

SPRING 2015

# The Arkansas Pilgrim



## THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

### Governor's Message

#### Greetings to Arkansas Society Mayflower Members

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Spring Meeting on April 11, 2015.

One of the key items of business at this meeting will be for the members to vote on the updated constitution for the "Arkansas Society of Mayflower Descendants". You will receive a copy for your review prior to the meeting

The decision was made at the fall meeting to apply for a 501 (c) 3 non-profit status by the Board of Assistants. That has been done and we have been approved by the IRS as a non-profit organization which provides us several advantages.

The new website is ready and we have been listed on the appropriate IRS document which will permit us to get the needed space for the website at no cost. We should have been listed in January but due to an IRS error it was added March 9, 2015.

The vacancy for Elder has been filled by Richard Robinson of Jacksonville, AR. We appreciate his volunteering and please welcome him aboard at the meeting.

If you have eligible children or grandchildren that are 18 or older and are not members, please encourage them to consider becoming a member of the Society. Eligible children or grandchildren that are not 18 can become a Junior member for \$5.00, a one-time fee and a real deal this day and age.

Spring meeting 2015-----Saturday, April 11, 2015

Fall meeting 2015----- Saturday, November 7, 2015

Spring meeting 2016-----Saturday, April 9th, 2016

Hope to see you at the Spring Meeting,

*Charles H. "Chuck" Clark*

Governor, Arkansas Society of Mayflower Descendants

### Compact Day Luncheon • April 11, 2015

**Social Hour: 11:00 AM**

**Lunch: 11:30 AM**



Hot Springs Country Club  
100 Country Club Lane • 71901  
**Lunch at 11:30 AM**

#### Luncheon Menu

- House Salad w/Ranch & Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Champagne Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Rolls
- Sherbet
- Coffee OR Tea & Water

The cost will be \$20.00 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 April 6, 2015.** Please make your reservations with and mail your checks to:

**Dr. Caroline Luck • 227 Cherry Street • Arkadelphia, AR 71923-5112**  
870-246-2715 • [luck@obu.edu](mailto:luck@obu.edu)

Any member having dietary issues pertaining to the lunch may contact Jimmie Weber, Deputy Governor and he will help you with an alternative meal. Please let him know when you make your reservations with Caroline Luck.

Jimmie Weber

Cell--501-318-3156 • Home--501-262-0725. • [jimmymac@flash.net](mailto:jimmymac@flash.net)

## About the Speaker! - Mr. Ed Monk

Mr. Monk is a 20 year US Army Lt. Colonel veteran, retired. He graduated West Point with a B.S. in Education and Kansas State University with a M.S. in Education.

Presently, Mr. Monk is the co-owner and instructor of Last Resort Firearms Training, which you can like and follow on Facebook and Linkenin! Google IT!

Mr. Monk is a entertaining guest speaker on the radio and many events!



**THEME:** US Constitution and Bill of Rights!



## Historian's Report Judi Shannon—HISTORIAN

Just like spring flowers, AR State Society is growing, and I couldn't be happier!

**WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS**

Since our November meeting, we have added 7 new members and 3 new supplementals to our membership.



\*Rebecca Willis \*Vanessa White \*Alta Barnard  
\*Greg Brown \*Wayne Clark \*Susan Olson  
\*Janice Moody

We welcome each of you to AR Society of Mayflower Descendants. Those of you reading this that have an application awaiting approval in Plymouth should be listed in the fall newsletter. There are 5 applications and 2 supplementals currently at Plymouth awaiting approval.

Three of our members have had approved supplementals added to their Mayflower Lineage.

Those members are:

John Stanford  
Kevin Robinson  
Judith Shannon

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.

After your application has been approved, you may now want to contact your relatives. They will have much less documentation to submit, because they will only need to document generations that are not the same as yours. A new application for your adult child or parent would also make a wonderful birthday gift.

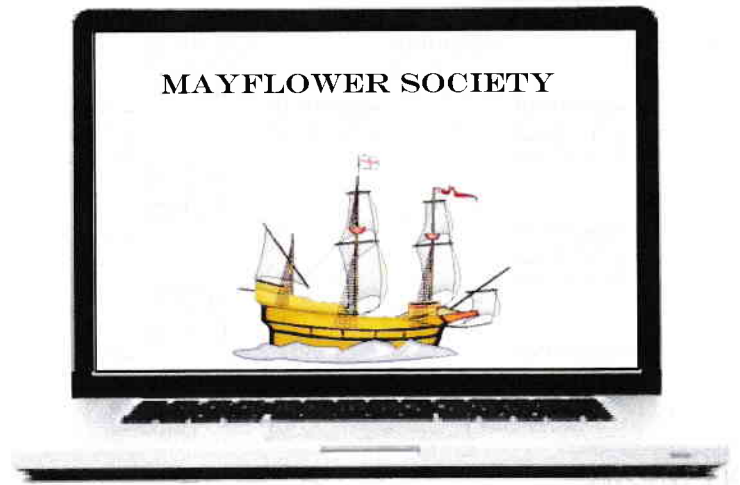
- Judi Shannon

# Website Update

Finally, we are listed as a 501(3)(c) per the IRS, so our web site can move forward and will be live before our April meeting.

It will provide you with easy access to a lot of information. We will communicate the new website address along with some of the key features when activated.

It will be wonderful to have a link to the electronic world. We will send the new & "official" website address to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and have them list it in the "State Society"



## National News!

### Introducing the New Governor General, Lea Filson



Once she learned she was a descendant, Lea Filson joined the Mayflower Society in the state of Louisiana, a relatively small society, which gave her the opportunity to get involved in many areas. She was public relations chair at the state level before becoming the State Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. From May 2002 - 2006, she served as the Louisiana State Governor. She has also been Editor of the Louisiana Drumbeats newsletter, and is presently Louisiana Deputy Governor.

In September 2003, she volunteered to help with the national insignia program and Governor General Bob Davis appointed her General Society Insignia Chair. Lea attended Congress in 2005 after being evacuated from New Orleans due to Hurricane Katrina. While there,

she learned she had lost her home, but luckily the GSMD insignia was safe on the 4th floor of a storage unit.

In 2010, she volunteered to take over the GSMD website and rework it. She oversaw its changes until it could be taken over by Plymouth staff this past year. It continues to be updated with new content and is regularly visited by members. Be sure to go online and check it out! [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)

Lea was elected Executive Committee Member at Large at the 2005 Congress and reelected in the same position in 2008. In 2011, she became Assistant Governor General until this past September when she was elected Governor General, a position she is proud and honored to hold.

Her career includes many years on-air as a broadcaster in both television and radio. That was the basis for her consulting company, LEAF Communications, where she specializes in media, marketing, and public relations.

Lea is Director of Communications for the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation. She is happily married to Ronald Coulter Filson.