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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow Members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina (SMDSC)! Welcome to all of you who have joined us as new members since the Fall 2019 edition of the *Palmetto Log* was published. What a blessing we in SMDSC have. After celebrating in 2018 & 2019 the 80th Anniversary of our Society's founding August 11, 1938, we continue a third year of celebrating: Welcome to this year of 2020 and to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Mayflower Voyage 400 Year Anniversary 1620 – 2020 of our ancestors landing at Plymouth Rock!

I am excited and thankful to be able join with you all (y'all as many of us southerners often contract the phrase; I suppose some of us speak so slowly we had to find some way to get our words out in the same day! {:^)) in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate this historic and seminal event in the developments leading to the establishment of the United States of America. A number of my family members and I have made reservations to attend events in Plymouth this coming September. I hope you will be joining us there.

If you need to sign up for events in Plymouth, go to the GSMD website <https://www.themayflowersociety.org>. In the upper right corner of the page, click the **Log In** link and you will be taken to the <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/login> page. Log in with your Username and Password. (If you have never registered before for a GSMD website account, click the **“Don't have an account?”** link and follow the instructions.) Once you log in you will arrive at the <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/register/profile> page where you can click the **“See More Info”** link on the red banner to go to the page where you can register for GSMD Triennial Congress and Events. If you need help you can call Registration Customer Service at 866-792-5399 (Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Their email is GSMD_Registration@sswmeetings.com).

We are eagerly looking forward to hosting Governor General George P. Garmany at our Spring Luncheon & General Meeting April 4, 2020 in Columbia at The Palmetto Club. Governor Garmany will give us the latest updates on the Celebration of the 400th Anniversary



Governor Jeffrey Jackson

of our Pilgrim ancestors coming to the New World. Please scroll down or page down to the Luncheon Reservation form for details about signing up to attend.

During our General Meeting April 4, 2020, we will consider and vote on needed amendments to our SMDSC Bylaws and Policies. The proposed changes are specified below in this edition of the *Palmetto Log* so you can consider them and be ready to vote on them at our General Meeting. Please carefully read through the Bylaws and the proposed changes.

One of the changes in the SMDSC Bylaws regards the timing of when we SMDSC Members nominate our Deputy Governor General (DGG) and Assistant General (AG) who serve as our GSMD General Officers (thus the “General” designation for the DGG & AG) representing GSMD to our Society and us to GSMD. (See https://www.themayflowersociety.org/images/PDF/2017_GSMD_Bylaws_1.pdf Article III, Section 3.; Article V, Section 3.; Article VIII, Section 8.; for more information)

As General Society Officers our nominated DGG & AG are to be elected and seated every three years by GSMD’s Triennial Congress held every three years in September in Plymouth. In the past we have nominated our DGG & AG every three years, in the same year of GSMD’s Triennial Congress, at our Compact Day Meeting which is, per our Bylaws, our Annual Meeting in October or November. We have done this because our Bylaws specify the we nominate our DGG & AG at the same time we elect our SMDSC Officers at our Annual Meeting for the next three-year terms.

Since the GSMD Triennial Congress is held **before** our Annual Meeting we are out of synchrony with the election and seating of our DGG & AG. Our SMDSC Board of Assistants (BOA) has recommended we amend our Bylaws to change the meeting at which we vote to select our nominees for DGG & AG to our semi-annual General Meeting held in the first six months of the year, traditionally a Spring Luncheon & General Meeting, in the year of each GSMD Triennial Congress. By making this amendment we can have our DGG & AG nominees elected and seated at the 2020 Triennial GSMD Congress this September and in succeeding GSMD Triennial Congresses. At our upcoming April 4th, 2020 Spring General Meeting, once we approve the above described amendment to our Bylaws, we will vote to nominate our DGG & AG. They can then be elected by this year’s 2020 GSMD Triennial Congress in September and be seated to represent us at Congress and at future GSMD General Board of Assistants Meetings (GBOA), which occur in the years between each GSMD Triennial Congress when the Congress does not meet.

