



# Palmetto Log

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### Governor's Message

Greetings Cousins!

Can you believe our country celebrates **America 250** this year? It seems like just yesterday everyone was all aflutter for the Bicentennial! I know you will enjoy the article by our Treasurer, George Unsinger, about his *Mayflower* Descendants who were also Patriots in the Revolutionary War. In recognition of America 250, our next few luncheon speakers will also focus on Revolutionary War topics.

Our Board has been busy preparing for 2026, and beyond. We have an approved budget for 2026 and taxes are complete. We also have luncheon meetings for 2026 and 2027 in the works. The Book Club is underway. The Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship Committee is assigned and we have already received a few submissions. We are

organizing our delegation to Congress in Plymouth, and by the time you receive this newsletter, GSMD will have announced the Congress events, tours, agenda, etc. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful way to meet your fellow Mayflower Descendants and enjoy tours, fun, friendship, shopping and of course, there will be business meetings. Not to mention the awe of standing in the very place our ancestors stood over 400 years ago.

Our Nominating Committee has been working diligently to identify which Board positions will be open, and you will see that list on page 8. If you would like to volunteer and support our Society by serving on the Board, please be sure to let them know.

We will continue to **Tell the Pilgrim Story** in 2026, with attendance at the South Carolina History Day competition for Middle School and High School in Conway in April. And, we are pleased to announce that this will be the third year we will bring a Pilgrim Educator into South Carolina classrooms. Our SMD-SC Store profits will continue to provide the funding for that.

Our Bylaws Committee has been busy working to develop recommended revisions to our Bylaws and Policies. You will find the proposed changes in this newsletter, as well.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Melana A. Maxie*

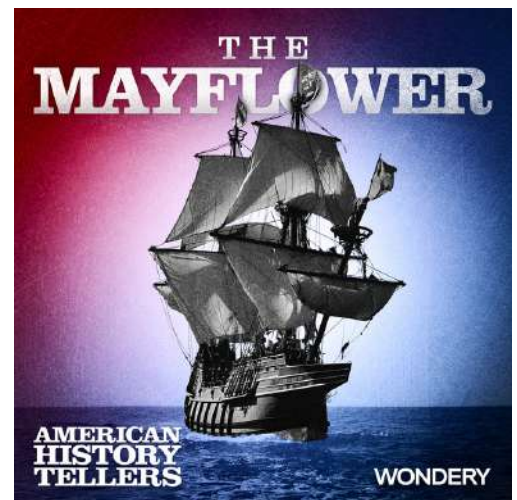
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## **One Really Good Podcast You Should Give a Listen To**

*By Governor Melana A. Maxie*

I confess that I really do enjoy podcasts. I listen to a pretty wide range of genres. I love a good mystery, news and current events, self improvement, science, economics, and of course - **history**. I tend to 'binge listen' so it may be several months before I get back to one of my regular shows. I have often bemoaned the fact that there was not a decent podcast about our favorite topic of the Mayflower and her Pilgrims. At last, while I was off listening to other things, my absolute favorite history podcast did one last fall! I finally made it back around to listen to American History Tellers and to my pleasure I discovered that the host, Lindsay Graham, (not *that* Lindsay Graham) had finally done a series on our beloved Pilgrims. I was very impressed and pleased, because it was very well done, factual, and easy to listen to. There are four episodes that tell the story, and then the fifth episode is an interview with David Silverman, the author of *'This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving'*, which was the very first book our Book Club read and discussed back in 2020. A perfect ending to a wonderful podcast series.



## Welcome Aboard New Members!

We are happy to extend a hearty welcome to the newest members of our South Carolina Society!

### John Alden

Holly Agan Fontanetta, Goose Creek SC

### William Bradford

Eric Johnson, Hariha, GA  
Janey Marie Johnson, HariJulia Cowart,  
Melinda Grace Smith Eichorst, Liberty, SC



### James Chilton

Diane Miller Cummins-Fisher, Myrtle Beach, SC

### Stephen Hopkins

Pamela Smith Piraino, Conway, SC

### John Howland

Margaret Sue Turpin Illner, Woodruff, SC

## Welcome to the Newest Junior Members

Noah Jagger Lance Carter (John Alden)

*Do you have any family members interested in joining the Mayflower Society?*

If so, please let us know by giving us their contact info and we can get the application going! This includes our junior members (18 and under).

Junior membership is a one time only \$50 fee to join. Contact Cari Gillette @ [le\\_plum@yahoo.com](mailto:le_plum@yahoo.com) to start the process.



## New Member Spotlight



Eric Johnson is a descendant of William Bradford (as well as the Mullins, Alden, Brewster and Warren families). Eric currently serves as the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson Partners, a private equity real estate investment firm serving the Southeast. Eric received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The Citadel and later graduated from the University of Georgia with an MBA in Real Estate and Finance. He is a graduate of the Georgia Banking School at the University of Georgia and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. Eric lives in Hahira, GA with his wife, Tisha, his daughter, Janey, and his son, Eli, but has businesses that keep him frequently in the Charleston area.

## **A Very Happy 100th Birthday to Marylen Jackson!**

Everyone's favorite librarian and Recording Secretary, Marylen Jackson has served SMD-SC for decades, and we are so glad to have her. Marylen's family and friends celebrated her 100th Birthday on January 31. Marylen became a member in 1992, and is a descendant of Warren, Allerton, Cooke, Howland, Tilley, and White. She has served our Society as Recording Secretary and Delegate to Congress many times. To learn more about Marylen and her life, please refer to the Palmetto Log, of Spring 2022, Volume 85, Issue No. 1.



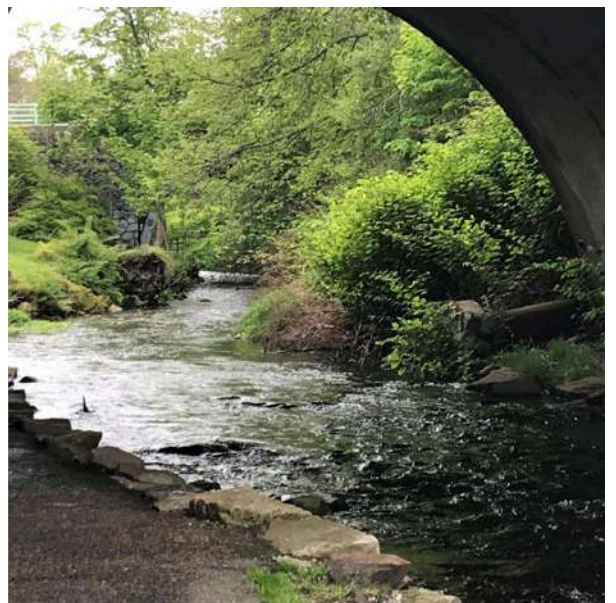
## **(NEW!) Palmetto Log Challenge**

For families or individuals of any age.

Are you up for a fun challenge? Get your pens, paper and thinking caps ready!

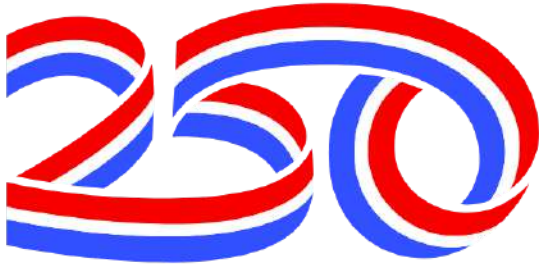
1. Create as many words as you can from the letters in the word MAYFLOWER. (I found 35.)
2. Create a story about the Pilgrims or life in colonial New England using as many of those words as you can.
3. Save your story to a WORD document and underline all the MAYFLOWER words.
4. Submit your story to the Palmetto Log Editor including your name(s), where you are from and your Pilgrim's name(s). Send a picture, if you like. We love pictures! It may be published in our Fall 2026 Edition.
5. Have fun!! I look forward to reading your submissions!

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*Town Brook, Plymouth MA  
Photo by Melana Maxie*

# AMERICA



## From Cousin to Patriot, Connecting Our Pilgrim Ancestors to Revolutionary Patriots

*By George Unsinger, Treasurer*

Unless you have been cut off from the world for quite a while, you know 2026 is a significant year not only in America but the world as well, as we celebrate our 250th Birthday as a nation. It seems like just yesterday when the nation was blanketed in Bicentennial fever, when virtually everything you can think of was adorned with references to 1776 – 1976, flags and bunting as we honored the 200th birthday of our Declaration of Independence, recognized as one of the most historical documents in world history.

As many should remember, the signing of the Declaration was not the beginning of our struggle for independence. There were numerous events that preceded this, most notably the Battles of Lexington and Concord on 19 April 1775, recognized as the first major military action between our patriots and the British. There were many, many more military engagements that occurred throughout the years until 3 September 1783 when the Treaty of Paris was signed, ending the conflict.

