



PILGRIM NEWS

San Diego Colony

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Governor's Message

We have had a very busy past two months full of Mayflower activities. It began with the 41st Congress in Plymouth, MA and continued with the Mayflower Historic Sites Tour in England and Holland. On Saturday, October 21, we attended a California Mayflower state meeting at the new office and library in Oakland, CA. Now we are looking forward to our San Diego Colony Compact Day on November 20th.

The activities in Plymouth began with attending family association meetings two days prior to the opening session. We attended the Samson, Rogers and Brewster family meetings. This was a good opportunity to meet fellow cousins from all over the states. Then it's always fun to participate in the pilgrim walk to the opening ceremony and the exciting announcement that the Mayflower Society has the opportunity to purchase the First Parish Church in Plymouth. This is a big project, but an opportunity the society does not want to pass by. This site is known as the oldest continual worship site in the United States. It is a beautiful facility and one that all descendants will appreciate both now and in the future. Other activities and business were conducted during the two business days along with tours of historic significance. Many plans are under way to house the biggest congress in 2020 when many are expected to attend for the first time. Make sure to watch for announcements on the national website: www.themayflowersociety.org.

After Congress, Gail and I headed to Scotland for five days before joining the Mayflower Historic Sites Tour in London, England. There is so much to share about this two-week tour and we look forward to sharing with you at our February meeting. At the state meeting in Oakland the California Society voted to approve sponsoring a float in the Rose Parade on January 1, 2020. The float would be professionally designed and built, but we won't know if we will get a place in the parade until January 2019.

In the meanwhile, as you can read in this newsletter, many of our colony members were active helping new members and creating educational outreach for our society. I appreciate each member of our colony and what ever you can do to help us in reaching out to others. I look forward to seeing all of you who can attend our Compact luncheon.

In Pilgrim fellowship,

Ray Raser

San Diego Colony Governor



Gail Raser & Gov. Ray Raser

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San Diego Colony Upcoming Events

November 18, 2017: Compact Day at Officer's Club Miramar

Feb 17, 2018: Colony Meeting

May 19, 2018: Colony Meeting
Election of Colony Officers

November 15, 2017: Lineage workshops at the Family History Library. 10:30 – 12:30

December 13, 2017: Lineage workshops at the Family History Library. 10:30 - 12:30

Note:

Our San Diego Colony Website is updated by our Colony Webmaster Budd Leef
dustyleef@hotmail.com

Please send any announcements or communications in regard to our SD Colony Mayflower to Budd for posting.

Also remember the website can be reviewed anytime for Mayflower events or communications at:

www.mayflowersandiego.org



2020 Committee Report

By Kathy Loftman

The state is moving ahead with plans for 2020, including attempting to be assigned a place for a float in the January 1, 2020 Rose Parade. Our colony is looking for volunteers to participate in local area parades and a banner flag has been purchased to assist in making our group visible. I will be attending a meeting on state activities prior to our Compact Day and will report back to you. We are trying to collaborate with other California colonies for these events. There will be a 2020 meeting after our Compact Day meeting.

San Diego Mayflower Scholarship

From the Education Committee

This is the time of year to start communicating with our younger generations about the scholarship possibilities through Mayflower. The upcoming CA Mayflower Quarterly has timely information about the national and state scholarships, but we also have our colony scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. This was awarded for the first time last year and the application is on the colony website.

The due date for our colony scholarship application is April 1, 2017.

We encourage all members to make a contribution to our scholarship fund. This is a tax free contribution and it is worth while spending your money on tomorrow's leaders in Mayflower.

Any questions contact:
mayflowersandiego@gmail.com

Mayflower Annual Dues

Unless you are a life member of the California Society of Mayflower Descendants, your annual dues are now due. The ideal way to pay your dues is from the state website. There is now a link where you can pay them on-line. Yes, everything seems to be going electronically and some of us like the old-fashioned way of receiving a statement in the mail. If your dues were not paid for 2016, you will be receiving a paper notice before being dropped off of CA Mayflower by the end of November. So now is a good time to remember, 2017 dues are also past due and 2018 dues are here. Please check the state website and pay your dues now.

