

FALL 2016

# The Arkansas Pilgrim

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## THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

### Governor's Message

*A message from your Arkansas  
Mayflower Governor*

Humbly serving as your Arkansas  
Mayflower Governor,

The excitement is building for the year 2020, the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower landing and signing of the Mayflower Compact.

We are planning on holding our Mayflower luncheons in various places throughout Arkansas in the years to come and hope this idea makes it convenient and encouraging for members and guests to attend our biannual luncheons.

Your Arkansas Mayflower Society is continuing its scholarship to a worthy Doctoral student at the University of Arkansas studying for his PHD.

Thank all members for donating to this noteworthy cause. In so doing, we are perpetuating the memory of the Mayflower and our ancestors.

Tremendous work by the Board of Directors as our membership continues to expand. We are active in programs and presentations throughout Arkansas and are well represented and recognized at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in Plymouth, MA.

This November, we will be giving a presentation about the Mayflower to (3) Libraries, a Rotary Club and a Boys and Girls Club. I will be dressed in costume with replica artifacts to show the audience and tell stories about our Mayflower ancestors.

Join us at our November 12th 2016 meeting at the Country Club in Little Rock won't you. I truly look forward to welcoming you with a smile, a handshake and encouraging word representing my Mayflower ancestor Richard Warren.

Humbly serving you as the Arkansas Mayflower Governor

*Jimmie Weber*

### Compact Day Luncheon • Nov. 12, 2016

**Board Meeting: 10:00 AM**

**Social Hour: 11:00 AM**



Country Club of Little Rock  
4200 Country Club Blvd. •  
72207

**Lunch at 11:30 AM**

#### Luncheon Menu

House Salad w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette  
Seared Breast of Chicken "Normandy" served w/  
Five-Grain Pilaf and  
Brandy Mushroom Cream  
Brownie Sundae w/ Vanilla Ice Cream  
Coffee OR Tea & Water

\*\*Optional—Alternate meat luncheon for those with a poultry allergy,  
Contact Jimmie Weber for other available menu options\*\*

The cost will be \$30.00 per person. Make the checks payable to the AR  
Mayflower Society. Please include a list of names for everyone you are  
paying for with your check.

**Reservations and payments must be made in advance and must be  
received by Nov. 1, 2016.**

Please make your reservations with and mail your checks to:

**Randolph Hopkins • 2329 N. Spruce Street • Little Rock, AR 72207  
CELL: (501) 681-6413 • [rhopsr@aol.com](mailto:rhopsr@aol.com)**

Please let him know when you make your reservations with Caroline Luck.

**Jimmie Weber**

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Sixty seven members have not paid dues for 2016.
  2. Nine members have not paid dues for 2015 or 2016.
  3. Thirty nine members have already paid dues for 2016
  4. Ten members have life memberships (Linda White is one of them but she paid 2016 dues.)
  5. My list has 115 members (Judith Shannon may have more).
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## Historian's Report Judi Shannon—HISTORIAN

The summer season has flown by and now we are watching the leaves turn to beautiful shades of red and orange as fall takes over.

Our current membership total is 129. We have added 7 new members to our roles, and 5 more new applications are awaiting approval in Plymouth. Two members each submitted 2 supplementals which have also been approved and another member has a supplemental awaiting approval in Plymouth.

We currently have 8 new applications that are close to completion.

We had one member pass away since the Spring meeting. Jean Batton passed away 06 May 2016. She was a descendant of Pilgrims: William Brewster, James Chilton, and George Soule.

If you have relatives that would like to become members of our Society, please ask them to contact me and I will be happy to help them with the application process.

If any members would like to add a supplemental to your Mayflower Ancestry, please contact Judi at [mayflowerAR5908@gmail.com](mailto:mayflowerAR5908@gmail.com).

I will be happy to assist you. The cost is \$85. Just send me a list of your supplemental lineage from your Pilgrim ancestor to yourself (and please include the spouse with each generation) and I will type it up and see if any documentation is needed for that line. Many spouses are now included.



- Judi Shannon

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# Dues are Due!

MUST BE PAID BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2016

**Randy Hopkins**  
2329 North Spruce  
Little Rock, AR 72207

Don't Forget to send your check for the luncheon (\$30.00 each) to

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# A prayer for you...

## **A prayer for this election season:**

Someone has suggested a prayer for the newsletter.

“For what?”

“How about this doggone election!”

I’m a little past my prime (some may suggest a lot) – I voted in my first Presidential election when the choices were Barry Goldwater or Lyndon Johnson. Yet the current election season seems the most contentious – and disagreeable.

Given that contention and lack of goodwill certainly a prayer for the election and its results would seem to be in order.

Yet that is not my major concern – as important as this election is.

For this election will be over soon enough (although maybe not “soon enough” for many.)

Yet there is so much animosity, so much bad feeling, so much strong feeling, that all of that will not suddenly go away once the election results are in. Unfortunately given the strong feelings all of those things will continue for some time – maybe even to the next Presidential election.

On a more personal level how will you feel about your neighbor across the street, or the lady who sits in front of you at church, who voted for the candidate you can’t stand? (For that matter, how will I feel about them? We’re all in this.) Will you really want to work with that neighbor on a community project or would you even work with them at all? The same for that lady at church who voted for that (Choose one: stupid, irresponsible, dangerous) candidate.

As a group we are aware of what is called the “Mayflower Compact.” We think it one of those great documents in human history in which people – ordinary people – get together and decide something that is sort of important. That something is that we – ordinary people – can and will get together and decide in a responsible way how we are going to organize our life together without the benefit of King or the powers that be.

And that’s what happened. The breathtakingly ordinary people who comprised the passengers of the Mayflower came together – facing the great unknowns and dangers that they did – and formed this Mayflower Compact. One of the great strengths and wisdom of that Compact was that we are going to decide how we are going to do things and then we all are going to abide – all of us – with that decision. We’re all in this together.

In this great country of ours we are still in a great and wonderful compact. And the wisdom and strength of that great compact is that we are going to decide how to do things and then we all are going to abide with the decision that is made democratically.

And because Jesus loves us and wants us to – we are going to even love those of our brothers and sisters who vote for (or voted for) that candidate we don’t like.

## **Let’s take a moment to pray...**

*Our most gracious Heavenly Father,  
Guide us in this election to vote and support officials and representatives  
Who through faithful administration and wise laws,  
The rights of all may be protected and our nation enabled to fulfill your purposes,  
Help us to love and respect all those with whom we disagree,  
Help us all to work together to make this the nation that you want us to be,*