our society, and I thank the membership for the privilege of serving our vibrant and strong society!

Respectfully,
Reed Kneale
SMDPA Assistant and Acting
Governor

Be a Part of Our Growing Society - Join Our Board

Each year at our Annual Meeting in April, slots on our Society's Board of Assistants (BOA) become vacant and successors are elected. There are three assistant groups with three members in each serving a term of three years. Board positions are officers (i.e. Secretary) who serve one-year terms. Only the Governor and Deputy Governor are limited to a total of three successive one-year terms. All other officers may serve, at the discretion of the Nomination Committee, for an indefinite number of one-year terms. The Board meets on Saturdays at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford, PA, approximately five times a year, typically February/March, May, June, September, and November.

We are currently looking for members to serve in the following board positions and committees:

Secretary - Attends and writes minutes for all SMDPA meetings; maintains all records of meetings; receives and sends all general correspondence. Performs duties delegated by the Governor or Board of Assistants.

Assistant Secretary - Assists Secretary and performs duties delegated by the Secretary. In absence of Secretary, performs duties of Secretary at Board meetings.

Assistant Treasurer - Responsible for all incoming funds (dues, contributions, new applicant fees, sales and event fees), including preparing, processing, maintenance and reporting on these activities.

Co-Historians - Examines and reports upon lineage papers of applicants for membership, applicants, and supplemental lines following GSMD guidelines. Must have knowledge of genealogy processes and procedures in accordance with GSMD guidelines.

Sales Committee Chair (ad-hoc) - Responsible for Society sales and record keeping. Reports directly to the Assistant Treasurer.

Social Media Committee Chair and Members (ad-hoc) - Work closely with SMDPA WebMaster for frequent updates to content on the website, Facebook, etc., and creating sections when necessary. Has the ability to go beyond just external social media (Webpage and FaceBook) and adopt realistic/economical collaboration technology solutions for our internal use. Continue and keep current collaboration/sharing IT capabilities that allow us to create, store, share and archive our working documents and important files.

Archive Committee Members - Responsible for categorizing and the offsite storage of the Society's official files.

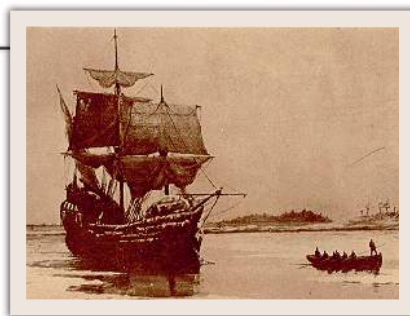
Publicity Committee Members - Responsible for publicity, providing information to the general public, media representatives, newspapers, radio, TV, and Internet about our Society.

Education Committee Members - Coordinate activities that relate to educating others about our Society. Responsible for coordinating and implementing annual visits of re-enactors into our schools throughout the Commonwealth of PA.

Junior Membership Committee Members - Responsible for recruitment of Jr. Members (including for Thanksgiving Service), activities, newsletter, etc. Will work with Membership Chair, Registrar, Elder, and Editor of the newsletter.

Social Event Committee Members - Social functions of the Society; Annual meeting in April, Summer Jr. Picnic, Thanksgiving Social, etc.

If you wish to volunteer to serve, contact Joan Miller, Chair of the Nominating Committee at: reedmiller107@yahoo.com



The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

2018 Committees

Archivist (adhoc): Chair Peter Dustin

Audit (adhoc): Chair Peter Dustin

By-Laws: Chair Tom Kellogg, Esq., Peter Dustin

Education and (Scholarship) (adhoc):
Chair Jim Buckner and Kevin Pauly

Finance Committee: Chair Scott Bond

Junior Membership (adhoc): Chair Debbie Markowitz

Membership Officer: Steven Dargitz, Esq.

Newsletter (Pennsylvania Mayflower):
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Proofreader:

Nominating: Chair Joan Miller, Debra G-Miller, &
Dr. Robert Heinsohn

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Registry: Chair Sue Henning

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Sales (adhoc): Chair Bruce Miller, Layton Fireng

Social Events (adhoc): Chair Debbie Markowitz

Social Media: TBA

Thanksgiving: Chair Rev. Judith Meier

GSMD Representatives: DGG Joan Miller (Past SMDPA Gov), AG Tom Kellogg, Esq.