You also might want to check the sliding scale of how much a life membership would cost you.

website: www.mayflowersociety.org

Mayflower DNA Project Information

In 1620, a group of 104 English Separatists arrived in New England aboard the Mayflower. After a harsh winter, only 52 of the original Pilgrims survived and founded Plymouth Colony. Their progeny today makes up some of the oldest families in the United States, and through a cooperative project with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD), an effort is now underway to match genetic descendants back to these Mayflower families.

The GSMD maintains a project through FTDNA that incorporates Y Chromosomal DNA (Y-DNA), mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), and autosomal (nuclear) DNA. The Y-DNA test results from proven male-line descendants will be matched with Y-DNA tests from other proposed male descendants of the *Mayflower* passengers, and may even include pre-*Mayflower* descendants from the UK. Presently, we believe that our 67-marker YDNA test provides sufficient coverage of the Y-chromosomal genetic markers needed to indicate a strong potential connection to a *Mayflower* male line. Please contact the Administrator Mike Terry of the GSMD *Mayflower* DNA Project to discuss additional Y-DNA testing and genealogical record reviews that could be performed to confirm your potential *Mayflower* lineage. mterry3158@sbcglobal.net The mtDNA test results focus on any all-female lineages down to a daughter or son of one of the proven female *Mayflower* descendants. This project hopes to identify the mtDNA genetic signatures of these descendants. This may help to establish parentage and place the origin in some lineages of women in these lines who have no paper record connecting their *Mayflower* family lines. These haplogroups are currently being identified, and GSMD policies on the mtDNA requirements are being proposed. Once in place, potential descendants will be contacted for additional DNA or family genealogy information.

Family Finder tests, or autosomal tests, are also being collected within the *Mayflower* FTDNA Project. If enough family members of GSMD members do autosomal tests within the project, it will help better identify sections of

autosomal DNA that a given family shares in common, which in turn will help with eventual genetic triangulation efforts. For the data in this project to be relevant, it will require a significant amount of testing from current Mayflower Society members to be able to connect and verify lines to the *Mayflower* Pilgrims. Using these Family Finder DNA tests at Family Tree DNA, an effort is underway to test as many known Mayflower Society descendants as possible. A common concern people have is what will be done with their DNA or genetic data at FTDNA? Will it be sold to the government? To a medical or insurance firm? To employers? The answer is no. At FTDNA, the test taker owns the data, not FTDNA, or even the purchaser. If at any time they want their data removed and/or their sample destroyed, FTDNA is more than willing to comply with this request. If they are not willing to have their name and email shown to matches that is an option they can choose. They can keep this information private while still participating in the project or in the research we are doing.

FTDNA Tests that are accepted in the Mayflower DNA Project the *Mayflower* Project at FTDNA will accept only 67-marker or higher YDNA tests. This will greatly help FTDNA as they work to define with better accuracy the DNA of the Pilgrim ancestors. We need to collect DNA information from as many of our male members as possible. This is a groundbreaking project that will allow us to remain the gold standard in lineage research. Only men can take the YDNA tests, but we also want to collect our female members' test kits as we identify the haplogroups of women who sailed on the *Mayflower*. For that, women will need to do the full mtDNA sequence tests. The Family Finder test is a third test that both men and women can take that tells you if you have close relatives. We would like to put these results in our project as well. If you take any of these tests at [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) or [23andMe.com](https://www.23andme.com), you can upload the tests to our FTDNA Mayflower Project at no cost. When purchasing tests from our Mayflower Project at FTDNA, you will get a discount. Here are the tests that we recommend MenY-DNA 67 marker

MtDNA full sequence

Family Finder (If you are looking for relatives)

Women: MtDNA full sequence

Family Finder (If you are looking for relatives)

If you order your tests from FTDNA through the *Mayflower* DNA Project, when the test results are completed they will be included in the project with your permission. No private information is shared. For GSMD members who have taken tests in the past through FTDNA, you can join the *Mayflower* DNA project by doing a join request. From this point on males must complete a Y-67 test and for Women a full mtDNA sequence test

