



Mayflower Chronicles

Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York
Compact Day Luncheon Meeting

Nov. 4, 2023 - 12:00-3:30

Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186



Colony Governor's Message Nov. 4, 2023

Did you know that more men signed the Mayflower Compact with 41 signers than the U.S. Constitution with 39 signers? The Mayflower Compact (1620) brought the English concepts of Law and Liberty to the New World. The Compact created a common bond among the 102 pilgrims at Plymouth.

The Mayflower Compact continued the idea of law made by the people. This idea lies at the heart of democracy. From its crude beginning in Plymouth, self-government evolved into the town meetings of New England and larger local governments in Colonial America.

The ideas of self-government from the Mayflower Compact helped the first colonists. It became a fundamental idea for our Constitution. Additionally, their desire to worship as they wished is embodied in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

Our November 4th luncheon/meeting presentation will be: ***“George Washington & Saratoga: It's Complicated”*** By John Oliver, a published author and local writer. His work has appeared in the *Times Union*, *The Newtown Connecticut Bee*, *Simply Saratoga*, *Saratoga Living*, *Philadelphia Weekly* and *Newsweek* magazines.

“George Washington and Saratoga Springs crossed paths twice: once when the village nearly cost him his job as Commander of the Continental Army, and once when he showed up unannounced on a super-secret real estate mission. On both occasions, Washington wasn't the least bit happy with Saratoga,” he tells us. In this intriguing and special presentation, Mr. Oliver reveals a George Washington you didn't learn about in school, discusses what drove him so relentlessly, and shows why, as one historian says, “George Washington is in our wallets but not in our hearts.” Be sure to join us for an astonishing look at the “Father of Our Nation”—and how he almost wasn't!

Thanks to Sylvia Magin for creating this issue of our Mayflower Chronicles and to webmaster Jim Pratt for keeping up to date both the Albany Colony website, <https://www.nyacsmd.org> and our FaceBook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NYACSMID>.

We look forward to seeing you on November 4th!

Our next meetings:

May 4, 2024

Nov. 2, 2024



Dave Morton

Colony Governor

“It is obvious that our fathers, whose efforts have planted these great and prosperous cities along the once lonely trails of our own broad land, received all the fundamentals of civilization as a heritage from their European ancestors.”

James H. Breasted

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Minutes of the May 2023 Meeting

Albany Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants

The Meeting of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at Chieftans Restaurant, 584 East Main Street, Cobleskill, NY on Saturday, May 6th. The meeting was called to order by Colony Gov. David W. Morton at 12:15 p.m. with a quorum present. 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 Colony Deputy Gov. & Co-Captain Douglass (Tim) Mabee.

Officers present were introduced by Colony Gov. Morton: 1st Deputy Colony Gov. and Co-captain Douglass (Tim) Mabee; 2nd Deputy Colony Governor David Young; Secretary Sandra A. Zerrillo; Assistant Treasurer Carol Felsen; Co-Captain Priscilla Davis; Historian Paul S. Johnson; and Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.

New members present were introduced: Sara Harmon (Samuel Fuller); Marla Hoskins (George Soule); and Patrick McKenna (William Brewster). **Self-introductions** by members and guests included name, location, and ancestors. Members present - 44 & guests - 23 = 67. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the meeting held November 5, 2022, were printed in the *Chronicles*. The minutes were accepted and filed as printed in the *Chronicles*. **Treasurer Report:** Presented by Assistant Treasurer Carol Felsen. A motion was made by Jim Rogers, seconded by Art Young to accept the report as read. **The motion was approved.** The report was filed. **Audit Committee Report:** The audit committee (consisting of Tim Mabee and Kristen Moore) reported that an official audit had been conducted prior to the May meeting. The committee found all accountings to be in order. A motion was made by Art Young, seconded by Jim Rogers to accept the Audit Report. **Motion approved.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historian: The Historian's Report submitted by Paul S. Johnson was printed in the Spring 2023 issue of the *Chronicles*. The membership count currently has 277 Regular Members and 14 Life Members for a total of 291.