Embarkation of the Pilgrims from Delfthaven Holland, By Robert Walter Weir (1843)

Welcome Our New Members

Holly Katherine McNaughton - 12th generation descent from John Alden

Matthew Fuller Schooley - 12th generation descent from Edward Fuller

Benjamin Zander King - 13th generation descent from John Alden

Kevin John Pauly - 11th generation descent from Isaac Allerton

Allyson Ashleigh Pauly - 12th generation descent from Isaac Allerton

Connor Robert Pauly - 12th generation descent from Isaac Allerton

Jack Anthony Pauly - 12th generation descent from Isaac Allerton

Megan Elizabeth Pauly - 12th generation descent from Isaac Allerton

Hester Louise (Howery) Joseph - 9th generation descent from Edward Doty

Daniel Carter Remley - 12th generation descent from James Chilton

Laura Lee (Frantz) Tyndall - 13th generation descent from Richard Warren

Virginia Mae (Fenn) Fossa - 13th generation descent from John Howland

Charles Lambert Baker Jr. - 10th generation descent from Henry Samson

George Thomas Henning III - 12th generation descent from John Howland

In Memoriam

Arlene Rainelli (member since 1992) - Descent from Stephen Hopkins

Clara Deily (member since 1966 - Emertius) - Descent from Edward Fuller

We would like to recognize Clara Deily, former SMDPA Deputy Governor, former SMDPA Registrar, Auditor, and Scholarship Chair. Her words were as precise and accurate as her accounting skills. She gave freely of her time to volunteer for our Society. Our prayers are with you.

We, the members of the Board of Assistants of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Pennsylvania, express our condolences to the family and friends of all our departed members. In your time of sorrow and loss, be assured that the Lord God is with you. He has already embraced our members and welcomed them home.



First two from left members of the DAR Tunkhannock Chapter, PA State Rep. Karen Boback (3rd from left), Nancy Walter Regent of the DAR Tunkhannock Chapter, and SMDPA Co-Editor Sharyn Davis

SMDPA Brings The Patriot To Passenger Project to Founder's Day

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, several blocks of Tioga Street in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania were the backdrop of the annual Founder's Day festivities. With the street lined with over 150 specialty and food vendors, demonstrators, and entertainers, and being billed as, "Celebrating Our Heritage in the Street," this year's Founder's Day would do just that.

As a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a prospective member of the Tunkhannock Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sharyn Davis found a way to bring it all together. Genealogy, heritage, history, the DAR and the Mayflower Society all under one tent, right there on West Tioga Street. From 10 AM to 4 PM, Davis shared information about the Patriot to Passenger Project; a list of Revolutionary War Patriots that descend from Mayflower Passengers; currently being compiled by Muriel Cushing of the Mayflower Society.

Davis took her idea to the local DAR Chapter Regent, Nancy Walter and the Registrar, Meg Venn. They agreed by working together both societies would benefit and she was invited to share the DAR booth during the Founder's Day festivities. Most of the visitors Davis spoke with heard of the DAR but few had any knowledge of the Mayflower Society. She took the opportunity to promote each society and the Patriot to Passenger Project.

Whether celebrating the heritage of a Revolutionary War Patriot or a Mayflower Passenger, Davis was more than happy to present her love of genealogy to all that came out to Founcer's Day 2018.

For more information about the Patriot to Passenger Project go to: www.themayflowersociety.org/patriot-to-passenger or contact Muriel Cushing at Flash1620@comcast.net.

-Article by Sharyn Davis, SMDPA Co-Editor

SMDPA Fourth Annual Meeting and Tea

The Merion Cricket Club in Haverford was the setting for the SMDPA Fourth Annual Meeting and Tea on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Members from across the state and neighboring State Societies gathered together before the meal, mingling with familiar cousins and welcoming new ones. The meeting was called to order by SMDPA Governor Peter Adams at 11:30 AM. Governor Adams welcomed all with his opening remarks and shared with us his recent discovery at Valley Forge. Refer to pages 14-15 for information. Governor Adams then turned the podium over to Nominating Committee member, Debra Miller for the installation of the 2018-2019 Officers and Assistants. After lunch, guest speaker Darvin Martin provided an interesting presentation on DNA, our pilgrim ancestors and the use of DNA in genealogical research.

As Darvin Martin discussed DNA and genealogy; he mentioned probably everyone in the room was descended from Charlemagne who had a total of five wives and twenty children. Given how many generations had passed, statistically most persons of European descent would have Charlemagne somewhere in their family tree. Proving it is a different matter.

One method would be to look at some lineage societies-the Baronial Order of the Magna Charta (BOMC) and The Military Order of the Crusades (MOC). Their homepage is <http://www.magnacharta.com/>. The Baronial Order is chartered in Pennsylvania and meets twice a year in Washington, DC. Their website is a treasure trove of historical information about the Magna Carta and the Crusades. There is also a National Society of Magna Charta Dames and Barons, however, their website is not as developed <http://www.magnacharta.org/default.htm.html>.