As Thomas Paine wrote in his pamphlet, *The Crisis*: “THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”

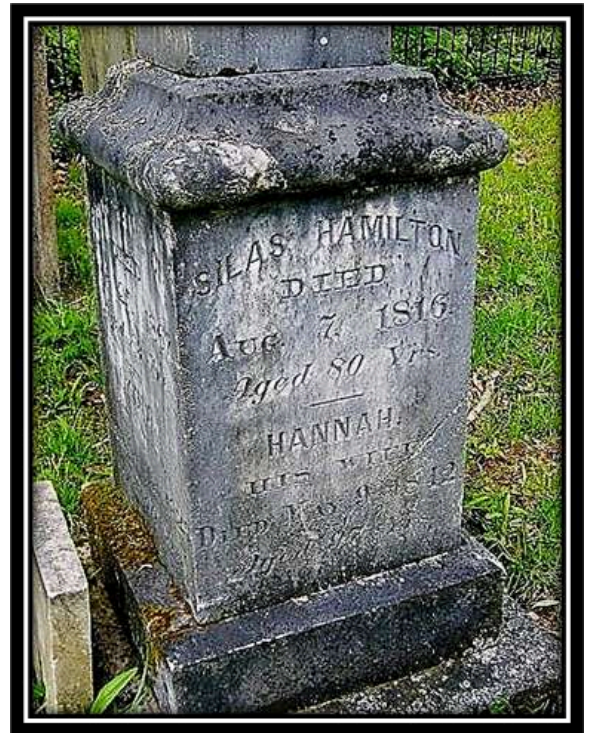
Without surprise, many of these patriots who fought to win our independence were descendants of the Pilgrims and are chronicled in the constantly evolving and updated Patriot to Passenger Bridge Project by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. In fact, chances are you have some Patriots in your family tree just as I do, and the number of such descendants who have served in uniform the past 250 years has grown exponentially.

To date, I have confirmed over 20 Revolutionary Patriots, with several tracing back to the Pilgrims. Let's take one of my 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfathers, Zadock Bozworth, for example, in the John Howland line. He had already fought in the French and Indian War, including the siege of Fort William Henry, and when drafted into service in 1778, he was replaced by his son Zadock Jr. due to poor health. Senior still served the cause, however, by holding at his home the first and subsequent meetings to elect officers in the area and serving various posts including, surveyor

and constable. Zadock Jr. served two separate enlistments in 1778 and 1779, and then as a Minuteman for years after. After the war, he was a farmer as many were and active in community affairs. Also common for the times, he had a very large family with a total of 15 children!

Along with the Bozworths, there are several of my Hamilton ancestors who descended from William White who served the cause, one being a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, 8x removed, Silas Hamilton. I chose him because he has quite a history and is one of my original ancestors who moved to the “western frontier” of New York where a very large part of my family tree hails from. Originally born in Brookfield, MA, Silas also fought in the French and Indian War including the battle at Ticonderoga and in the years after was involved in trade, farming and land ownership. In 1776, he was one of the signers in New Hampshire to “Defend by Arms the United American Colonies” and served various roles in New Hampshire and what is now Vermont, including a Captain under Colonel Samuel Fletcher. However, after the war, he was convicted of “Stirring up Sedition” as part of the Shay’s Rebellion and sentenced to stand in the town pillory and be whipped. Like many, Silas was pardoned before the sentence was carried out. As one would expect, his status and financial standing in the following years took a downturn, ending in his land liquidation in the area and the subsequent move to Guilford, New York, with his wife and younger children, where he lived and worked a farm until his passing in 1816.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation’s founding, it is worth pausing to reflect not only on famous names and well-known battles, but also on the countless ordinary men and women who answered the call of duty in extraordinary times. They were farmers, tradesmen, fathers, and sons who set aside their personal comfort for the sake of liberty and future generations. Their service, sacrifice, and commitment helped shape the freedoms we enjoy today. To know that so many of them are part of my own family history is both humbling and inspiring. It serves as a powerful reminder that our nation’s story is also a personal one—written in the lives of those who stood firm when it mattered most, and whose legacy continues to guide us as we look toward the future.



*Tombstone of Silas Hamilton*

## 2026 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship

By Holly Lohnes, Assistant for Education

The SMD-SC Gilman French Scholarship will be awarded this year in three divisions: Middle School, High School, and College/Continuing Education.

The theme for this year's scholarship aligns with the National History Day competition theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." Students may research and write about a topic addressing one or more aspects of this theme. Resources and research tools are available on the National History Day website to assist students in developing their topics. The scholarship guidelines follow the same standards as those established for the National History Day contest.

All entries are due by May 1. Digital submissions may be sent to: [edasst.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:edasst.sc.mayflower@gmail.com)

To arrange a physical submission, please contact the SMD-SC Education Assistant. For additional information visit <https://scmayflowersociety.org/SMDSC-scholarship.php>



### From The Corresponding Secretary

I am happy to report that we have updated the Membership Directory. The BOA voted to not print the Directory therefore you will receive it via email this month. If we do not have an email address for you or if you 'unsubscribed' from our Mailchimp emailing, please contact me with an email address where you can receive it, and I will send it to you.

In an effort to cut down on costs and help save the environment, we are trying to communicate with our members via email. Please help us!

**Anytime your email, phone or address changes, please don't forget to update your**

**contact information with us.** Please add [shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com) to your contacts to ensure our emails do not go to your spam folder.

## Nominations for 2026-2029 National Officers and the SMD- SC Board of Assistants

The Deputy Governor General (DGG) and Assistant General (AG) shall be nominated by majority vote at the SMD-SC Spring meeting in Lexington, and elected and installed in September 2026 at the GSMD Triennial Congress.

The BOA will be elected and installed at the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting in November 2026. At this time, we are pleased to report that the majority of the Board of Assistants would like to remain in office. The Nominating Committee presents the following as their recommendation for National and State Society offices:

**DGG** - Melana Maxie

**AG** - David Smith

**Governor** - David Smith

**Deputy Governor** - Frances Frame

**Corresponding Secretary** - Sarah Hoyle

**Recording Secretary** - Marylen Jackson

**Treasurer** - George Unsinger

**Historian** - Melissa Gibbons

**Surgeon** - Brandi Gibbons

**Counselor** - Ginny Laskowitz

**Elder** - OPEN

**Captain** - OPEN

**Education Assistant** - OPEN

**Palmetto Log Editor** - OPEN

**Website and Social Media** – OPEN

If you would like to be considered for any of the positions, please contact our Nominating Committee, Frances Frame, Sarah Hoyle, or Ginny Laskowitz. (Contact info on page 35).

Please note that while the majority of the above BOA members currently wish to remain in office, things can change. Further, our Bylaws allow for nominations ‘from the floor’ of the meeting. If you would like to run for an office, you may be nominated from the floor and a written election will be held. Please note that no member may be nominated without his or her consent.

Following are descriptions of duties and skills required for the OPEN positions.

**Elder**: The Elder shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Governor and the BOA and shall conduct memorial services and prayers when necessary. Attend SMD-SC Board meetings (usually three to four meetings per year via Zoom).

**Captain**: The Captain shall have possession and care of the SMD-SC Colors, Compact, the Charter, and other mementos. Display materials and act as Marshal at all occasions of ceremony. Attend SMD-SC Board meetings (usually three to four meetings per year via Zoom).

**Palmetto Log Editor**: *Palmetto Log* Editor shall compose illustrated reports on past events; Create other aspects of the newsletter (Minutes, Officers List, Kids Corner, etc.); Commission reports or announcements from authors (SMD-SC officers, committee chairs, and members); Set submission deadlines and communicate with authors to ensure accountability; Edit reports

contributed by authors; Edit/crop pictures; Layout publication; Submit Palmetto Log to Corresponding Secretary for print and digital distribution twice a year (Spring and Fall); Attend SMD-SC Board meetings (usually three to four meetings per year via Zoom).

**Desired Skills:**

- Proficiency in desktop publishing application(s), MS Word, or Google Docs
- Writing and editing skills, Photo editing skills; Aesthetic sense (eye for layout)
- Internet search skills; Communication and interpersonal skills

**Education Assistant:** The Education Assistant is responsible for managing the Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship (GMF) scholarship program. This management requires timely communication and coordination with Education Committee members, scholarship applicants, the *Palmetto Log* editor, SMD-SC officers, and the SC National History Day Coordinator. Attend SMD-SC Board meetings (usually three to four meetings per year via Zoom).

**Duties:**

- Establish the Scholarship Committee which will assist as needed, as well as being the judges that review the entries.
- Set scholarship submission deadline, publicise the scholarship online, in Palmetto Log and in schools, colleges, and universities throughout SC
- Receive, anonymize and review scholarship submissions, provide entries to committee members for their review, select scholarship winners based on Scholarship Committee recommendations
- Notify winners and other applicants of the results of their applications, invite scholarship winners to attend Compact Day Luncheon and secure their RSVPs in a timely manner (coordinate their registration with the Deputy Governor)
- Coordinate disbursement of scholarship funds, SC History Day sponsorship, and SC History Day winner awards with Treasurer and SC History Day Coordinator
- Work with SC History Day Coordinator at Coastal Carolina University to identify and recruit judges, attend History Day competition and publicise the scholarship to History Day competitors to encourage submissions

**Assistant Historian:** The Assistant Historian shall assist the Historian as needed. Duties may include review of preliminary applications; search for substantiating documents online; request and compile documentation from applicants; prepare applications for final review by Historian.

**Desired Skills/Experience:** Familiarity with standard genealogical processes and tools such as NEHGS, Ancestry.com, Family Search, and internet archives.

