



"History is who we are and why we are the way we are." David McCullough



Mayflower Chronicles

Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING MAY 4, 2019

NORMANSIDE COUNTRY CLUB, 150 SALISBURY ROAD, DELMAR, NY 12054

SOCIAL HOUR 12:00, LUNCHEON MEETING 12:30

Colony Governor's Message

Please note our earlier start time of 12:00 pm (Noon); lunch will be served at 12:30 pm.

Our meeting will adjourn at 3:00 pm.

Transitioning to a New Albany Colony Website

As we undergo the transition to a new Albany Colony website, I would like to thank Karl Danneil for all he has done as our Webmaster. Our new home page looks very much like our original web page designed by Karl. On behalf of the Colony, I thank Karl for all of his time and effort to keep our previous web page up to date. At our May 4th meeting, Colony Members present will be able to decide if the following website meets our Colony's future needs. Please try the site before our May 4th meeting by typing the website in the top line of your browser using Chrome, Firefox or Edge: www.stny.info/nyacsmd. Also, please join me in welcoming Jim Pratt as the new Albany Colony Webmaster.

Our May 4th luncheon/meeting presentation will be: "The Erie Canal" a PowerPoint program by JACK CASEY, Troy attorney-at-law, Poestenkill Town Attorney, former Parliamentarian of the State Senate, avid history buff, songwriter, and author of novels about his native upstate New York. His books include "Lily of the Mohawks" (1984), "A Land Beyond the River" (2005), "The Trial of Bat Shea" (1994, 2011) and "A Parliament of Fowls" (2012). The Erie Canal, built to create a navigable water route from New York City and the Atlantic to the Great Lakes, was dubbed "Clinton's Folly" when construction began in 1817. Yet when the Canal opened in 1825 it was the second longest in the world, and as New Yorkers we can take pride in its historic impact on the development and economy of the State and the country; we look forward to the program.

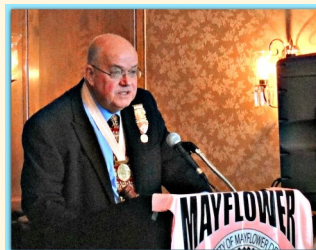
Thanks to Sylvia Magin for creating this issue of our Mayflower Chronicles. I look forward to seeing each of you at Normanside Country Club on May 4th.

NEXT MEETINGS:

November 2, 2019

And

May 2, 2020



Dave Morton

Colony Governor

"Ah, how wonderful is the advent of the Spring!—the great annual miracle... which no force can stay, no violence restrain, like love, that wins its way and cannot be withstood by any human power, because itself is divine power. If Spring came but once in a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation would there be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change!... We are like children who are astonished and delighted only by the second-hand of the clock, not by the hour-hand."

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1849

Albany Colony, SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

November 3, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

The Fall Compact Day Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at the Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, NY on Saturday, November 3rd. The meeting was called to order by Colony Gov. David W. Morton at 12:30 p.m. The Invocation was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by 1st Deputy Colony Governor Wally G. Francis. The Mayflower Compact Day Proclamation, dated November 3rd signed by NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, was read by Co-Captain Priscilla Davis.

Officers present were introduced by Col. Gov. Morton: 1st Deputy Colony Gov. Wally G. Francis; Secretary Sandra A. Zerrillo; Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner; Co-Captain Priscilla Davis; Historian Paul Johnson; Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., Archivist Kristen Moore.

A Tribute to Bette Bradway was given by Colony Gov. David Morton followed by a moment of silence.

Albany Colony member Kurt Kilmer read a short story that he had recently written for publication about his experience as a propane hauler in Barre, Massachusetts.

New members present were introduced: Wendy Allen (William Brewster); Sandra Foster (William Brewster); Shelley Major ((Francis Cooke); Gloria Marceau (Stephen Hopkins); Judith Peck (William Brewster); and Cheryl Pierce (Francis Cooke). **Self-introductions** by members and guests included name, location, and ancestors. Members present - 35 & guests - 20 = 55. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 5, 2018 meeting were printed in the Chronicles. Motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Betty-Jean Haner and seconded by Arthur Young. Motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Betty-Jean Haner. The report was filed. Betty Jean also reported the death of long time colony member Marjorie Doyle. A motion was made by Betty-Jean Haner and seconded by Arthur Young to approve a \$25.00 donation that will be sent to the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants in memory of Marjorie. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historian: The Historian's Report written by Paul S. Johnson was printed in the November 2018 issue of the Chronicles. Highlights of that report focused on the increase in new members to the Albany Colony. The membership count has risen from 238 to 255. The report was filed. **Chronicles:** Colony Gov. Morton thanked Editor Sylvia Magin for her outstanding dedication to publishing the issues of the Chronicles. There are currently 70 members that still receive the Chronicles via "snail mail". If any members have email and would like to receive the full color version of the Chronicles please notify Sylvia Magin. **Website:** In the absence of Webmaster Karl Danniell no report was given. **Archivist:** Colony Gov. Morton thanked Archivist Kristen Moore for her time and dedication to solving issues that had arisen with the current membership email list. All 70 emails that were sent out for the last mailing went through successfully without any bounce backs.