The BOMC and MOC societies have identified gateway ancestors. These are people who came to America, and have documented lineage from Crusaders or signers of the Magna Carta. Many of these can document relationships to the British Royal family and then to Charlemagne.

There is also a book Plantagenet Ancestry of Seventeenth-century Colonists: The Descent from the Later Plantagenet Kings of England, Henry III, Edward I, and Edward III, of Emigrants from England and Wales to the North American Colonies Before 1701, written by David Faris and published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society in 1999, which provides additional lineage information. Among many others it lists Robert Abell as a Plantagenet descendant. Robert Abell was an ancestor of Caleb Abell who married Elona Shepardson, a descendant of Francis Cooke and Stephen Hopkins.

The number of gateway ancestors is too numerous to list here. The lists are available on their website. BOMC -<http://www.magnacharta.com/bomc/bomc-gateway-ancestors/> MOC - <http://www.magnacharta.com/moc/crusaders-and-gateway-ancestors/>.

If my genealogy investigations are correct, I can trace my ancestry back to Joseph Bolles. James Bolles, a descendant of gateway ancestor Joseph Bolles, did a great lineage tree in 1992 (https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/101910119/person/250055692183/media/b0ed7873-94cf-4866-abe3-5a5f875ca367?_phsrc=oGq389&usePUBJs=true) which traced Bolles ancestry back to British King Edward the 1st to William the Conqueror and then to Charlemagne. Joseph Bolles came to America in 1640. Many of the gateway ancestors are contemporaries of early Mayflower descendants, so the likelihood of intermarriage with one of your ancestors is high. Happy researching!

-Article by Heather Horton



Peter Adams, SMDPA Governor



SMDPA 2018 Board



Guest Speaker Darvin Martin



Darvin Martin & SMDPA Gov. Peter Adams

Photos courtesy of James Buckner

Welcome SMDPA's 2018 Board Officers



**Acting Governor & Deputy Governor:
Reed Kneale**

Reed has been a member since 2007. His application Pilgrim is Stephen Hopkins. In addition to returning this year to continue his role as Deputy Governor, Reed will also serve as Acting Governor. He has been a Past Colony Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Colony Governor, and Colony Governor, Membership Committee Chair and Deputy Governor.



Membership Officer: Steve Dargitz, Esq.

New to our board and society, Steve's application was approved in September 2017. He is a descendant of John Billington. Steve is active on ancestry.com and enjoys helping his family build their family trees.



Secretary: Christine Hoffman*

Tina is returning for a third term as SMDPA Secretary. Tina has been a member since 2006. Her Pilgrim ancestor is William Brewster. Tina is the daughter of Ronald (SMDPA Surgeon) and Josephine Simonsen.



Assistant Secretary: Brent Jones

New to our board and society, Brent's application was approved in 2017. He is a descendant of Richard Warren. Brent is hoping to join one of the SMDPA Committees in the new future.



Treasurer: Scott C. Bond

New to the position of Treasurer, Scott served on our Board last year in many capacities, and his talents have been a great contribution to the Society. Scott's application was approved in September 2016. He is a descendant of Francis Eaton.



Assistant Treasurer: Judi Biederman

New to our board and the PA society, Judi became a member in 2017. She is a descendant of Francis Cooke. Judi will assist Scott with the Society's finances.

2018 Board Officers Cont'd



Co-Historian: Ginny Fossa

Ginny will be joining the SMDPA Board as Co-Historian. Her application Pilgrim is John Howland. She is an avid amateur genealogist.



Co-Historian: Cinda Hartman*

Cinda Hartman will be continuing on the SMDPA Board as a Co-Historian. Cinda has been a member since 2012. Her application Pilgrim is John Howland.



Registrar: Pamela A. Kolyer*

Pam has agreed to return as Registrar for another year. Pam has been a member since 2011. Her application Pilgrim ancestor is Stephen Hopkins. She has been our SMDPA Registrar since 2011.



Assistant Registrar: Sue Henning

Sue has served on several committees and this year assumes the role of Assistant Registrar aiding our Registrar Pamela. Sue is a proud descendant of John Howland.