Chronicles: Colony Gov. Morton thanked Editor Sylvia Magin for her outstanding dedication to producing the issues of the *Chronicles*. If any members on our mailing list now have access to email and would like the full-color email version of the *Chronicles* please notify Sylvia.

Website: Colony Gov. Morton thanked Webmaster Jim Pratt for his work in maintaining the Albany Colony website and FaceBook page. These are members-only sites, so please contact Jim for access.

Prior to the Roll Call, Secretary Zerrillo discussed the Roll Call of Approved Pilgrims. A question had been raised at previous meetings as to why Dorothy May Bradford is the only wife listed on the document for William Bradford, when no Bradford Descendants are actually the children of Dorothy? Dorothy perished after the Mayflower docked in Plymouth Harbor. William subsequently remarried, and his line carried forth from his second wife, Alice.

(Minutes continued)

"The Pilgrims ... put their ideals ahead of all material considerations. It is not surprising that the Pilgrims had little and succeeded, while we have much and are in danger of failing. No civilization can make progress unless some great principle is generously mixed into the mortar of its foundations in life."
Billy Graham

(Minutes continued)

The reason that Dorothy's name appears is because she was an original passenger on the Mayflower. Alice Bradford did not come over on the Mayflower and is therefore ineligible to be listed.

This omission doesn't in any way slight Alice or her descendants, it merely upholds the authenticity of the document and accurately states only the names of those who were on board. Bottom line: all Bradford Descendants are descended through William, whose name is most definitely listed on the document.

ROLL CALL OF ANCESTORS

John Alden and wife Priscilla Mullins Alden - 5
Isaac Allerton and wife Mary Norris Allerton & children Bartholomew, Remember, Mary, John - 2
John Billington and wife Elinor & sons John and Francis - 4 William Bradford—2
William White and wife Susanna Jackson White & sons Resolved and Peregrine - 4
William Brewster and wife Mary & children Love and Wrestling - 10 Peter Brown - 0
James Cilton and wife Susanna & daughter Mary - 1 Francis Cooke and son John - 4
Frances Eaton and wife Sarah & son Samuel - 3 Moses Fletcher - 0
Edward and Mrs. Fuller & son Samuel - 2 Samuel Fuller - 1
Stephen Hopkins and wife Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins & children Constance & Giles - 7
John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland - 10
Richard More (and wife Mary & Ellen and Jasper) - 0
William Mullins (wife Alice & children Priscilla and Joseph) - 1 Degory Priest - 1
Thomas Rogers and son Joseph - 1 Henry Samson - 0 George Soule - 3
Miles Standish - 0 John Tilley and wife Joan Hurst Tilley (and daughter Elizabeth) - 10
Richard Warren - 2 William White and wife Susanna Jackson White & sons Resolved and Peregrine - 4
Edward Winslow (and wife Elizabeth Barker Winslow) - 0

Tied for most representation, each with 10 descendants present:

William Brewster and wife Mary and children Love and Wrestling;

John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland; John Tilley and wife Joan Hurst Tilley.

Membership Longevity Certificates - Colony Gov. Dave Morton presented certificates to the following members: Kurt H. Kilmer for 45 years and Sandra A. Zerrillo for 20 years.

Old Business: Purchase of Handheld Microphone. A motion was made by Harriet Berard, seconded by Marjorie Julian, to approve the purchase of a handheld microphone to be used during the Colony meetings. **The motion was approved.**

New Business: Proposed change to the Constitution and ByLaws of the Albany Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York:

ARTICLE VII: Executive Committee

Proposed wording: "SECTION 5: Quorum A quorum at Executive Committee meetings shall be a majority of officers." **Rationale:** Our Existing ByLaw: Section 5 reads: A quorum at Executive Committee meetings shall be six (6) officers.

A quorum of six worked when eleven officers were filling eleven offices, as we had in 2010. It doesn't work now (2023), as a quorum of six is often difficult to achieve with only nine officers holding eleven offices.