The *Palmetto Log* contains more information about our SMDSC activities including information about how to participate in our updated Scholarship Essay program and our new sponsorship of the National History Day as an addition to our programs designed to achieve our mission: to preserve and educate the public as to the lives and legacies of the passengers who arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620 aboard The Mayflower.

I continue to be blessed and privileged to serve along with a wonderful team of fellow SMDSC Board of Assistants (BOA) members made up of SMDSC’s Officers, our three Assistants – the Assistant for Education, Assistant for Juniors and Assistant for our Newsletter, better known as the *Palmetto Log* Editor, and the SMDSC General Society Officers--our Deputy Governor General and Assistant General. BOA members’ names are listed farther down in this *Palmetto Log*. I am thankful for all the support, encouragement and counsel they provide me. I am so thankful for the countless hours of volunteer work they provide to our society. Please take any opportunity you have to thank them (as

well as former BOA members) for their generous service to us. Also, please welcome our newest BOA member, Cari (Carolyn) Gillett who is now serving as our Assistant for Juniors.

Thank you for being a member of SMDSC and spreading the message of the values and principles our Pilgrim ancestors brought with them that still benefit our nation today. Please contact me if I can be of service to you in any way.

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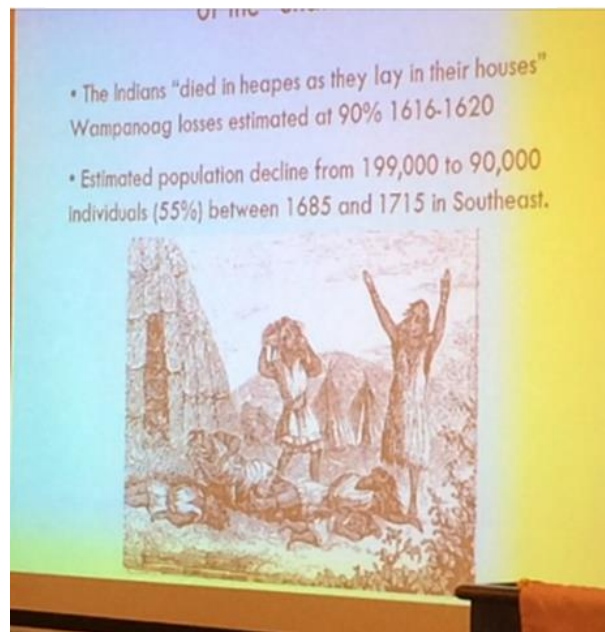
SPRING LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING

Our 2019 Compact Day Luncheon and General Meeting was held at the Harbour Club in Charleston, SC on November 16th. Eighty-three Mayflower cousins and friends, including a few Junior Members, and guests of Mayflower Descendants enjoyed impeccable service and a warm reception by the staff at the Harbour Club as we enjoyed a delicious meal.

Jon Bernard Marcoux, Ph.D, Director of Historic Preservation Graduate Programs at Clemson University and College of Charleston, presented an engaging and educational presentation based on his research and archeological excavations to describe the early interactions between Native Americans and early European colonists. He related his research into indigenous peoples in what is now the southeastern United States in the Southeast and their relationships with colonists who settled in the Southeast to the Wampanoag and their negotiations and alliance with our Pilgrim ancestors in Plymouth. Dr. Marcoux explained how his study of material culture, basically people's garbage, provides insights into peoples' lives and how Native Americans adapted to colonization that is often not included in history. Based on his research he argues that native peoples before colonization were not known by group names such as Choctaw, Cherokee, Crete, Chickasaw before 1715 or so. Native peoples lived in villages without such area wide or regional tribal groupings. The colonial powers preferred negotiating, not with individual villages, but with groups of native peoples larger than village entities. The native peoples decided they would create larger entities in order to



Dr. Jon Bernard Marcoux



deal with the colonists. He gave us a better understanding of colonization history from the native people's perspective.