Elder: Rev. Judith Meier*

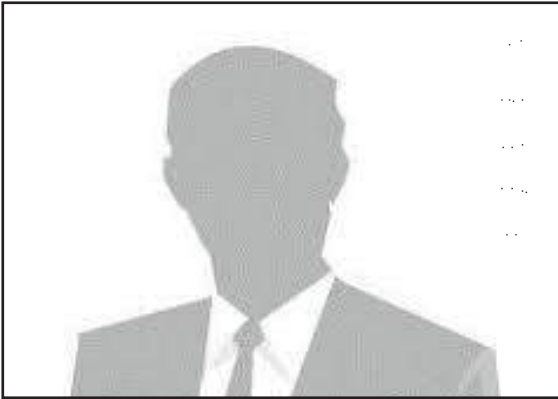
The Rev. Judith A. Meier will continue in her office as Elder for a third year. She has been a member of the Mayflower Society since May 27, 1987. Her Pilgrim ancestor is John Howland.



Surgeon: Dr. Ronald Simonsen*

Dr. Simonsen joins us as well for another year as SMDPA Surgeon. Dr. Simonsen has been a member since 2006. His Pilgrim ancestor is William Brewster.

2018 Board Officers Cont'd



Captain: John Burke

John became a Society member in 2012. His application Pilgrim is Francis Cooke. In addition to joining our Board this year, John has served as SMDPA Secretary in the past.



Counselor: Thomas R. Kellogg, Esq.*

Tom will always be a part of our Board as he is one of our Society's pillars. A member since 1995, his Pilgrim ancestor is Stephen Hopkins. Tom has been a past Secretary, Finance Committee, By-Laws Chair and Counselor for several years since 1998.



Deputy Gov. General: Joan Reed Miller*

Joan is a pillar of our Society. She has held numerous positions within the Society and is the "go to" person for anything Society related. Joan is a former SMPA Governor and is currently chair of the Nominating Committee.



Learning Development Coordinator: Debra Georgantis-Miller*

Debra will continue in her office as Coordinator. Through her tireless efforts the Training Information Session (TIS) occurs every May. She is the backbone of the society.



2018 Board Assistants

Term Expiring April 2019



James Buckner*

Jim has been involved in many of our Board and Chair positions over the years. If you see someone dressed in 1620 traditional clothing it will more than likely be Jim. Jim has been a SMDPA member since 2004. He is a descendant of Pilgrims John Howland and Richard Warren.



Peter Dustin*

Peter will continue to assist Tom Kellogg on the By-Laws Committee and as SMDPA Auditor. Peter has been a SMDPA member since 2015. His application Pilgrim is John Howland.



Cathy Smith*

Cathy has been a member since August 8, 2016. Her Pilgrim ancestor is William Brewster.

Term Expiring April 2020



Sharyn Davis*

Sharyn has been co-editing our newsletter since 2016. Sharyn has been a member since December 18, 2015. Her application Pilgrim is Richard Warren.



Sue Henning*

Sue has served on several committees and this year assumes the role of Assistant Registrar aiding our Registrar Pamela. Sue is a proud descendant of John Howland.



Daniel G. Lute*

Dan will take on the task of revising the Society's "Pink Book", a register of members for members only. Dan has been a member since 2010. His Pilgrim ancestor is Richard Warren. Dan is also the Susquehanna Colony Governor.

Term Expiring April 2021



Judi Biederman

Judi became a member in June of 2017. Her application Pilgrim is Francis Cooke.



Bruce Miller

New to the Board of Assistants and our Society, Bruce became a member in March 2017. His Pilgrim ancestor is John Howland.



George Wilcox

New to the Board of Assistants and our Society, George became a member in April 2017. His Pilgrim ancestor is Francis Cooke.

Western Colony News

Spring Meeting

Pennsylvania's Western Colony celebrated the arrival of spring on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Edgeworth Club, 511 East Drive, Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Board member Rev. Charles L. Smith, Jr. opened with prayer after which we enjoyed a joyful lunch of minestrone soup, chicken fontinella, duchess potatoes, California blend vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee, tea and an amazing dessert of milk chocolate mousse.

After lunch, our guest speaker, Dr. Jack Aupperle, retired pastor of Baldwin Community United Methodist Church and television host shared his presentation entitled, "Myles Standish...Captain, Surveyor, and Treasurer." Dr. Aupperle graduated from Schenley High School, Bethany College and Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. He is a teacher of religious studies at St. Vincent College in Latrobe and founded a popular book review series at the Baldwin Community United Methodist Church. He also hosted "Faith and Today's World" on WTAE for twenty years.