Robert's Rules of Order (12th Edition): The quorum is a majority of the members of the board unless a different quorum is provided for by the bylaws, Chapter XI, 40.5.

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Program: "Aboard the Mayflower: What You Didn't Know." Albany Colony Co-Captain Priscilla Davis introduced Anna Marie Collins, who presented a very informative program focusing on the daily lives of the Pilgrims who sailed across the ocean on board the Mayflower.

Next Meetings: November 4, 2023 and May 4, 2024 **Benediction** was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Sandra A. Zerrillo, Secretary

Historian's Report

Albany Colony's Membership Totals as of September 30, 2023
Regular Members 290, Life Members 14, Total Membership: 303

New Members ~ Welcome "Aboard!"



<u>Name</u>	<u>NY Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Judy Kay Lacey Waligory	6743	01/06/23	Francis Cooke
Dorothy Elizabeth Clarke	6749	02/10/23	John Alden
David Beech Hosley	6759	03/17/23	William Bradford
Susan Frances Morris	6763	03/21/23	Susanna White (Jackson)
Brenda Mae Wells Truex	6769	03/28/23	John Howland
Joan Carol Curzio Swift	6771	03/31/23	William Bradford
Daniel Thomas Leo	6773	04/11/23	Richard Warren
Richard Paul English	6775	04/22/23	John Howland
Joanne Boston Howard	6776	04/22/23	Mary Allerton (Norris)
Selleck Huestis Warren	6781	05/16/23	Richard Warren
Brian Ward Staples	6802	08/08/23	Francis Eaton
Phillip Joseph Monthie	6805	08/08/23	Richard Warren
Roger Sherman Williams	6807	08/19/23	John Howland
Bonnie Lee Van Dusen	6808	09/01/23	Mary Allerton (Norris)
<u>Transfer:</u> Kristen Longstreet (From Florida to NY)	6810	09/22/23	William Brewster
<u>Death:</u> June Walker, March 21, 2023			

Paul Johnson, Historian

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is committed to research on the lineal descent of the Mayflower Pilgrims and education about the Pilgrims who traveled aboard *the Mayflower in 1620*. The Society provides education and understanding of why the Mayflower Pilgrims were important, how they shaped western civilization, and what their 1620 voyage means today and its impact on the world. themayflowersociety.org

"They fell into two groups: the Saints (or in the spelling of their day, 'Saints'), ideological, theological migrants, and the Strangers, who had compelling reasons of their own for risking their lives at sea. Few if any of the Strangers were driven by a calling to spread the Gospel; for the most part they simply hoped that they would fare better in the new world."

Kevin Jackson, Mayflower: The Voyage From Hell

Why They Left



“August, 1593, the year a strong Act was passed, against Puritans and Separatists, threatening the Punishment of Persons Obstinate Refusing to Come to Church: ‘All persons above the age of sixteen refusing to come . . . or persuading others to deny Her Majesty’s authority in causes ecclesiastical , or dissuading them from coming . . . or being found present at any conventicle or meeting under pretence of religion, shall upon conviction be committed to prison without bail till they shall conform and come to church.’

Beale, David, “Mayflower Pilgrims”

. . . “The little band of . . . emigres that left Southampton in 1620 to found a godly colony in Virginia (as the eastern seaboard of the North American continent was known at the time) carried with them the idealogical seed-corn of a new nation. They were leaving England so that they could worship God in the way their conscience told them was right, but they were the forerunners of the greatest feat of nation building in the early modern world.

“The vibrant self-determination of these Protestant exiles would play an important part in precipitating the imperial conflict with Britain after 1763 and would later stand at the core of the American ideal during the centuries after Independence, providing a powerful pull factor for aspirant migrants around the world.”

Christopher Hilton (The History Press) “Mayflower; The Voyage That Changed the World”

The Covenant

“On November 11, 1620, the Mayflower rounded Race Point and set anchor in the safe waters of ‘the Bay of Cape Cod,’ or what today is known as Provincetown Harbor. After sixty-three grueling days at sea, their journey was almost over. On the same day that they set anchor in the harbor, even before heading ashore, the men sat down to write the Mayflower Compact.