Old Business: Colony Gov. Morton announced that 1st Deputy Colony Gov. Wally G. Francis has been appointed to serve as Assistant Treasurer of the Albany Colony until the May 2019 meeting. At that time the name of Wally G. Francis will be placed in nomination and voted on by the membership to serve as the Assistant Treasurer through the term ending in May, 2020.

Colony Officers:

Colony Governor –
David W. Morton, Ed.D

1st Dep. Col. Gov. –
Wally G. Francis

2nd Dep. Col. Gov. –
Douglass (Tim) M. Mabee

Secretary –
Sandra P. Zerrillo

Treasurer –
Betty-Jean (B-J) Haner

Asst. Treasurer -
Wally G. Francis

Co-Captain –
Douglass (Tim) M. Mabee

Co-Captain –
Priscilla S. Davis

Historian –
Paul S. Johnson

Elder –
Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Archivist –
Kristen L. Moore

Chronicles Editor –
Sylvia S. Magin

Email: SylviaSMagin@aol.com

Proud of your Mayflower ancestry? Want to display your heritage symbol on your car? The GSMD website, in the "Members Only" section, offers a pair of these handsome stickers for \$8.00. The "Euro Style Oval Car Sticker" measures 4.70" x 3.29" on white vinyl. Will not leave residue on surface when removed. 1-5 years' durability.



Bette Bradway 2020 Fund Proposal: Colony Gov. Morton asked that a motion be made to donate \$400.00 to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants 2020 Fund in memory of Bette Bradway from Albany Colony Society of the Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York. This proposal will be considered by the Finance Committee in February. If the Finance Committee approves of this expenditure it will be added as a line item in the 2019-2020 Budget. A motion was made by Arthur Young and seconded by Linda Combs Akins. Motion carried.

Program: “Barns of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains” presented by Ted Hilscher. Mr. Hilscher gave a very informative slide program that focused on both early Dutch and English barns and how their construction styles differ. Both styles are examples of vernacular architecture which explains why the barns constructed in the new world had the same style and functions as the barns in the country or regions where the settlers originally lived.

Benediction was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

November 3, 2018 Roll Call of Approved Pilgrims

John Alden - 1
Isaac Allerton, wife Mary Norris Allerton and children Bartholomew, Remember, Mary - 1
John Billington, wife Elinor and son Francis - 2
William Bradford - 2
William Brewster, wife Mary and child Love - 8
Peter Browne - 0
James Chilton, wife Susanna and daughter Mary - 1
Francis Cooke and son John - 4
Edward Doty - 3
Francis Eaton, wife Sarah and son Samuel - 3
Moses Fletcher - 0
Edward Fuller, Mrs. Fuller and son Samuel - 1
Samuel Fuller - 0
Stephen Hopkins, wife Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins and children Constance, Giles - 5
John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland - 9
Richard More - 0
William Mullins and child Priscilla - 0
Degory Priest - 3
Thomas Rogers and son Joseph - 1
Henry Samson - 0
George Soule - 3
Myles Standish - 0
John Tilley, wife Joan Hurst Tilley and daughter Elizabeth - 6
Richard Warren - 2
William White, wife Susanna Jackson White and sons Resolved & Peregrine - 3
Edward Winslow (and wife Elizabeth Barker Winslow) - 0



John Howland's descendants had the greatest representation—9

Sandra A. Zerrillo, Secretary

“The Indians were profoundly influenced by the English and quickly created a new and dynamic culture full of Native and Western influences. For a nation that has come to recognize that one of its greatest strengths is its diversity, the first fifty years of Plymouth Colony stand as a model of what America might have been from the very beginning.”

Nathaniel Philbrick

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Albany Colony Membership Totals as of February 28, 2019
Regular Members **243**, Life Members **13**, Total Membership: **256**

New Members ~ Welcome to Albany Colony!