Dr. Aupperle's message was engaging and among other concepts, he shared four C's. He asked us to think about the courage necessary to leave Holland and then England to reach the new world. That courage had a price and lives were lost, sacrifices were made. He reflected on a famous quote that a deed that does not cost something is of no value. There was conflict involved -- conflict is a reality in life, and he admonished us to expect it and learn how to resolve it. Finally, he discussed continuity with our lives today. Our Mayflower ancestors were seeking the same things many seek today--to worship God as one sees fit, to experience law and order, and to live in communities. He concluded that just as the Mayflower passengers started on a journey toward the unknown, we need to do the same; and that if we claim them as our forebears, we should also embrace their vision.

Colony member Priscilla Schneider spoke about her marvelous September 19 – October 2, 2017 tour with forty-two other travelers to Plymouth, England and Wales where they saw small towns, rural areas, churches, monuments and houses listed in the Domesday book. She booked her tour through Globus Tour – Cosmos, and she encouraged all to go as it was a wonderful experience.

Patricia Hill announced the happy news that her granddaughter, Shannon Eileen Hill was recently married on April 28, 2018, at Amelia Island, Florida. Shannon, a professor and geologist, has been a Colony member for twenty-one years and her husband, Matthew Provenzano, a marine engineer and ship captain is from Duxbury, Massachusetts.

The Thanksgiving meeting of the Western Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Pennsylvania will be held November 19th at the Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Prospective members and guests are welcome to join our membership for this event which includes our business meeting, luncheon and a special, guest speaker. Further information on the meeting can be obtained by contacting Western Colony Governor, Lois Lang at 412-367-7483 or llanpgh@aol.com.

-Article by Sara Drodgy, Western Colony Recording Secretary



Western Colony Gov. Lois Lang



Guest speaker Dr. Aupperle



Guest speaker Priscilla Schneider

Photos courtesy of Sara Drodgy



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2018 Dues Reminder

Have you paid your 2018 Annual Dues? Dues are \$40.00 for regular members and \$15.00 for Junior members (does not include Regular Junior Members). Life and Emeritus members owe no dues.

We encourage members to make additional contributions to the SMDPA program(s) listed on the form. Please note, all contributions are tax deductible under 501(c)3 of the IRS Tax Code.

Please pay your dues promptly so that our Society's financial obligations for scholarship events, newsletters, activities, meetings, library mini-seminars, membership certificates, etc. can continue to be met on a timely basis. Any questions, please contact Scott Bond at:

SMDPA
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scott.bond@verizon.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Pennsylvania Meetings

November 18, 2018 - Thanksgiving Service & Dinner
2 PM Service:
Palm Schwenkfelder Church
833 Gravel Pike
Palm, PA 18070
Dinner: Schultheis Carriage House
745 Gravel Pike
East Greenville, PA 18041
Dinner immediately following service

April 13, 2019 - Annual Meeting
Merion Cricket Club
Haverford, PA
Guest Speaker: TBD

June 2, 2019 - Junior Membership Drive (sponsored by Education & Jr Committees)
Haverford Township Historical Society Heritage Festival

Susquehanna Colony Meetings

October 6, 2018 - Fall Meeting
11 AM - Edison Hotel, Sunbury for Business Meeting & Lunch
Tour of Joseph Priestly House (after lunch)
472 Priestly Ave.
Northumberland, PA

Contact: Susquehanna Colony Governor, Daniel Lute at: dglute@verizon.net

Western Colony Meetings

November 19, 2018 - Fall Meeting at The Oakmont Country Club
1233 Hulton Rd., Oakmont, PA 15139

Guest Speaker: TBD

Contact: Western Colony Governor, Lois Lang at: llangpgh@aol.com

Upcoming Events

September 5 - 9, 2018 - General Board of Assistants Meeting

The Illinois Society is hosting the meeting of the General Board of Assistants, which will convene at 9:00 AM, Saturday, September 8, 2018, at the Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois. Illinois will welcome members and General Society officers at a welcome reception which will include entertainment and a cash bar on Friday evening. A cocktail reception followed by a banquet will be held on Saturday evening with entertainment about the Spoon River Anthology. The Illinois Society encourages all GBOA attendees and their guests to join them for business meetings, training, tours and socializing. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and reconnect with Mayflower family and to be involved in the business and decision-making of our great Society. All General Society officers are urged to attend. For more information visit:

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/gboa2018>

September 21- 29, 2018, - Bloomsburg Fair - Valleys of the Susquehanna

Covering more than 236 acres, the 163rd annual Bloomsburg Fair is the largest agricultural fair in Pennsylvania. Top-notch musical acts like Cole Swindell and Brett Eldredge will entertain the crowd at the grandstand each evening. Fairgoers can also enjoy hundreds of exhibits like an antique farm museum, food and craft stands, as well as livestock and poultry exhibits daily. For more information visit:

<https://www.bloomsburgfair.com/>

September 30, 2018 - Downingtown FallFest

The Downingtown FallFest is a Downingtown-Thorndale Regional Chamber of Commerce annual event held in partnership with the Victory Brewing Company and the Borough of Downingtown. FallFest showcases local crafts, restaurants, and businesses from throughout our region. It is a free, family event with plenty of food, shopping, and entertainment. Come join us from 11 AM - 4 PM. For more information:

<http://www.downingtownfallfest.com/>



Western Colony Summer Picnic

On Saturday morning, July 21, 2018, the Western Colony SMDPA celebrated our summer picnic with a Gateway Clipper river cruise and lunch in Pittsburgh's Station Square. Our Gateway Clipper excursion was a new tour called "How Pittsburgh became Pittsburgh." The Captain and on-board narrator shared the importance of the region's role in the French & Indian War, the Whiskey Rebellion, and the Civil War. We learned about Pittsburgh's early days as a frontier village and about how it became the "Gateway to the West." The narrator also shared with us how Pittsburgh's storied history contributed to its status as world leader in the production of glass, iron and steel. Our meal at the lovely Grand Concourse in Station Square was just delicious. The Grand Concourse features brass, marble, mahogany and a breathtaking stained glass cathedral ceiling. We were seated inside with gorgeous views of the river and downtown Pittsburgh. The day was a bit rainy and members truly enjoyed the tour, the adventure, and lunch with our esteemed visitors, SMDPA Deputy Governor Reed Kneale and his lovely wife.

-Article by Sara Drodgy



Susquehanna Colony News

Spring Meeting

The Susquehanna Colony spring meeting was held on May 5, 2018, at the Country Cupboard Restaurant in Lewisburg. Those members and guests in attendance enjoyed the wonderful company of cousins, the knowledgeable speaker, Mr. John L. Moore, the restaurant's tasty food, and perhaps an after-meal stroll through the shops, gardens, and greenhouses.

Governor Daniel Lute called the meeting to order. The Pilgrim Pledge was recited, and introductions were given. Attendees stood and gave their name, where they were from, and their application Pilgrim. The October 2017 meeting minutes were approved, and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Members had a chance to see a picture of what the new state of Pennsylvania Mayflower Society license plate will look like. Information was given about how to obtain one, costs involved, who to contact, etc. New membership information pamphlets were handed out. These pamphlets give an overview of how to prove your lineage, what source materials one can use to document lineage, other research options, eligibility, and some Pilgrim history. Mini Pilgrim Biography books, written by our own Debra Miller were available for sale. A drawing for door prizes was held, 2020 Mayflower Anniversary items such as travel mugs, coffee mugs, money clips, and an ornament were awarded. Members and guests walked away with some other very nice gifts such as a Mayflower print, and a book by speaker John L. Moore. The meeting was adjourned, and Governor Lute said grace before the meal.

As the meal was winding down and everyone looked toward dessert, a birthday cake was presented to Governor Dan Lute, as it was his birthday that very day. Guests sang "Happy Birthday" to Dan and he blew out the candles.

Co-historian Cinda Hartman introduced guest speaker John L. Moore. Mr. Moore has spoken to us in the past. As a veteran newspaperman and author of many books about the Pennsylvania frontier, Moore brings his knowledge of Pennsylvania history to life. In preparation for our October meeting to visit the Joseph Priestly house in Northumberland, Moore spoke to us about Joseph Priestly, an 18th-century theologian, philosopher, chemist, educator, author, and the discoverer of oxygen. Moore also spoke about Thomas Edison, his time spent in Sunbury at the hotel that would later be named the Edison Hotel. How Edison first brought electricity to our part of the state and country, illuminating the hotel, the Joseph Priestly house, a second hotel and home, a church, and the railroad station. Guests were very interested, and many stated that they were "looking forward" or "couldn't wait" for the October meeting to see the places Mr. Moore spoke about. Attendees had the opportunity to purchase copies of Mr. Moore's books.

As the meeting came to a close, members chatted with cousins for just a few minutes more before it was time to say their goodbyes and head for home.