“The text expressed their oath to ‘covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation . . .’

“Although quite brief and economically written, this simple document is the foundation of all the democratic institutions in America; its salt-stained papyrus is the sturdy plinth on which the Republic was built.”

Maria Flook, “Invisible Eden”

“The Mayflower Compact, which sowed a seed of Democracy on American soil, would never have been written if the Pilgrims had reached their original destination on this continent.

“The patent they held from the Virginia Company of London had no validity in New England, so the voyagers found themselves outside the jurisdiction of existing laws when they were turned back by the treacherous waters of Pollock Rip shoals and decided to make their landing on the Massachusetts coast. Let **William Bradford** tell this story:

“ ‘I shall a little turn back, and begin with a combination made by them before they came ashore, being the first foundation of their government in this place.’

“ ‘Occasioned partly by the discontented and mutinous speeches that some of the strangers amongst them had let fall from them in the ship: That when they came ashore they would use their own liberty, for none had power to command them, the patent they had being for Virginia and not for New England, which belonged to another government, with which the Virginia Company had nothing to do. And partly that such an act by them done, this their condition considered, might be as firm as any patent, and in some respects more sure.’

“In the light of the freedoms we accept as our born due this may not seem like a very spectacular action, but in the early 1600’s it showed extraordinary political maturity.”

“Pilgrim TIMES”, Vol/ 1, N o. 2, Copyright 1963, by Plimoth Plantation

New Ideas From the Mayflower Society Website

As more and more information becomes available online, descendants are reaching out to connect their Revolutionary War Patriot with a *Mayflower* passenger. Many Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution (DAR and SAR) are asking if they also have an ancestral tie to a *Mayflower* passenger and are interested in learning how they may become a member of The Mayflower Society.

The **Patriots to Passenger Project** is a growing published list of Revolutionary War Patriots who descend from *Mayflower* passengers. The intent is to build a bridge between lineage societies. Many Mayflower Society members are also members of other lineage societies.

The **Patriots to Passenger Project** is a way to help others discover their link to a *Mayflower* passenger and benefits existing members with possible discovery of additional Mayflower lines of descent they can then submit as supplemental applications.

Please note: generations are only documented to the 5th generation in the [Mayflower Silver Books](#) (a few may include additional generations). Documentation beyond the first five generations may be required and proof from other lineage societies may or may not be considered acceptable by The Mayflower Society. Work with your Member Society Historian for additional information.

The project is a work in progress. If you have ideas, thoughts, or suggestions, please contact Muriel Cushing at Flash1620@comcast.net. Access the [Patriots to Passenger PDF Data Sheet](#) (Updated: 08/2023)

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There has never been a better time to be a member of the **New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)**! With a growing collection of 1.4 BILLION names on AmericanAncestors.org, original scholarship and unique educational resources; NEHGS has the tools and expertise you need to uncover your family's unique story. The Mayflower Society is pleased to partner with NEHGS to offer you special discounted rates on NEHGS membership. If you are joining NEHGS for the first time, you will also receive a free, 15-minute consultation with a genealogist to help you get started.

**Members Receive:** Full access to over 1.4 BILLION names on [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org); Subscriptions to the NEHGS quarterly magazine, American Ancestors, and The Register – The Journal of American Genealogy; Discount on NEHGS publications and services; Free access to the NEHGS Boston research Library; Access to the most exclusive and essential research materials and assistance in family history

You can redeem this offer in two ways: by Phone or On Line

**Phone:** Call the NEHGS Member Services Team at **888-296-3447 (choose option 1)**. Be sure to have your General Society number at hand so that your membership can be verified.

**Online:** Go to [www.AmericanAncestors.org/join](http://www.AmericanAncestors.org/join), where you will either login or create a new account, then enter the appropriate promo code: **NEWGSMD** for a new membership, or **RENEWGSMD** for a renewal discount.