**Social Media Ambassador:**

- Post to SMD-SC social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram) at least once a week
- Promote a positive SMD-SC social media image to attract new members
- Inform current members of upcoming SMD-SC events and activities
- Report on SMD-SC events and activities as they take place (or very soon thereafter)

**Webmaster:** The Webmaster shall post regular and timely SMD-SC updates concerning:

- Luncheon announcements (with link to payment page)
- Dues payment announcements (with link to payment page)
- Book Club calendar and book reviews
- Other announcements and reports as requested by the SMD-SC Board
- Post the *Palmetto Log* in a timely manner
- Maintain an online archive of past issues of the *Palmetto Log*
- Communicate in a timely manner with the SMD-SC Board



Photo by Doug Rogers

*"As one small candle may  
light a thousand, so the  
light here kindled hath  
shone unto many, yea in  
some sort to our whole  
nation"*

## **Help Wanted:**

### **2026 Meetinghouse Project Auction Item from SC**

We are in need of someone to put together our South Carolina Auction item to support the Meetinghouse Project. Last year's Auction Item was put together by Jayne Larion and Pam Snyder, and brought in \$2500! It was one of the top 3 income producers of the entire Auction. It was a package including a hotel stay and many activities in Charleston. Thank you to Jayne & Pam! SMD-SC's 2026 offering can be whatever you want it to be- a mountain escape, a beach visit, a lake escape in the midlands, whatever, wherever- the sky is the limit. Do you have a vacation getaway that you would be willing to donate a few days to a full week to use as our Auction item? Are you willing and able to spearhead this project? If so, please contact Governor Maxie at [melemax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:melemax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com) or (817) 504-7694.



## 2026 Spring Luncheon Meeting

***Celebrate America 250 with your Mayflower Cousins***

Saturday, May 16

The Country Club of Lexington

1066 Barr Road, Lexington, SC 29072

Doors Open at 11:30, Meeting Call to Order at 12 Noon.



***Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, May 6, 2026***

***No reservations will be accepted after May 6.  
If mailing your reservation, please plan to send it no later than April 29.  
Any mailed reservations received after May 6 will not be accepted.***



Our speaker for the Spring 2026 luncheon will be Dr. Alice Taylor-Colbert, who is an American historian whose studies focus on the South and the Cherokee Nation. She earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American Studies from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and has served five universities in leadership roles, including Campus Dean of the University of South Carolina Union. From 1988 to 2020, she served on the editorial board of the Journal of Cherokee Studies. She is an advisor to the Georgia Trail of Tears Association and a past president of the Georgia Association of Historians. Dr. Taylor-Colbert is also a trained curator, archivist, and former museum director. She currently serves on the Professional Development Committee of the South Carolina

Federation of Museums. She led the Resilience and Revolution exhibit project and numerous public programming grant projects for SC Humanities from 2020 to April 2025. She secured NEH, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, and Self Family Foundation grants for her work.

Dr. Taylor-Colbert will speak on ***“Cherokees in the Revolutionary Era: Diplomacy, Conflict, and Peace.”*** As some colonists began to fight for their independence, some Cherokee leaders advocated for neutrality, while others aligned with Great Britain. By exploring the divisions in the Cherokee Nation, Dr. Taylor-Colbert’s talk will deepen our understanding of the divisions between Loyalists and Patriots. Her talk will suggest that the disruption caused by the American Revolution extends beyond military battles and that the aftermath of the conflict illustrates the resilience of Indigenous survivors. Their creativity and adaptability can make peace, overcome challenges, and build new lives.

**Luncheon Menu:** Lunch will include one of three entrées (select yours on the form), a garden salad, iced tea, water, fresh rolls & butter, a variety of mini-desserts on each table, and coffee. The club's bar will be open for those wishing to purchase beer, wine, or cocktails. In an effort to have more juniors to join us, we have worked with the venue to include a kids meal of Chicken Fingers at a reduced rate of \$8. This will be limited to children.

**Entrée Options:**

- Roast beef sliced strip loin in port wine mushroom sauce, with seasonal vegetables and cheddar bacon mashed potatoes
- Grilled chicken mushroom masala, with seasonal vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes
- Vegetarian pasta with vegetables

**Hotel:**

A room block has been reserved at the Best Western Plus, located at 601 Columbia Ave, Lexington, SC 29071. Phone (803) 356-8300, email [hotel@bwpluslexington.com](mailto:hotel@bwpluslexington.com). The SMD-SC room rate of \$135/night (1 king or 2 Queens) is **available until April 15**.



You may call, email, or use the link. If calling or emailing, please tell them the block name is 'SC Mayflower Society'.

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**Friday Meet & Greet**

We will meet at 6pm at the Old Mill Brewpub, located at 711 E. Main Street, Lexington, SC 29072. We have reserved tables for 20 people, and will be seated at 6pm. Please RSVP on the form or online so we know you plan to join us. Seats are limited to 20 attendees. In order to



avoid disappointment, please do not wait until the last minute to register.

Meals and beverages will be 'Self Pay/ Dutch Treat'. If you cannot get there by 6pm, please know that it is a restaurant and is open to the public- just go ahead and go, but you will probably not be seated with us. To check out the venue, visit their website:

<https://oldmillbrewpub.net/>

## Save the Date:

### 2026 Compact Luncheon Meeting and Election of Officers

The 2026 Compact Luncheon Meeting will be held at The Citadel, in the Coward Hall Regimental Commanders' Riverview Room.

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Doors will open at 11:30 am,  
Meeting Call to Order at Noon.



#### **Hotel:**

We have reserved a hotel block at the Holiday Inn at 1943 Savannah Highway, Charleston for Fall 2026. The link is live now, and the cutoff date to get this rate is 1 November 2026. Please use the link below. The block is now active and bookable!

[Mayflower Descendants Group Block](#)

We will have a Meet & Greet on Friday, November 13. Stay tuned for more info on that! The Friday meet and greet is an excellent way to get to know your cousins in a more relaxed atmosphere. We hope to see you there!



### Future SMD-SC Semi-Annual Luncheon Meetings

- 2026 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting and Election, November 14, Charleston; Dr. Jim Piecuch will share insight on *the American Revolution and Nathanael Greene*
- 2027 Spring Luncheon Meeting, May 1, Simpsonville; Dr. Elizabeth Chew will offer a view of *'Art and the American Revolution'*
- 2027 Compact Luncheon Meeting, November 6, Manning, SC

# 2025 Compact Luncheon Meeting At Greenwood Country Club

*By Deborah Hill Hill*

Friday night found about 20 hardy members at the Fox & Hound Lounge of the Inn on the Square in Greenwood, SC. A great time was had by all as we connected with new and old friends.



Prior to the Saturday Compact Luncheon some members enjoyed a private tour of Stony Point, a local historical home.

We officially met on Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 11:30 - 3:00. Governor Melana Maxie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Tables were beautifully decorated by Deputy Governor, Frances Frame. Elder, Desiree Voegele, led us in an opening prayer and provided candles that we lit in honor of Governor William Bradford's quote, "One small candle may light a thousand...". Captain Dave Smith led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim's Pledge. Historian, Melissa Gibbons, addressed new and prospective members who were present. Melissa and Dave Called the Roll of Descendants. After a delicious lunch our guest speaker, Mackenzie Roush of Plimoth-Patuxet, told us about being a Pilgrim Educator in the classrooms of Charleston, SC where she told the Pilgrim story to over 500 students. Holly Lohnes, Education Assistant gave a report of our 2025 Scholarship winners and George Unsinger, Treasurer gave us a financial report. Elder Voegele provided a closing prayer and Governor Maxie adjourned the meeting.



*Following our tradition, Deborah Hill shares the candle flame to Marylen Jackson*



*Members enjoy catching up with their cousins*

*Governor Maxie shares some Mayflower Moments with us. This meeting's topic was recognition of our members that are Veterans and our ancestors that also served in our Military.*



## Another Pilgrim Visits Charleston!

By Frances Frame, Deputy Governor



*Charleston Students had a lot of questions!*

Public history performer Mackenzie Roush from Plimoth Patuxet Museum arrived in Charleston late in the evening on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. She went to bed that night as Mackenzie Roush but awakened the next day as teenage Elizabeth Tilley Howland, *Mayflower* pilgrim!

Dressed in pilgrim attire, with her hair braided and piled high under her white linen coif, “Elizabeth” set out with me to visit Charles Pinckney Elementary School in Mt. Pleasant. Throughout the morning “Elizabeth” met with four third-grade classes. In her English accent, faithfully representing her roots in Henlow, “Elizabeth” described her home, her immediate and extended family, and her family’s reasons for travelling to the new world. She called

particular attention to her niece, Humility, and to her nephew, Henry, who also travelled on the *Mayflower*. The students were fascinated by the child’s colonial dress “Elizabeth” pulled out when she spoke of Humility.

“Elizabeth” vividly depicted the pilgrims’ accommodations below decks on the *Mayflower*, using a large, laminated picture to show where on the ship the pilgrims travelled. She also described “Elizabeth’s” role entertaining the younger children during the voyage and engaged one or two of the classes in some of these games. The students were fascinated by the story of John Howland’s fall overboard and perilous rescue by holding onto a rope.

Next, “Elizabeth” described the ship’s arrival, the struggle to find a suitable place to build a colony, the pilgrims’ debate about returning home, and the signing of the Compact. At this point she revealed that the story was about to get “a bit sad” and asked each class if she should continue the story or “skip the sad part.” Every class answered with a loud chorus, expressing great desire to hear “the sad part.” They were completely engaged and eager to learn what happened.

“Elizabeth” then revealed the harsh winter conditions and disease the pilgrims endured and the terrible losses they experienced. The students were shocked to learn that only five adult women survived and that slightly over half of all the survivors were children! “Elizabeth” also cited her personal losses: the deaths of her own parents, her aunt, and her uncle. The children were very concerned about the fates of Henry and Humility, with some visibly anxious about Humility and quite relieved to learn of her survival.

“Elizabeth” then told the story of the three-day harvest celebration shared by the pilgrims and the Wampanoag – the “First Thanksgiving.” To wrap up, she explained her marriage at the young age of 16 (a shock to the children!) and her choice of John Howland as her husband. Each class ended with some time for questions, and Mackenzie fielded all inquiries with great intelligence and grace.