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Ancestor</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Wendy Sue Allen | NY 6274 | 09/27/2018 | William Brewster |
| Susan Breish DeGeorge | NY 6272 | 09/18/2018 | John Alden |
| Selin Stearns Gumustop | NY 6295 | 12/07/2018 | William Bradford |
| Martha Speers Haynes | NY 6291 | 11/13/2018 | Richard Warren |
| Nathan Michael Kilburn | NY 6275 | 09/27/2018 | William White |
| Susan Lynn West O'Neill | NY 6291 | 11/27/2018 | John Alden |
| Kathleen Sturges Ouimet | NY 6293 | 12/06/2018 | William Brewster |
| Lewis Adelbert Ward | NY 6292 | 11/30/2018 | John Howland |
| Joan Leslye Warner | NY 6294 | 12/06/2018 | Edward Fuller |

Supplemental Lines Added ~ Michael G. Draper: William Brewster

Reinstated ~ Stephen D. Solar, Joan B. Taylor

Deceased ~ Marjorie Louise Doyle, Shelley M. Major

Removed for Nonpayment ~ Leda H. McCullough, Katharine B. Nearing, Manuela J. Switzer, Georgi Lynn Winter

Paul S. Johnson, Historian

Congratulations on Your Years of Membership Albany Colony, General Society of Mayflower Descendants

Thirty Years: Eleanor I. Bullock, Ballston Lake, NY (1989)
Duncan F. Winter, Lake Placid, NY (1989)

Twenty-Five Years Sherret S. Chase, Shokan, NY (1994)
Lucy G. Holcombe, Morris, NY (1994)
Kathleen F. Purmell, Troy, NY (1994)

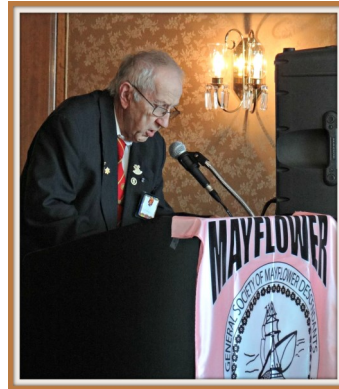
Twenty Years Diana F. Bastian, Yorktown, NY (1999)
Jamie Lynn Bastian, Yorktown, NY (1999)
Mildred Y. Berard, Johnsville, NY (1999)
Sharon Ann Matyas, Memphis, NY (1999)

*"Finding the path our ancestors walked is not always easy,
but the rewards of the journey make the effort worthwhile."*

Jayne McGarvey

Longevity certificates will be presented to the honorees at the May 4 meeting and mailed to those unable to attend.

At our Compact Day Luncheon Meeting on November 3, 2018 at the Albany Country Club in nearby Voorheesville, Albany Colony Mayflower "Cousins" and their guests enjoyed a delicious traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings while renewing acquaintances and making new friends, a fine occasion.



Albany Colony member Kurt Kilmer read for us a short story that he had recently written for publication about his experience as a propane hauler in Barre, Massachusetts.



"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."

Amy Poehler



"Cherish when many of your friends are together in the same place."

Kovie Biakolo



“It’s fun to get together and have something good to eat at least once a day. That’s what human life is all about—enjoying things.”

Julia Child



“The great thing about new friends is that they bring new energy to your soul.”

Shanna Rodriguez



“Nothing, not a conversation, not a handshake, or even a hug, establishes friendship as forcefully as eating together.”

Jonathan Safran Foer





“In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.”

Khalil Gibran



“Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them.”

Francesco Guicciardini



“Descendants of New England pioneers are proud of their ancestry and glad to proclaim the fact that so far as the United States are concerned, New England is indeed the cradle of religious liberty.”

Paul P. Harris

We were pleased to have six new Albany Colony members in attendance at the Fall Luncheon Meeting.

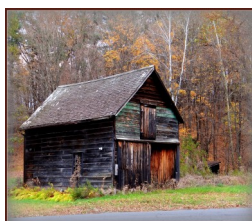


Ted Hilscher, Historian for the Town of New Baltimore, Assistant Professor of History at Columbia-Greene Community College, Board member of the historic Bronck House in Coxsackie, Catskill attorney-at-law, and a popular public speaker, held our attention with his presentation on the *"Barns of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains."*

Ted explained the differences in the structures of Dutch and English barns, and he ably linked current and historical local architecture to that of our European forebears.