*General Society of Mayflower Descendants*

“In all of us there is a hunger, marrow-deep, to know our heritage- to know who we are and where we have come from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness.”

*Alex Haley*





Albany Colony's Spring Luncheon Meeting on May 6th was held once again at Chieftans Restaurant in Cobleskill.

*Chronicles* readers have Jim Rogers to thank for providing us with several of these photographs.



For the first time in several years our 2023 Spring Luncheon was presented as a bountiful buffet, featuring a delectable selection from which to choose!





“Heap high the board with plenteous cheer and gather to the feast,

And toast the sturdy Pilgrim band whose courage never ceased.”

*Alice W. Brotherton*



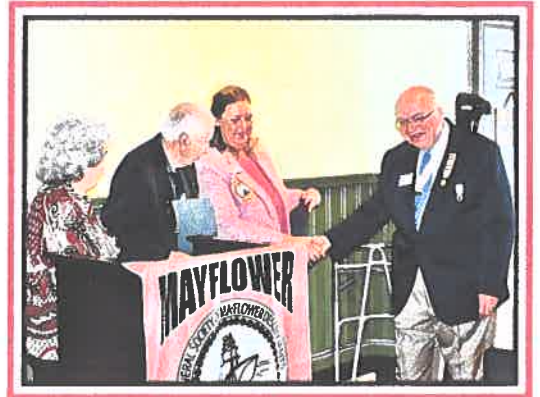
Fine food and drink, stimulating conversation, catching up on all the news with long-time friends, and meeting new Mayflower “cousins” were very much the order of the day.







Membership Longevity Certificates for 2023 were presented by your Editor to two of our honorees who were at the luncheon meeting: to Kurt H. Kilmer, for 45 years' membership, and to Colony Secretary Sandra A. Zerrillo (who usually handles the presentations), for 20 years. Certificates were later mailed to the six other 2023 honorees who were unable to attend.



An entertaining program: *"Aboard the Mayflower; What You Didn't Know,"* was presented by Anna Marie Collins, Adjunct Professor at Union College and SUNY Cobleskill. The lady had certainly done her homework; she had even visited Chieftans Restaurant the previous day in order to compare, for our benefit, the space of our dining area to the size and shape of the living space available to the Pilgrims on the Mayflower, and the reality was quite a revelation!



There were three new members present, two of whom posed for a picture after the luncheon meeting. The third managed to escape at the close of festivities before a photo of all three could be taken.



Our Colony Elder Art Young offered a closing benediction at the finish of the day's delightful and meaningful activities, sending us all homeward bound with a blessing.

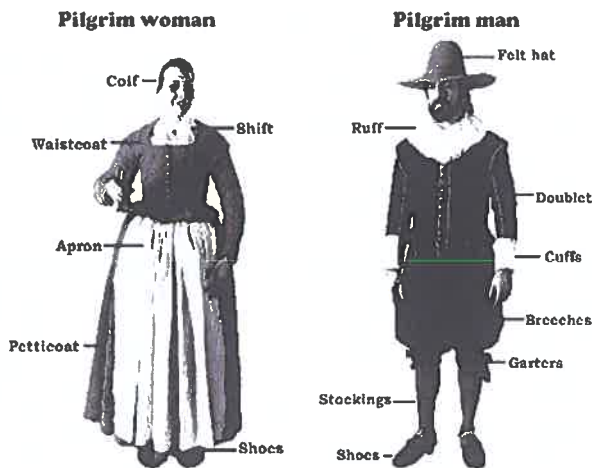
## House Fires in Early Plymouth

"In Plymouth's early history, in the first winter the roof of the common house burned off twice. The first instance occurred ' . . . the 14th of January, in the morning about 6 of the clock . . . The most loss was Master Carver's and William Bradford's, who then lay sick in bed, and if they had not risen with good speed, had been blown up with powder, but, through God's mercy, they had no harm . . . Then again on 'Friday, the 9th [of Feb], still the cold weather continued, that we could do little work. That afternoon our little house for our sick people was set on fire by a spark that kindled in the roof, but no great harm was done.'