Mackenzie and I returned to Charles Pinckney Elementary the next day (Thursday) for four more classes, and on Friday, “Elizabeth” delivered her presentation to two classes at Stono Park Elementary and two classes at Carolina Voyager Charter School. Then we took off for the upstate, where Mackenzie spoke to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in South Carolina at the Compact Day luncheon in Greenwood, SC on Saturday, November 8, 2025.



*Pilgrim Educator Mackenzie Roush speaking to students in Charleston*

Mackenzie joined me (as herself!) and two ladies from the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter of the NSDAR for brunch on Sunday and spent the remainder of the day shopping while I fulfilled my duties at that afternoon’s DAR meeting.



National Monument to the Forefathers, Plymouth MA  
Photo By Melana Maxie

On Monday, November 10, “Elizabeth” and I were back at it again, with four classes at Oakland Elementary. A planned dinner at an outdoor restaurant went sideways when Charleston was hit with a fierce cold snap! Mackenzie observed with great surprise that the conditions resembled a typical November in Plymouth! The following day we visited Orange Grove Charter School for four classes, and Mackenzie boarded her flight back to Plymouth.

This year the SMD-SC’s “Pilgrim in the Classroom” program shared the pilgrim story with 600 students (20 classes of 30 students each). This effort would not have been possible without funds raised by the SMD-SC Store, which is administered by SC Governor, Melana Maxie, and stocked with many items made by her own hands. The “Pilgrim in the Classroom” program was also supported in 2025 by a generous grant from Foster’s Outriders, which promotes civics education. We are profoundly grateful for this support.

## Patriots to Passengers Project- What is it?

By Melana A Maxie, Governor

My plan to present the Patriots to Passengers Database Project at the Cayce Historical Museum Genealogy Day was foiled by a winter storm. I will share about the project with you instead.



The Patriots to Passenger Project is a growing published list of Revolutionary War Patriots who descend from the *Mayflower*. The Patriots to Passenger Project is a way to help you discover your link to a *Mayflower* passenger. The project benefits existing members with possible discovery of additional *Mayflower* lines of descent they can then submit as Supplemental Applications. It can also help non-members discover their *Mayflower* ancestor if they can connect to one of the listed Patriots. Started in 2018 by GSMD Member, Muriel Cushing, the PDF file is now up to 466 pages and updated annually in September/October. You can find the most current version at

<https://themayflowersociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Patriots-to-Passengerst-9-Oct-2025-26-sept.pdf>

The Patriots to Passenger Project database is populated by members providing the information based on their membership in DAR, SAR, etc. and The Mayflower Society builds a bridge between lineage societies. Data is only added if a Mayflower Society member provides it. The database is naturally incomplete and always growing. Your patriot may not be in there, but that does not mean they are not a Mayflower Descendant. It may simply mean a member has not provided the information. If you have known descendants that were patriots, please add them by emailing Muriel Curtis Cushing at [1620flash@gmail.com](mailto:1620flash@gmail.com).

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Donors who contribute \$135 to the Mayflower Meetinghouse will receive a limited edition Pilgrims to Patriots Scarf. You will look stylish while honoring the incredible legacy of our Pilgrim ancestors and their



descendants who fought for independence in 1775 and beyond. This exclusive new scarf draws inspiration from *Liberty's Pulpit*, a stunning painting by American artist, Jean Leon Gerome Ferris 1863-1930, which depicts a Patriot standing on Plymouth Rock in front of the Mayflower Meetinghouse.



## Mayflower Virtual Book Club

Join us for our virtual book club. We enjoy reading and discussing various books on Pilgrim and other historical topics. We read four books a year (one per quarter), and meet twice (via Zoom) for each book on Mondays at 7pm.

If you would like to join us, please email Governor Maxie at [melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com), to let her know of your interest and you will be added to the email list.



2026 Schedule: All meetings via Zoom, 7pm. We will choose the 2027 books in the October meetings.

### **Book 2: *Saints and Strangers, Lives of the Pilgrim Fathers and Their Families*, by George F. Willison, Published 1945**

- May 4, 2026 Chapters 1 - 16
- May 18, 2026, Chapter 17 - End

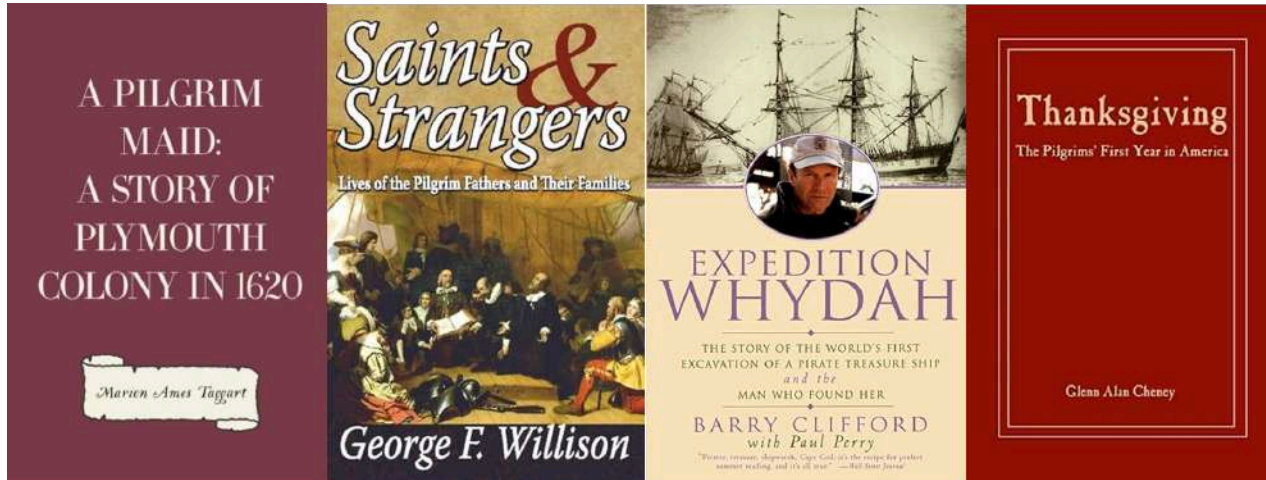
With this book George Willison has brought back to life men and women who were among the most stalwart of American ancestors. He has destroyed a myth that too long engendered the impression that the Pilgrims, while commendably pious and much to be admired, were withal a drab, stern folk - dedicated to prudery. For that injustice *Saints and Strangers* makes generous reparations. The reader will find himself living among lusty English men and women who were well aware of good food, good drink, and pleasurable living. They were an adventurous, hard-headed group, united in their campaign for freedom of worship. With them the reader will go through their term of exile in Holland, their long and troubled voyage from Old Europe to New America, and their hazardous period of settling on a strange bleak coast. With the keen, humorous, analytic eye of the first-rate modern scholar and the chaste and limitless style of the first-rate modern writing man, Mr. Willison has produced a realistic picture of these men and women who so often have been inaccurately portrayed.

### **Book 3: *Expedition Whydah, The Story Of The World's First Excavation Of A Pirate Treasure Ship and the Man Who Found Her*, by Barry Clifford.**

- Aug 3, 2026, Book 1 (Chapter 1 – 13)
- Aug 17, 2026, Book II (Chapter 14 – end)

A Captivating Account of the Golden Age of Piracy, the Search for Sunken Treasure, and the Business of Underwater Exploration.

Bored by his successful life and obsessed with a boyhood dream of lost pirate treasure, Barry Clifford began a quest for legendary pirate Black Sam Bellamy's ship *Whydah*, which had



supposedly wrecked off the coast of Cape Cod more than two centuries ago. Ignoring claims that he was a fool and a dreamer, Clifford pressed on, until he unbelievably found the *Whydah*...and then the real story begins in a spellbinding story that will capture your imagination.

**Book 4: *Thanksgiving, The Pilgrims' First Year in America*, by Glenn Alan Cheney**

- Oct 5, 2026 Chapters 1 – 10
- Oct 19, 2026 Chapter 11 - End

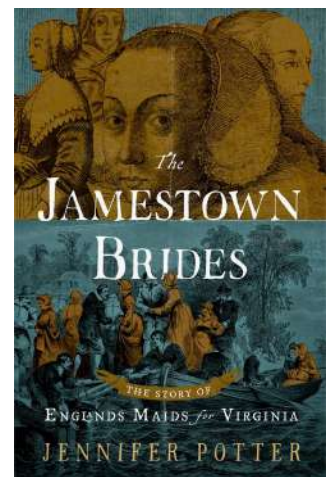
*Thanksgiving* is not a book about a holiday. It is about something that a few dozen survivors did after a year of suffering, death, struggle, and courage. They bowed their heads to give thanks. The Pilgrims journey began as a joint venture of business and religion, but soon it became a matter of survival. With 102 men, women, and children packed into a dim, wet space below the main deck, the *Mayflower* set out on a terrifying 66-day crossing of the Atlantic. *Thanksgiving* is a book of fact that all but breathes with the human drama of life, death, birth, hope, prayer, work, desperation, and thanks. Though these few dozen people were hardly the first Europeans to settle in North America, their values and beliefs grew into American culture. We are what they were. Every American should read this book before bowing for grace on Thanksgiving Day.