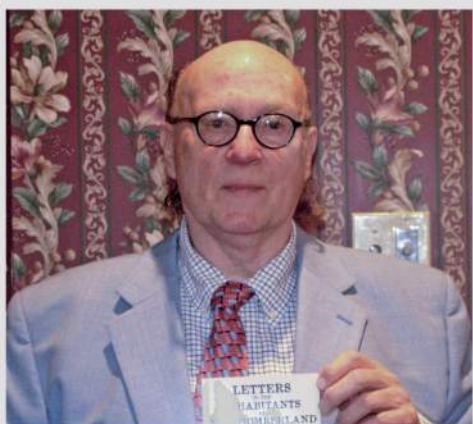
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Susquehanna Colony Gov. Daniel Lute



Happy Birthday Colony Gov. Daniel Lute!



Guest speaker John L. Moore

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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING A SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE

- **PLEASE ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY.**
- **This application**, with Sections A, D (if applicable), and E, completed in full, **must be returned to the organization official for submission to PennDOT.** No applications sent directly to PennDOT by the organization member will be processed. The organization must complete Sections B and C. **NOTE:** Only applications for Volunteer Fire Fighter and Emergency Medical Services special organization registration plates may be mailed directly to PennDOT by the customer.
- **The applicant listed in Section A must be a registered owner of the vehicle as indicated on the vehicle's registration credential.** If the vehicle is a leased vehicle, Form MV-1L, "Application for Lessee Information," must be completed and attached. (**NOTE:** Form MV-1L is available on our website at www.dmv.pa.gov.)
- PennDOT charges an issuance fee of \$26. Participating organizations may charge an additional fee above the \$26 PennDOT fee. The organization fee is \$_____. Therefore, the total fee due with this application is \$_____. Fees must be made payable to the organization name of _____.
- No special organization registration plate will be duplicated. If your plate is lost, stolen or defaced you will need to reapply for a special organization registration plate by completing this application and submitting it with the appropriate fees. Should you need an immediate replacement registration plate, please complete and submit Form MV-44, "Application for Duplicate Registration Card, Replacement of Registration Plate or Weight Class Sticker," along with a fee of \$11. A standard registration plate will be issued until the replacement special organization registration plate can be provided. (**NOTE:** Form MV-44 is available on our website at www.dmv.pa.gov.)
- Requests for special organization registration plates are restricted to passenger vehicles, trucks with a registered gross weight of not more than **14,000 lbs.**, trailers and motor homes. **Motorcycles do not qualify for special organization registration plates.**
- **NO REFUND** of the fee will be issued when an applicant cancels a request after the order is placed.
- When the applicant ceases to be a member in the organization as listed in Section B, the registration plate must be returned to PennDOT. Complete Form MV-44 and submit a fee of \$11 for the issuance of a regular series registration plate.
- Special organization registration plates are issued in number sequence unless requesting personalization in Section D.
- To avoid possible problems with citations with your old registration plate, return it to: Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Return Tag Unit, P.O. Box 68597, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8597 after you have received your special organization registration plate.
- If applying for a Fraternal Order of Police registration plate, the PA State Lodge Seal and the PA State Lodge Recording Secretary signature must be affixed to this application.

IF PERSONALIZING YOUR SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE

- Personalized special organization registration plates may contain up to **FIVE** letters and numbers in combination. **NOTE:** A preprinted letter configuration will follow your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.
- If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. **NOTE:** No additional special characters are available.
- When requesting a numeric character of zero, please list as "Ø" instead of the alpha character of "O".
- PennDOT reserves the right to limit or reject requests.
- The registration on your vehicle must be current in order for PennDOT to process your request. The fee to personalize your special organization registration plate is an additional \$104. **The additional \$104 fee covers the cost of your personalized registration plate order only and will not renew your vehicle's registration.** To renew your registration, please include your completed renewal application, Form MV-105, "Pennsylvania Registration Renewal Application," or Form MV-140, "Request for Registration," and a **separate check or money order in the amount of your registration renewal fee.** Payment is to be made by check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**
- To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.pa.gov, and select Plate Availability from the list of services under the Online Services heading. Personalized registration plates will not be reserved until PennDOT receives payment and a completed application, and approves your requested registration plate configuration [number(s) and/or letter(s)]. Please note that registration plate requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Although a requested registration plate configuration may show as being available on the website, it is possible that a request for the same registration plate configuration may have already been submitted by another customer and may not be available when making application.
- Personal registration plates will be manufactured on the basis of this application. **NO REFUND** of the fee will be issued when an applicant cancels a request after the order is placed with the manufacturer.
- Allow eight to 10 weeks for delivery of personalized special organization plate.

Visit us at www.dmv.pa.gov or call us at 717-412-5300. TTY callers — please dial 711 to reach us.



Example of new license plate

New Pennsylvania Mayflower License Plates for Members

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (SMDPA) is pleased to offer a special way to recognize your membership in the Society, through a PennDOT Organization license plate made especially for SMDPA members!