"Fire was an ever present concern with wooden houses and thatched roofs. In particular Plymouth's militia would be called upon to help in instances of fire. However in 1622 'Fearing, also, lest the enemy at any time should take any advantage by firing our houses, Captain Standish appointed a certain company, that whensoever they saw or heard fire . . . should only betake themselves to their arms and enclose the house or place endangered, and stand aloof on their guard . . . with their backs towards the fire, to prevent treachery . . . If the fire were in any of the houses of this guard, they were then freed from it; but not otherwise, without special command.' (Good News). Reading the description of the 1623 fire in Of Plimoth Plantation, we can see that this plan was carried out by the militia."

*Mourt's Relation - (GSMD website)*



"The received myth of the Pilgrims confuses these folk with the Massachusetts Bay Puritans who came to America about ten years later and settled about fifty miles to the north of Plymouth Plantation. So we tend to picture our band of Pilgrims dressed all in black, with high pointy hats. In reality, . . . except on Sundays when black dress was compulsory, mostly wore garments of russet or dark green, though the women sometimes wore quite handsome dresses of saffron or dark."

*Kevin Jackson, "Mayflower: The Voyage From Hell"*

### ***Directions to Albany Country Club for our November 4th Luncheon Meeting***

**From Albany**—I-787 North to I-90 West. I-90 West to Exit 1 – Route 20/Western Ave. (Continue below)

**From Schenectady**—890 South to NYS Thruway/I-90 East on NYS Thruway/I-90 to Exit 24, Bear right going through (former) toll plaza. Follow signs, immediately after toll plaza for Route 20/Western Ave. (Continue below)

**From Troy, Montreal and North**—87 South to I-90 West to Exit 1 – Route 20/Western Ave. (Continue below)

**From Boston & East**—Mass Pike/I-90 West to NYS Thruway/I-87 North to Thruway Exit 24. Bear to right going through (former) toll plaza. Follow signs, immediately after toll plaza for Route 20/Western Ave. (Continue below)

**From Syracuse & West**—NYS Thruway (I-90) East to Exit 24. Bear to right going through toll plaza. Follow signs, immediately after toll plaza for Route 20/Western Ave. (Continue below)

**From Binghamton & West**—East Take I-88 to Exit 24 (Duanesburg). Follow Route 20 East 6.8 miles. Turn Right onto Rte. 158 for 1.8 miles, then Left onto Rte. 146 for 2.2 miles. Turn Right onto Ostrander Road, then bear Left onto Wormer Road go Club entrance on the right.

**CONTINUE** to end of Expressway at Route 20/Western Avenue, then continue 2.5 miles left onto Route 155. Continue 2.5 miles to Wormer Road., then turn right. Turn right at top of hill. Continue on Wormer Road to Club entrance 3/4 mile on the right.

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**Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York**

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**Compact Day Luncheon Meeting Nov. 4, 2023**  
**Albany Country Club, 300 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, NY**  
**Social Time (cash bar) 12:00 Noon – Lunch and Meeting 12:30**

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*Please join us ~ Guests are always welcome!*

**Program : “George Washington and Saratoga: It’s Complicated”**  
**By Author/Writer John Oliver**

Your traditional Thanksgiving-style meal will include Harvest Bisque, Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea, Pumpkin Pie

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Please make your check for **\$35.00** per person (includes gratuity) payable to:  
“Albany Colony SOMD “ and mail it with the reservation blank below to:  
**Lisa O’Brien, 4 Keystone Court, Albany, NY 12205**

Reservations must be received by **Oct. 28.**

“A good meal soothes the soul as it regenerates the body.  
From the abundance of it flows a benign benevolence.”

*Frederick W. Hackwood*



**“For each new morning with its light / For rest and shelter of the night / For health and food, for love and friends / For everything Thy goodness sends.”**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the Nov. 4 Luncheon Meeting:  
(Please list below the names of persons attending)

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My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend, but it will be my pleasure to donate to the Albany Colony \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