**Mayflower Virtual Book Club Reviews**

***Jamestown Brides***

*Review by Ginny Laskowitz*

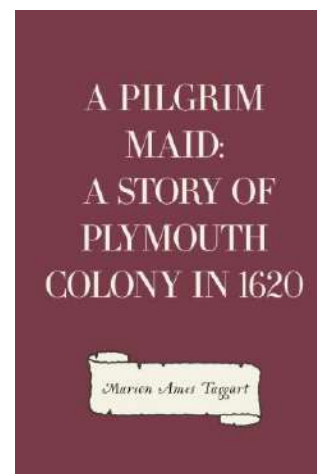
During our October 2025 SC Mayflower Book Club meetings, we discussed *Jamestown Brides*. This settlement was originally established to bring riches to England, but it lacked a female population, which led to significant discontent. In 1621 The Virginia Company carefully selected young women to send to Jamestown. Prospective husbands were to pay 150 pounds in tobacco to pay for their bride’s passage. The *Jamestown Brides* tells the stories of these brave women. Our Virtual Book Club enjoyed the book, and learning about these women and their struggles.



## ***Pilgrim Maid***

*Review by Elaine Thompson*

*A Pilgrim Maid: A Story of Plymouth Colony in 1620* by Marion Ames Taggart, 1925. At the February Zoom Mayflower Book Club meetings, the topic of discussion was *A Pilgrim Maid*. As an historical novel, this book is a departure from usual book club selections of historically factual writing. The author discloses at the beginning that she has altered certain known facts to suit her story. *A Pilgrim Maid* unfolds from the perspective of Constance Hopkins, daughter of Stephen Hopkins, as she observes, adapts and responds to life around her, beginning with the departure from England in 1620. The reader can appreciate the challenges and see the resilience and adaptability of the Pilgrims as they establish the first successful plantation in America. The story is shaped by the author's skillful command of 17th Century spoken English. While the author took liberties with the characters and events, book club members felt the book added vivid, memorable images of the Pilgrims' early challenges as they laid the foundation for a new country.



## **Members Tell The Pilgrim Story**

*By Governor Melana Maxie*

Last October, Historian Melissa Gibbons and Governor Melana Maxie attended the Swamp Fox Symposium in Manning and the Revolutionary War Symposium at the SC Archives in Columbia. Not only did we learn a few things, but we also shared our Pilgrim Story and talked about the Patriot to Passenger project. Melissa brought her laptop and ran preliminary applications for attendees live and in person!



*Historian Melissa Gibbons Running lines at the Swamp Fox Symposium*

This fall will be a busy time for our Society, AGAIN! We will be hosting the Pilgrim Educator for a full five days in Charleston schools. We expect to reach out to 20 classrooms, with an average of 25 students per class. This means we will 'Tell the Pilgrim Story' to approximately 500 students! We hope to be able to expand the program next year to other school districts, but it takes time and effort to get the program reviewed and approved by a school district. Many thanks to Deputy Governor Frances Frame for making this happen!



## Announcing 2026 Congress

PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

SEPTEMBER 11–16, 2026

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants invites all members to gather in Plymouth, Massachusetts, for the Forty-fourth General Congress, September 11–16, 2026, where America’s founding story unfolds at its source. Walk the very ground where the Pilgrims settled in 1620, and experience a town where history is not preserved behind glass, but lives in the landscape itself.

From Plymouth Harbor and the iconic *Mayflower II* to Burial Hill, Pilgrim Hall Museum, and the Forefathers Monument, Plymouth offers an immersive journey into the courage, faith, and perseverance that shaped a nation. At the heart of this experience stands The Mayflower Society’s own National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, a place of reflection, gathering, and living legacy for descendants—connecting past, present, and future in one sacred, historic and inspiring space.

September brings crisp coastal air and golden light, ideal for exploring historic sites, seaside paths, and centuries-old streets. Join fellow descendants in a place of profound meaning, where shared heritage, reflection, and fellowship come together in the town that began it all. Plymouth is not merely a destination—it is a homecoming for all Mayflower Descendants. The detailed schedule is available in the Mayflower Quarterly Magazine. If you have not yet received yours in the mail, it is available online. (Login to the Members only section, then look for Mayflower Quarterly Magazine: Spring 2026 on the left side bar)



Plan on tours within Plymouth, Salem, Lexington and Concord, Boston; a DNA workshop with Blaine Bettinger; Descendants on Deck (*Mayflower II* reception); Sunday Service at the Plimoth Patuxet Meeting House; Pilgrims Progress; the Opening Ceremonies inside Plymouth Memorial Hall; followed by a Garden Reception; Business Meetings; Reception and Banquet; Family Society gatherings; and shopping.

The event is held at Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor, with additional hotel blocks available at Hampton Inn & Suites and the John Carver Inn. Hotel details are also in the MQM.



## GSMD Member Benefits

There are many benefits available to you as a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

<https://themayflowersociety.org/members/member-benefits/>

To highlight a few: **Mayflower Society Tours:** As a member, be the first to learn about the Mayflower Society's organized trips to historic Pilgrim sites in the U.S., Canada, England and Holland.



***Pilgrim Origins Tour to the UK***, September 26 – October 6, 2026

Walk in the footsteps of our *Mayflower* ancestors on this all new 11-day England tour, designed especially for General Society of Mayflower Descendants members. All members, friends, and guests are welcome.

This tour has limited capacity. First come, first-served. Your 1st payment secures your place!

### **Discounted Membership with New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)**

NEHGS offers a growing collection of 1.4 BILLION names on [AmericanAncestors.org](https://AmericanAncestors.org), scholarships, as well as unique educational resources.



### **Local Plymouth Discount Package**

[See Plymouth](#) is offering this package to Mayflower Society Members who visit Plymouth, MA. The package includes discounts for restaurants and events, a map of Plymouth, and a special squeeze toy "Plymouth Rock." See Plymouth's office is located at: [4 North Street in Plymouth, MA.](#)

Pick up your discount package today!

Visit the website to learn more: <https://themayflowersociety.org/members/member-benefits/>

Governor Maxie recommends the 'Exploring Plymouth' Series on The Mayflower Society's YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@mayflowersociety>



**Partakers of Our Plenty, The First Thanksgiving**



**Pilgrims In Love**

2.9K views • 2 weeks ago

## GSMD Dates to Plan Around

- September 11 - 16, 2026, GSMD Congress, Plymouth, MA
- September 9 - 12, 2027, GBOA Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- September 7 - 10, 2028, GBOA Meeting, (Northern) California
- September 7 - 11, 2029, GBOA Congress, Plymouth, MA
- September 5 - 8, 2030, GBOA Meeting, Virginia

## Minutes of Board of Assistants Meetings

*Respectfully submitted, Marylen Jackson, Secretary*  
(Edited for length and clarity)

### ***Minutes of 1 November 2025 Board of Assistants Meeting***

Minutes of the SC-SMD Meeting November 1, 2025 Governor Melana Maxie called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 1. Those present were: Deputy Governor Frances Frame; Treasurer George Unsinger; Historian Melissa Gibbons; Counselor Ginny Laskowitz; Recording Secretary Marylen Jackson; Assistant for the Palmetto Log Deborah Hill; Assistant for Juniors Cari Gillette; Captain Dave Smith; Surgeon Brandi Gibbons; Deputy Governor General Jeff Jackson; Assistant General Melana Maxie. Those absent were: Elder Desiree Voegele; Assistant for Education Holly Lohnes; Corresponding Secretary Sarah Hoyle. The minutes of the August 16, 2025, meeting were read online. Cari made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ginny seconded and motion passed. OFFICER REPORTS: GOVERNOR Maxie thanked all for helping to make our society so successful. She told us about attending the Swamp Fox Symposium with Melissa in Manning. \$187 was raised from the SMD-SC Store items she took. Melissa helped several prospective members with questions and applications. Melana will present a program on January 26th, 2026, in Cayce at the Historical Museum and Genealogical Conference. It will be another chance for Melissa to contact more prospects, since she will attend also. A scholarship brochure was created. Also, volunteers are needed to place them in high



schools, colleges, universities, and libraries. This year only one applicant competed for the College level scholarship. Holly needs help from people to read and evaluate the essays submitted for the scholarship. Ginny, Rebecca Gibbons and Deborah volunteered to evaluate the scholarship entries. The profit from the SMD-SC Store at the GBOA meeting this year was about \$1800. There are many new items such as engraved candles, spoon rests, wallets, business card holders, etc. There are still many scarves to be sold. A discussion was held about adding a 3% charge to the POS. Ginny made the motion for “Our society to pay Ms. Deb Miller for playing cards and Pilgrim booklets. Frances seconded and motion passed. Melana had submitted her name for Captain General but was not accepted. Deborah is considering running for Member at Large. DEPUTY GOVERNOR Frances Frame announced that 70 have registered for the luncheon in Greenwood on November 8th. “Pilgrim” Mackenzie Rouse from Plymouth will be our speaker in costume after she speaks in several Charleston schools on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, (and then on Monday and Tuesday also.) The 2026 Spring luncheon will be at the Lexington Country Club on May 16th. Several names were given for possible speakers. This will have something to do with celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country and South Carolina’s part in it. TREASURER George Unsinger went over the 2025 budget, then talked about dues. We have 35 unpaid members. 5 of these are emeritus members. After some discussion, Ginny made the motion that “George be authorized to waive late fees as he deems proper.” Deborah seconded and motion passed. George was praised for his patience and expertise. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Sarah Hoyle was absent due to illness. It was noted that 2 members had been dropped by accident, so were added back this year with their dues from 2025 be applied to 2026. Sarah has the name tags ready for the luncheon. HISTORIAN Melissa Gibbons reported that 6 applications were approved recently as well as 6 supplementary ones. 15 are still in the process of being worked on. Melissa was commended for her work, and she thanked Nick Maher for his continued help even though he has moved away. THE PALMETTO LOG Deborah Hill asked that all information be sent to her by March 1, 2026, so the LOG can be printed about March 15th. Plans for the quarterly Book Club were announced, as to the dates and the names of the four books selected. NEW BUSINESS: After a long discussion Dave made the motion for “The SC SMD repay the portion of the SC application part for the four applicants whose applications were sent to Plymouth, though not accepted due to missing information and a change in GSMD policy that makes the applications not viable.” Deborah