After a dreary and overcast morning, the brilliant autumn sunshine emerged just in time to somewhat dilute the effectiveness of his voluminous slide collection, but Ted held his own and provided us with an entertaining dissertation.

"In the end, the character of a civilization is encased in its structures."
Frank Gehry



"Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn, and you will."
Vernon Howard

“The Other Side of the Pond”

~ Our Trip to See William Brewster's UK Homestead ~

By Kevin Fitzgerald

Many of us have walked in the footsteps of the Pilgrims in Massachusetts, tracing the steps of our ancestors along the shores of the Plymouth Colony. But my family wanted to do more to connect with our esteemed relative. We wanted to walk in the steps of our ancestor on the other side of the “Pond”, as the Atlantic Ocean is sometimes called.

So in the Summer of 2018, my wife, Pamela, sons Mark and Sean Fitzgerald (both 16th generation from William Brewster), and I (15th generation), travelled to Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England. We found the Village of Scrooby, which is not far from Sherwood Forest and Nottingham Castle, to be a small and charming hamlet. Scrooby is where Brewster was born in 1566, and where he served as an English teacher and “Postmaster” of Scrooby, responsible for relays of horses on the post road.



We were met in Scrooby by Sue Allan, a famous Pilgrim historian and an expert on Pilgrim history (<http://mayflowermaid.com>). Sue is also the author of numerous historical Mayflower books, a frequent TV documentary guest, Chairman of The Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association, and the Official Historian for Scrooby Manor, home of William Brewster.



We found that we were in very good hands with Sue; her knowledge of William Brewster is extraordinary.



First, Sue took us to Scrooby Church, where William Brewster was a preacher. It was here that many leading members met and their separatist movement began. William Brewster’s father is interred at the church.

We sat in a surviving church pew; a similar pew was given to the Pilgrim Hall Museum, where it is still on display (but you can’t sit on that one!)



Next, Sue took us to the Scrooby Manor, which formerly belonged to the Archbishops of York and was sometimes referred to as a palace. At the end of the sixteenth century, the house was occupied by William Brewster, the Archbishop's bailiff. The homestead is private property now, but since Sue is the Official Historian for the Scrooby Manor, she is given exclusive access to the estate.



Scrooby Manor is now guarded by the “fierce watchdog,” Jeff.

While much of the manor house has been renovated, there is still one wall standing from William Brewster's time, and the windows of this wall are the originals, from Brewster's era. Looking up at those windows, we can imagine William Brewster gazing out of them and dreaming . . .

. . . dreaming of a land devoid of religious prosecution . . .

. . . dreaming of a place his descendants could be free . . .

. . . dreaming of hope and a home . . .

. . . on the other side of the “Pond”

Kevin Fitzgerald



“Brewster then accompanied the first group of Pilgrims on the *Mayflower* in 1620. The only university-trained member of the Plymouth community, he was the real leader of the church. As its senior elder, he dominated the formulation of its doctrines, worship, and practices. He was not a magistrate, but, by virtue of his close association with the governor, William Bradford, he played a major role in civil as well as religious affairs.”

from an article written by Editors of the Encyclopaedia Britannica



Great Blue Heron

~ Please join us, and your guests are always welcome ~

SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Social time (cash bar) 12:00 p.m.

Lunch and Business Meeting 12:30 p.m.

Normanside Country Club

150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY 12054

(Off Delaware Avenue, Route 443)



Juvenile Black-crowned Night Heron

Your menu choices for luncheon are:

- 1) **Chicken Marsala** ~ (Marsala wine, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, red bell peppers, basil, sun-dried tomato pesto)
- 2) **Petit NY Strip Steak** ~ (Eight-ounce New York Strip Steak, caramelized onions, roasted garlic)

All meals include House Salad and Rolls and Butter

Dessert: New York-style Cheesecake

Coffee or Hot Tea

Your check for **\$28.00** per person should be made payable to “**Albany Colony SOMD**” and be mailed with the reservation blank below to:

Priscilla S. Davis, 106 Hawk Hill Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043-7325

Reservations *must* be in the mail by April 27. For late reservations call Priscilla at 518-234-7495.

But please note that **no** reservations can be taken after April 30.

“In those vernal seasons of the year, when the air is calm and pleasant, it were an injury and sullenness against Nature not to go out and see her riches, and partake in her rejoicing with heaven and earth.” *John Milton*



Please reserve _____ place(s) for me at the Spring Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, May 4. Our meal selections are:

My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Signed: _____

I cannot attend, but I wish to donate to the Albany Colony \$_____