Refer to the previous page for the application. If interested, please complete sections A and E and return to Layton Fireng at lfireng@verizon.net for submission to PennDOT. To issue a new license plate using your current registration number the cost is \$32.00. If you like a personalized registration (you select the name/number of your registration as illustrated below) complete section D (in addition to A and E) on the application and the cost is \$136.00. Any questions, please contact Layton Fireng at the email address above.





Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge National Historical Park

A Recent Discovery At Valley Forge, PA The Mayflower Compact in Stained Glass Over 100 Years Old!

In Pennsylvania, within its Valley Forge National Historical Park, stands the Washington Memorial Chapel, a truly beautiful and unique building that is both a place of worship and a memorial to General George Washington and the Patriots who were responsible for founding The United States of America. This 100-plus-year-old building serves to honor the Father of our Country and the Founders and Patriots who established our independence and fashioned our government.

The “crown jewels” of this beautiful, neo-Gothic structure are its thirteen stained glass windows which tell the story of the discovery, settlement, and founding of our nation. One of these windows, the Window of Settlement, chronicles in twelve panes or “medallions” the history of colonial settlement. The window was dedicated at the height of World War I to Lafayette “*in appreciation of his services to the American people and France’s aid in the War of the Revolution*” Each medallion in the window depicts a separate, significant event in the settlement of America and highlights the variety of religious beliefs and ethnic makeup of our early settlements. One of these medallions deals directly with the Mayflower Pilgrims as it portrays the signing of the Mayflower Compact aboard the Mayflower during 1620.

The discovery of this beautiful medallion happened by pure accident. Peter M. Adams, the Governor of the Society of

Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was attending a church service there one Sunday morning. It was coincidentally the day after he had given a challenge to his Board of Assistants to search throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for plaques, monuments or markers erected in past history about the Mayflower. He stated that we have a 2020 goal - to hold a rededication service at a location in the Commonwealth - to celebrate our 400 year anniversary. Several Board of Assistants proclaimed that Massachusetts had the only markers and that none existed within Pennsylvania. Peter had made a prayer at the church that morning, requesting that a noteworthy remembrance of the Mayflower be located within the Commonwealth for just such a purpose.

After the church service was over, a group of repairmen entered the chapel and began erecting scaffolding to begin cleaning its stained glass windows. Peter overheard them saying that one of the windows had been recently professionally renovated and the stained glass colors were made even more beautiful. He said the beautiful colors glistened as if they were new found jewels. One of the workers, on a ladder over twenty feet in the air, proclaimed an inscription in one window stated, “the Signing of the Mayflower Compact aboard the Mayflower in 1620.” Peter overheard this remark, and stopped in his tracks, as he was exiting the chapel. Peter reentered and asked if he could



Stained glass window from chapel

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climb the ladder to verify what was just spoken. Peter was allowed to climb the ladder and he witnessed the words and the beauty contained in that window, more than twenty feet above the ground. It was discovered that this window, existing for more than 100 years, had been forgotten in history. Peter then decided that this location should become the site for the Pennsylvania Society's 2020 meeting and its grand historic 2020 celebration.

Peter subsequently researched the history of this window and discovered the founder of the chapel, the Rev. Herbert Burk, wrote about this window; *"The Mayflower Compact is perhaps the only instance in human history of that positive, original social compact, which speculative philosophers have imagined as the only legitimate source of government."* Peter stated that his distant cousin, John Quincy Adams, was quoted as making a similar remark.

Faced with a serious water intrusion problem that has damaged both the exterior and interior walls and threatens the stained glass windows, the George Washington Memorial Chapel is in urgent need of repairs to its exterior envelope. Peter learned that cleaning, replacement of lost pieces, resealing and the replacement of protective glazing are necessary for all the windows. The good news is that restoration of the windows has already begun. The Color Guard of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution,

The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, The Daughters of the American Revolution, The Society of Colonial Dames, The Pennsylvania Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and The Sons of the American Revolution have all committed resources to begin a national effort to restore all these priceless works of art to their former glory.

It is with gratitude that we remember our inheritance of honorable names and of the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty fostered by our Mayflower ancestors. We carry with us each day an obligation to remember our ancestry and to keep them in honor and maintain and defend them. We hold them in trust, to enjoy in our lifetime and transmit them untarnished and undiminished to posterity. We cherish these traditions, not for the glorification of family names, but for the honor and advancement of humanity, as incentives to those private and public virtues that constitute the true strength of our nation.



-Article by Peter M. Adams, Former SMDPA Governor

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