*Hanging out with these Mayflower Descendants can be a lot like riding a roller coaster. Shenanigans abound!*

seconded and Frances amended the motion “to include the entire application fee.” The motion passed. The Travel Budget was discussed. A \$1000 limit for delegates attending national meetings was set in 2007. With inflation, etc. Dave made the motion that “The DGG and AG be allowed \$1500.” Deborah seconded and motion passed. The Bylaws state that “ delegates may receive a stipend if approved by the BOA.” Melana asked if our society would submit a basket for auction at Congress. Cari made the motion for “SC SMD to provide a basket for the 2026

Congress.” Motion passed. Melana will send out a survey with 10 questions which she showed us Dave showed changes that the Counselor General had made in our revised Bylaws. Most were cosmetic. One change Dave’s committee made in compliance was this motion that “The BOA may remove any BOA member for bad conduct.” This does not need a second. Motion passed unanimously. These changes will be sent back to the Counselor General to be approved. Frances announced that she had found another possibility for speaker next year which will fulfill our wish for something about South Carolina in the Revolution and our celebration of Year 250! The meeting was adjourned at 4:46.

### ***Minutes of 8 November 2025 Compact Meeting***

Following a “Meet and Greet” session Friday night, and a tour of the historic Stony Point Plantation in Greenwood on Saturday, members attended the annual Compact Luncheon meeting which was held November 8, 2025, at 11:30 at the Country Club of Lexington. Governor Melana Maxie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Desiree Voegel opened the meeting with prayer. Captain Dave Smith led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Corresponding Secretary Sarah Hoyle led in the Pilgrim’s Pledge. New and prospective members were introduced by Historian Melissa Gibbons. When the names of our pilgrim ancestors were read aloud, each descendant present stood. John Howland had the most representatives. All enjoyed the delicious lunch which was served. Deputy Governor Frances Frame introduced the guest speaker, Mackenzie Roush who, as dressed appropriately, told of her experiences portraying the life of a pilgrim girl in Plymouth’s early days. She has recently done this with several classes of students in the Charleston area. Holly Lohnes, the Assistant for Education, gave information about up-coming scholarships and George Unsinger gave the Treasurer’s report and Governor Melana Maxie made announcements. Desiree Vogeles closed the meeting with prayer before the Governor adjourned it.

### ***Minutes of 17 January 2026 Board of Assistants Meeting***

Minutes of the BOA Meeting January 17th 2026 BOA Governor Melana Maxie opened the SMD-SC- BOA meeting at 2:02 p.m on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Members present were: Acting Counselor Ginny Laskowitz; Treasurer George Unsinger; Palmetto Log Editor Deborah Hill; Assistant for Juniors Cari Gillette; DGG Jeff Jackson; and Deputy Governor Frances Frame. Members absent were: Historian Melissa Gibbons; Surgeon Brandi Gibbons; Corresponding Secretary Sarah Hoyle; Elder Desiree



*Pilgrim Educator Mackenzie Roush and Governor Maxie at the Compact Meeting in Greenwood.*

Voegele; Captain Dave Smith; Recording Secretary Marylen Jackson; Education Assistant Holly Lohnes Ginny made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2025 BOA meeting. George seconded and motion passed. George made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2025 Compact Day Luncheon meeting. Cari seconded and motion passed.

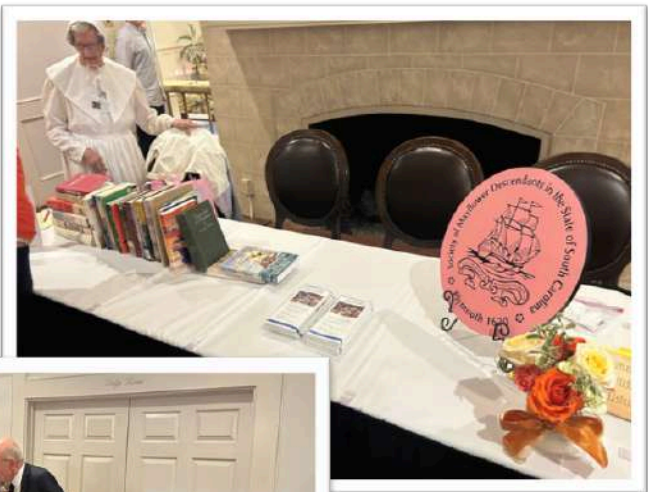
**Governor's Report:** She and Melissa will 'Tell the Pilgrim Story' and support America 250 by presenting the topic of the Patriots to Passengers Project at Cayce Historical Museum and Genealogical Conference. She reached out to 36 higher education institutions about the Gilman Montgomery French scholarship. Four have responded with a request to receive brochures. History and English departments are good opportunities to spread the word also. She also reached out to the Coordinator for SC History Day, to ensure our participation, but a new person is serving in that role and has not responded to the query. Melana has ordered some new items for the SMD-SC Store and more scarf rings and Pilgrim pamphlets. Our next meeting will be May 9 from 2-4 unless otherwise notified. The Spring luncheon will be May 16, at the Lexington Country Club.

**Treasurer's Report:** George announced that we now have 420 members. 4 were reinstated and 18 dropped for lack of dues payment. The financial statement for 2025 shows total receipts, of \$50,205.90, versus the 2025 budget which was \$54,270.00. Ginny mentioned that getting a quote on Director's Insurance might save a good bit of money. The proposed 2026 budget was discussed under New Business. Expenses for the 8 delegates to the GSMD 2026 Congress can be funded from the Investment account. Ginny made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Cari seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Historian's Report** was sent by Melissa. Since she took over the office, 8 members have joined. There are 9 supplementals, 2 transfers,



Captain David Smith set up our Displays



Marylen Jackson shared our Library with Members.



Deborah Hill and Don Browning at the Store. Melissa Gibbons (Not Pictured) also helped with sales.

and 5 more have started, plus several are on hold. Also, there is one new Life Member. **Assistant for Education Report.** None was received from Holly. She did receive volunteers for judging the essays. The theme for American History Day will be about the 250th anniversary of the Revolution. **Assistant of the Palmetto Log.** Deborah announced that the deadline for articles to be submitted is March 1. The *Log* will be published between March 15 and 27th. Nominations for officers for SMD-SC 2027-2030 will be listed in the spring *Log* and then voted on at the annual Compact Day November meeting. Information about the scholarships, and about the Spring luncheon should also be listed. The AG & DGG will be nominated at our Spring luncheon, then elected by the GBOA at Congress in September. **Deputy Governor's Report.** Frances announced that the speaker for the May 16 Spring meeting at the Lexington Country Club will be Aliene Humphries. Her topic is on South Carolina's part in the Revolutionary War. The South Carolina Humanities Speakers Bureau has a grant which will refund us the money for her expenses. Frances is looking for smaller and less expensive venues for luncheons. We are still working on the venue for the November Compact Day meeting. Jim Piecuch will be the speaker there. He was recommended by Melana who heard him speak at the SC Archives. He lives in Camden. Frances is getting a block of rooms for the Spring meeting and a "Meet and Greet" is in the works by Gov. Maxie. Frances will send a 'thank-you letter' to the Foster Outriders for providing funds to help us get the Pilgrim Educator. Sometime later she will request funds again. A discussion was held about "Square Fees." George made the motion for a service charge to be automatically attached to items which are purchased from The SMD-SC Store. Ginny seconded and motion passed unanimously. Nominating Committee (Frances, Ginny and Sarah) are working on a slate of officers. Several have expressed a desire to remain in the same office. At minimum, we will need an Elder, Captain, Palm Log Editor and social media person. We can send 8 people to Congress in September, in addition to the AG and DGG. Those designating that they would like to attend as delegates are Frances, Deborah, Melissa, Brandi, George, Jeff and Marylen. We will also solicit for one or two 'alternates'. Ginny made the motion and George seconded to contact Gabe (the first Pilgrim enactor) instead of Plymouth/Patuxent, since there is no conflict of interest, and he was so great. Motion passed unanimously. Deborah has decided not to run for GBOA Member-at-Large. Melana closed the meeting at 4:20.



Compact Meeting Luncheon at Greenwood Country Club, 8 November 2025



## Have you Considered Making a Bequest?

A bequest is a gift provision in your will or revocable living trust. Assets, including cash, securities, real estate, and tangible personal property may be transferred to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina at the end of your life.

A charitable gift from your estate is a favored method of giving that enables you to achieve your financial goals and benefit SMD-SC. No other planned gift is as simple to make or as easy to change should you ever need the assets during your lifetime.

A bequest may be right for you if:

- You want to make a gift to a charity.
- You want the flexibility to change your mind.
- You want continued access to your wealth, should you need it.
- You are concerned about outliving your resources.

Your attorney can help you design an estate plan that protects your family, preserves your property, and benefits the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina. You can bequeath a percentage of your estate or dollar amount to SMD-SC. After signing a new will that names SMD-SC as a beneficiary, be sure to inform us.