If you completed a DNA test at [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) or [23AndMe](https://www.23andme.com) you can download your results and upload them to FTDNA for free and join the *Mayflower* DNA project. To join the project, go to FTDNA.com. On the tab near the top, click on Projects. In the search box type *Mayflower*. Open the *Mayflower* Project title. Tests bought from the *Mayflower* DNA Project are discounted for members. Questions: *Mayflower* Project DNA Administrator Mike Terry can be emailed at mterry3158@sbcglobal.net



Challenge Coin Proposal for 2020

A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion (usually military), bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they are given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale. In addition, they are also collected by service members. In practice, challenge coins are normally presented by unit commanders in recognition of special achievement by a member of the unit. They are also exchanged in recognition of visits to an organization.

Per Wikipedia 10/28/17

A social use of these coins is when in a social situation one places a challenge coin on the bar or table, if the other person can not present a coin, he/she must buy the drink of the person who placed the coin. If both parties can present a coin, they exchange coins, and each buys their own drink. Of course they can be used as an item to be collected as are other souvenirs.

The CA Society of Mayflower Descendants is presenting the selling of Mayflower Colonies Challenge Coins as one of the fundraisers to support the efforts of the 2020 events, including the Rose Parade float. Each colony can decide what is on the front of their challenge coin, with the state logo on the back side. We are attaching a draft design presented to us by the state who asked us for our input as to design. We are asking the colony members to respond with your input as to several items:



Would you support the selling of a San Diego Colony challenge coin?

What would you like to see on the coin that would best represent San Diego?

You can feel free to reply directly to his email with a yes or no, and any ideas you might have as far as design.

Educational Outreach

By Gail Raser

One of the major missions of the Society of Mayflower Descendants is educational outreach. This comes in many forms from educating the youth of America to education of adults. Each one of us contributes in a small way when we support our "opportunity drawings" that supports state scholarship funds and make personal contributions to our colony's scholarship fund. In the past, some of our members have made presentations about the *Mayflower* and the pilgrims to various classrooms, but this year two of our members have worked long hours putting together presentations that any of us can duplicate in classes and to other groups about our ancestors.

Education Chairperson, Amy Conboy, and member Jennifer Anklesaria have each compiled electronic presentations that they are willing to share with any of us to present where we can. We will see these two presentations at our Compact Meeting luncheon in November. As 2020 is approaching there will be a lot of interest in this historical event. Let's all think about groups that are looking for presentations and who would be interested in this historical event. Please contact Amy Conboy for more information.

The San Diego Mayflower Colony Presents Compact Day November 18, 2017



Please Join Us!

When: Saturday November 18, 2017

11:00 am: No Host Bar
11:30 am: Meeting begins

Where: MCAS Marine Corps Officer's Club
4472 Anderson Ave. San Diego, CA 92126

Speakers: Amy Conboy "Mayflower Education"
Bill Smith "Mayflower Compact"

Cost: Adults: \$25.00
Child: \$16.00

Mayflower period dress or business attire.



* * * * * **Return This Portion With Your Reservation** * * * * *

Yes, I will be attending the Mayflower Luncheon. Please return this form to the SD Mayflower Colony Treasurer: Jan Quigley, **No Later than November 10, 2017.**

<i>Names:</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Guest</i>	<i>Turkey \$25</i>	<i>Fruit \$25</i>	<i>Child \$16</i>
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Total Enclosed: \$ _____

New Member Yes No

If new member, who is your Mayflower Pilgrim Ancestor? _____

Make your check payable to SD Colony of Mayflower and send it to:

Jan Quigley, Treasurer
1514 Malaga Way
Fallbrook, CA 92028-4063
Tbirdfor2@roadrunner.com

Vehicle Information for Gate:
Make/Model: _____
Color: _____
License Plate: _____



Directions to Officer's Club
4472 Anderson Ave.
San Diego, CA

If you have military ID you may enter the base through the North Gate on Miramar Road. If you do not have military ID you need to enter using the East Gate on Miramar Way.

EAST GATE DIRECTIONS: Exit I-15 at Miramar Way and drive West to the East Gate. Proceed West on Miramar Way until you reach Anderson Avenue, then turn right (North). Head North until you see the Officer's Club on your left



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