### **USEFUL BEQUEATHING INFORMATION**

- Legal Name: Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina
- Address: PO Box 7096, Columbia SC 29202
- Federal Tax Identification Number: 20-4809677



*The Meet and Greet was well attended, with people dropping in and out throughout the evening.*



*First Gentleman, Don Browning met our Pilgrim Goose Mascot.*

## Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

To be voted on at the Spring 2026 Luncheon  
(Deletions are shaded and additions are **bolded**.)

### **Proposed Amendment: Article IV: Officers**

Section: 9: Duties of Officers

Subsection: a) Governor. Amend by substitution as follows:

| <b>Current Wording</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Proposed Amendment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>If Adopted Will Read</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| a) The <i>Governor</i> shall preside at all meetings of the SMD-SC and the BOA, appoint committees for specific purposes, and perform such other duties usually vested in the chief executive officer of similarly-situated non-profit organizations. | a) The <i>Governor</i> shall preside at all meetings of the SMD-SC and the BOA, appoint committees for specific purposes, and perform such other duties usually vested in the chief executive officer of similarly-situated non-profit organizations. <b>The Governor shall be nominated by the Society as either the Deputy Governor General (DGG) or Assistant General (AG) when such nominations are required for meetings during the Governor’s term.</b> | a) The <i>Governor</i> shall preside at all meetings of the SMD-SC and the BOA, appoint committees for specific purposes, and perform such other duties usually vested in the chief executive officer of similarly-situated non-profit organizations. The Governor shall be nominated by the Society as either the Deputy Governor General (DGG) or Assistant General (AG) when such nominations are required for meetings during the Governor’s term. |

**Proposed By:** Dave Smith, Captain

**Rationale:** The 2022 revision to the SMD-SC Bylaws consolidated several articles and sections from the previous bylaws. Duties of Officers was changed from an article (Article V) to a section under Article IV (Officers). The proposed amendment had been a part of the Governor’s duties in Article V of the previous bylaws but was not included in the Governor’s duties in the 2022 revision. The rationale for ensuring that the Governor would be nominated as either the DGG or the AG was to ensure that the Governor had a voice in decisions of the General Board of Assistants (GBOA). The BOA had previously indicated strong support for that rationale. This proposed amendment restores the previous wording to the current bylaws.

### **Proposed Amendment: Article II: Membership**

Section: 9

Subsection: \*. Amend by substitution as follows:

| <b>Current Wording</b> | <b>Proposed Amendment</b>                                                       | <b>If Adopted Will Read</b>                                              |
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| This is a new section  | <b>9. Any member of the Society whose conduct is reasonably believed by the</b> | 9. Any member of the Society whose conduct is reasonably believed by the |

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|  | <b>BOA to be contrary to the purposes of GSMD or SMD-SC or prejudicial to their interests shall be subject to termination of their membership by the BOA as outlined in the Membership policy (Section 10).</b> | BOA to be contrary to the purposes of GSMD or SMD-SC or prejudicial to their interests shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by the BOA as outlined in the Membership policy (Section 10). |
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**Proposed By:** Dave Smith, Captain

**Rationale:** Members of the SMD-SC represent SMD-SC in all interactions with Mayflower Society members and with the public. Disrespectful conduct by a member of the SMD-SC brings dishonor to both the GSMD and the SMD-SC and should not be tolerated. Extreme cases warrant suspension or expulsion from the SMD-SC. Removal from the SMD-SC must be done at a meeting of the BOA in order to afford the accused member opportunity to present a defense, should he or she desire. The procedure for suspension or expulsion is governed by the Membership policy (section 10).

**Proposed Amendment: Policy: Membership**

Section: 10

Subsection: \*. Amend by substitution as follows:

| <b>Current Wording</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Proposed Amendment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>If Adopted Will Read</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 1. Any member of the Society whose conduct is reasonably believed by the BOA to be contrary to the purposes of GSMD or SMD-SC or prejudicial to its interest shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by the BOA. The BOA shall promptly appoint a special committee to hear evidence and report findings and recommendations to the BOA. The member against whom charges are made shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days written notice of the time and place wherein such charges shall be considered, along with a written copy of the basis for such charges. Such written notice shall be sent by registered mail to the | 1. Any member of the Society whose conduct is reasonably believed by the BOA to be contrary to the purposes of GSMD or SMD-SC or prejudicial to its interest shall be subject to <del>suspension or expulsion</del> <b>termination of their membership</b> by the BOA. The BOA shall promptly appoint a special committee to hear evidence and report findings and recommendations to the BOA. The member whose termination is proposed shall be given not less than <del>fifteen</del> <b>thirty (30)</b> days written notice of the time and place of the meeting of the BOA wherein such termination shall be considered, along with a written copy of the | 1. Any member of the Society whose conduct is reasonably believed by the BOA to be contrary to the purposes of GSMD or SMD-SC or prejudicial to its interest shall be subject to termination of their membership by the BOA. The BOA shall promptly appoint a special committee to hear evidence and report findings and recommendations to the BOA. The member whose termination is proposed shall be given not less than thirty (30) days written notice of the time and place of the meeting of the BOA wherein termination shall be considered, along with a written copy of the basis for such charges. Such written |

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| <p>member’s last known address. A member against whom such charges have been made shall have the right to appear at the hearing with or without counsel and present evidence in defense of the charges to the BOA. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the BOA is required in order to suspend or expel a member.</p> | <p>basis for such charges. Such written notice shall be sent by registered mail to the member’s last known address. A member whose termination is proposed shall have the right to appear at the hearing with or without counsel and present evidence in defense of the charges to the BOA. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the BOA is required in order to <b>terminate a membership. If the member fails to respond within 30 days of the date of the notice, then that membership shall be permanently terminated without need for further action by the BOA.</b></p> | <p>notice shall be sent by registered mail to the member’s last known address. A member whose termination is proposed shall have the right to appear at the hearing with or without counsel and present evidence in defense of the charges to the BOA. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the BOA is required in order to terminate a membership. If the member fails to respond within 30 days of the notice, then that membership shall be permanently terminated without need for further action by the BOA.</p> |
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**Proposed By:** Ginny Laskowitz, Counselor

**Rationale:** The South Carolina civil code requires 30 days notice for a complaint. Thirty days is a reasonable amount of time. Dishonorable conduct by a member of SMD-SC reflects badly on SMD-SC and on the GSMD. Suspension of, or expulsion from, membership in SMD-SC is not sufficient. Dishonorable conduct should result in termination of membership from GSMD.

**Proposed Amendment To: Article IV: Officers**

Section: 7

Replace Section 7 as follows, and re-number Sections 7-9 as Sections 8-10:

| Current Wording                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Proposed Amendment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | If Adopted Will Read                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>Section 7. The BOA shall designate delegates and alternates to represent the SMD-SC at GSMD meetings. Section 8. The SMD-SC shall maintain policies regarding certain processes and procedures within the Society. Such policies shall be initiated, maintained, amended or cancelled, in whole or part, by a majority vote of the BOA.</p> | <p><b>Section 7: The BOA may remove any BOA member for conduct that is detrimental to the Society. Such removal action must be done at a regular of special meeting of the BOA (as outlined in the Meetings policy, Section 4), either in person or by electronic means, but may NOT be done by an email poll of the BOA. The subject member must be given adequate notice</b></p> | <p>Section 7: The BOA may remove any BOA member for conduct that is detrimental to the Society. Such removal action must be done at a regular or special meeting of the BOA (as outlined in the Meetings policy, Section 4), either in person or by electronic means, but may NOT be done by an email poll of the BOA. The subject member must</p> |

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| <p>Section 9. Duties of officers:</p> | <p><b>in order to present a defense at the meeting. Neither the governor nor any BOA member may request that the member resign in order to circumvent the above procedure. Formal removal proceedings must be initiated if the BOA determines the conduct of a BOA member is detrimental to the Society. The subject member may offer to resign from the BOA once the removal proceedings have been initiated, but such resignation must be voluntary.</b></p> <p>Section 7 8. The BOA shall designate delegates and alternates to represent the SMD-SC at GSMD meetings.</p> <p>Section 8 9. The SMD-SC shall maintain policies regarding certain processes and procedures within the Society. Such policies shall be initiated, maintained, amended or cancelled, in whole or part, by a majority vote of the BOA.</p> <p>Section 9 10. Duties of officers:</p> | <p>be given adequate notice in order to present a defense at the meeting. Neither the governor nor any BOA member may request that the member resign in order to circumvent the above procedure. Formal removal proceedings must be initiated if the BOA determines the conduct of a BOA member is detrimental to the Society. The subject member may offer to resign from the BOA once the removal proceedings have been initiated, but such resignation must be voluntary.</p> <p>Section 8. The BOA shall designate delegates and alternates to represent the SMD-SC at GSMD meetings.</p> <p>Section 9. The SMD-SC shall maintain policies regarding certain processes and procedures within the Society. Such policies shall be initiated, maintained, amended or cancelled, in whole or part, by a majority vote of the BOA.</p> <p>Section 10. Duties of officers:</p> |
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**Proposed By:** Dave Smith, Captain

**Rationale:** Members of the BOA represent SMD-SC in all interactions with Mayflower Society members and with the public. Disrespectful conduct by a member of the BOA brings dishonor to the SMD-SC and should not be tolerated. Removal from the BOA must be done at a meeting of the BOA in order to afford the accused BOA member opportunity to present a defense, should he or she desire. If the Governor deems the conduct of a BOA member to be “detrimental to the Society,” formal removal proceedings must be initiated. The member may then resign from the BOA rather than face removal proceedings, but such resignation must be voluntary. Removal from the BOA is not as harsh a penalty as suspension or expulsion from the SMD-SC so the procedures for the process are not as stringent as the procedures for expulsion from the SMD-SC.

**Proposed Amendment to: Article V: Meetings**

Section: 2. Amend by substitution as follows:

| Current Wording                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Proposed Amendment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | If Adopted Will Read                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>Section 2. The SMD-SC shall meet at least twice each year for a Spring Meeting and an Annual Meeting, which will also commemorate Compact Day. Both meetings shall be held at a time, date and place determined by the BOA. Policy: Meetings, governs the logistics and procedures of all meetings.</p> | <p>Section 2. The SMD-SC shall meet at least twice each year for a Spring Meeting and an Annual Meeting, which will also commemorate Compact Day. Both meetings shall be held at a time, date and place determined by the BOA. <b>Non-members of GSMD or SMD-SC may attend these meetings, subject to good behavior, but may not participate (ask questions or make comments) in any business of the Society which may be on the meeting agenda.</b> Policy: Meetings, governs the logistics and procedures of all meetings.</p> | <p>Section 2. The SMD-SC shall meet at least twice each year for a Spring Meeting and an Annual Meeting, which will also commemorate Compact Day. Both meetings shall be held at a time, date and place determined by the BOA. Non-members of GSMD or SMD-SC may attend these meetings, subject to good behavior, but may not participate (ask questions or make comments) in any business of the Society which may be on the meeting agenda. Policy: Meetings, governs the logistics and procedures of all meetings.</p> |

**Proposed By:** Dave Smith, Captain

**Rationale:** Non-members of GSMD or SMD-SC have, in the past, gained access to (and paid for) reservations to the Spring or Compact meetings. The bylaws are not specific as to eligibility to attend these meetings. It has been assumed in the past that only members and their guests would attend, but the website and online SMD-SC Store may be accessed by non-members so it is possible for non-members to apply for reservations and submit payment to attend the meetings. The SMD-SC is not a secret society. In fact, one of the missions of the SMD-SC is outreach. Meeting attendance by non-members would be an excellent community outreach and good public relations for SMD-SC. This amendment does not require a change to the meetings policy.



*Mayflower II, Photo by Melana Maxie*

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Kids' Corner:

# THE MAYFLOWER SHIP

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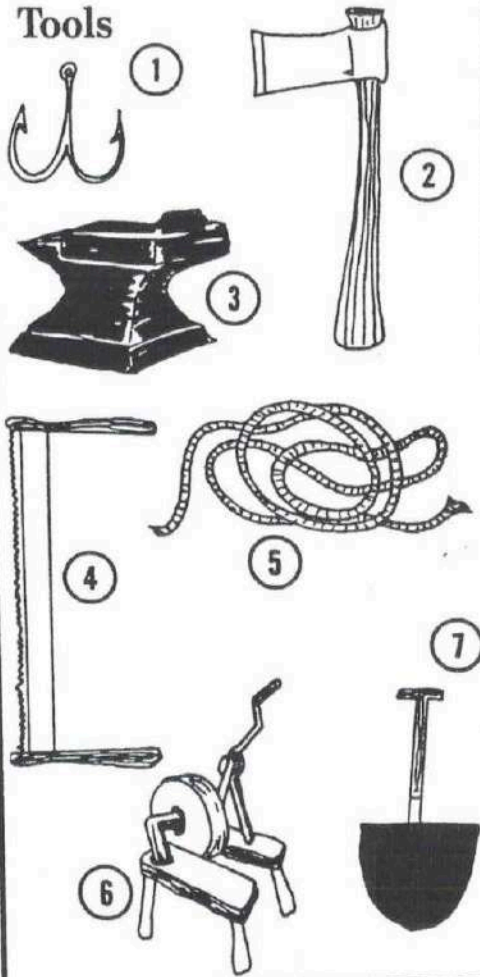
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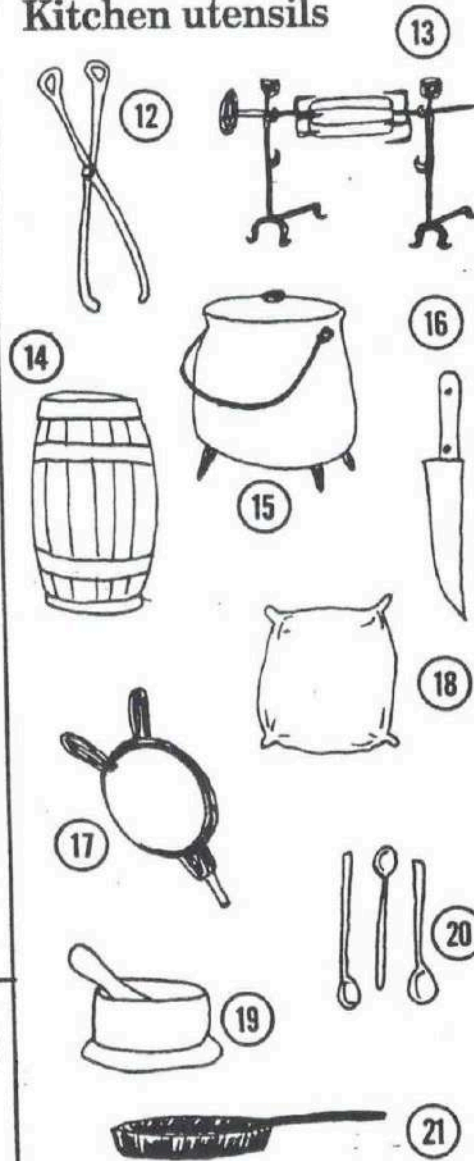
# Bringing what was needed

Here are some of the necessities the Pilgrims brought to America. Can you tell what each thing is?

## Tools



## Kitchen utensils



## Clothing



Answers: 1. fishhook, 2. ax, 3. anvil, 4. two-man saw, 5. rope, 6. grinding wheel, 7. shovel, 8. shoes, 9. coil (woman's cap), 10. body armor, 11. armor helmet, 12. tongs, 13. spit, 14. barrel for beer or water, 15. kettle, 16. knife, 17. bellows, 18. sack of grain, 19. mortar and pestle, 20. wooden spoons, 21. frying pan.

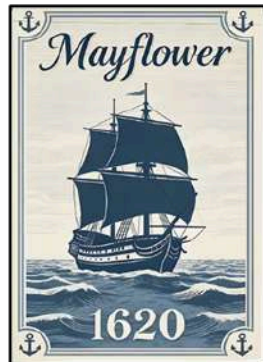
**New Products in the SMD! <https://smd-sc.square.site/>**

**Mayflower Garden Flags**

- 12 x 18 inches
- Printed on both sides
- All weather polyester, machine washable & fade resistant
- Price: \$20



Design A



Design B

**Mayflower Shallop Sun Catcher / Wall Hanging**



- Acrylic
- 8 inch diameter, .07 inch thick
- Pre-drilled and includes hanging string
- Waterproof
- Remove protective film prior to hanging
- Price: \$15

**Mayflower Faux Stained Glass Window Cling**

- 7.8 inch tall x 9 inch wide
- Peel and Stick (non-adhesive)
- Translucent, and weather resistant
- High Definition print
- Price: \$15



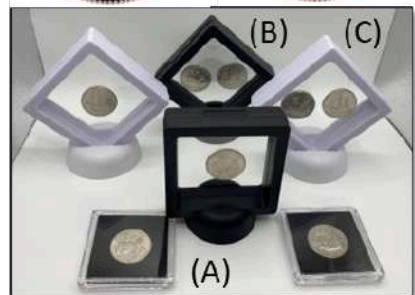
**Pilgrims The Original Illegal Immigrants**

- 2.8 inch tall
- Indoor/ Outdoor
- Waterproof
- Fade Resistant
- Die Cut Vinyl
- Price: \$5



**Mayflower Quarters Celebrating America 250**

- 2026 Mayflower Compact quarter recognizing the colony at Plymouth and the Compact as a precursor to the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.
- Uncirculated
- Available in a 3 options:
  - A. 2 x 2 inch archival safe clear polystyrene display box, Price: \$5
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## 2026 Spring Luncheon Saturday, May 14, 2026

The Country Club of Lexington

1066 Barr Road, Lexington, SC 29072

Doors & SMD-SC Store Open at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will begin at noon.

\$45 per person (Children \$8). RSVP by Wednesday, May 6, 2026

**No reservations will be accepted after May 6.**  
**If mailing your reservation, please plan to send it no later than April 29.**  
**Any mailed reservations received after May 6 will not be accepted.**

**Mail payment made out to SMD-SC to:**  
 George Unsinger, 114 Little Bear Trail, Cullowhee, NC 28723  
 Please refer to pages 9 - 10 for Luncheon and Meet & Greet details.

**Link to Register & Pay online:** <https://smd-sc.square.site/events>

|              | Beef                     | Chicken                  | Veg                      | Kid Meal                 |
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| Member _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Total Meals (Beef/Chicken/Vegetarian/Kid): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Kid Meals x \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Luncheon Adults Attendees x \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total = \_\_\_\_\_



**Sign up to Attend the Meet & Greet at the Old Mill Brew Pub**  
**(Seating at 6pm, Dutch Treat)**      Number attending: = \_\_\_\_\_

**To Pay by Credit or Debit Card you can use this link below.** There is a service charge to use the credit/debit card option, but it is convenient. If you are paying online, and there are not enough lines to record all your guests' names, please email a complete list to the Corresponding Secretary: [shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com)