WELCOME ABOARD: NEW MEMBERS

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

William Brewster

James Edward Griffin
Greer, South Carolina

Constance Jean Kearns Tootle
Beaufort, South Carolina

Edward Doty

Janet Lee Gombeda Morris
Indian Land, South Carolina

George Soule

Elenor Frances Frame
Charleston, South Carolina

Stephen Hopkinns

Barbara Jean Kimball
Kimble-Mackey
Murrells Inlet, South Carolina

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Kiawah Island, South Carolina

Edward Fuller

Marilyn Louise Broyhill Beach
Kiawah Island, South Carolina

Myles Standish

Denise Laura Browne Brola
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Stefanie Lynn Helms Powell
Indian land, South Carolina

Samuel Fuller

Gordon Edward Bonham
Summerville, South Carolina

John Howland

Sandra Gail Ferrante Kohn
Conway, South Carolina

IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Johnson Horton, 1 January 2019, SC 473, GSMD 32830, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina

Katherine Jean Carter Handel, 4 April 2019, SC 297 GSMD 43057, Columbia, South Carolina

Walter Seth Crone, 24 July 2019, SC 671, GSMD 67048, Los Altos, California

David Edmund Sullivan, 24 September 2019, SC 202 GSMD 33019, Columbia, South Carolina

Helen Rebecca Anderson Tovey, 15 October 2019, SC 115 GSMD 24627, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

We will be publishing a Membership Directory for the first time in several years. The Corresponding Secretary will send it out electronically for you to verify your information is correct. If we do not have an email address for you, you will be contacted to verify your information prior to publishing. Please be sure to respond at your earliest convenience.

SOUTH CAROLINA MEMBER ELECTED WEST VIRGINIA SOCIETY GOVERNOR

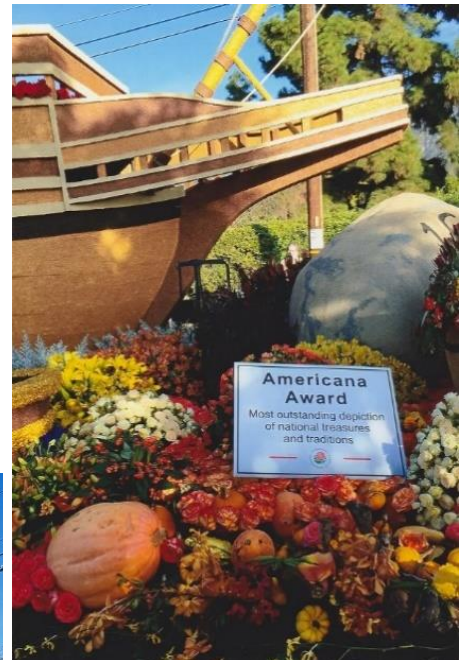
Palmetto Log Editor Ernest Everett Blevins lives in Charleston, West Virginia, and is a dual member of both state societies. Over the past few years, several members of the West Virginia society have sought to revive it to an active society. Established in 1949, it is believed the society may not have met again until June 2019, where Governor George P. Garmany, Jr. visited them in Charleston, West Virginia. The Society hosted a second meeting in November in Buckhannon, West Virginia. Nominations were made, and a mail-in ballot sent out to the membership. The vote was tallied in December, with Blevins elected as the new Governor.



Ernest Everett Blevins

GSMD FLOAT IN THE ROSE BOWL PARADE

2020 is here and we kicked off the 400th anniversary celebration in style at the Rose Bowl Parade. One of our members, Nancy Hill, went to the Rose Bowl Parade with a Road Scholar group. Nancy reported that they were fortunate to have very good seats. The gorgeous floats were actually moving pretty quickly and hard to actually photograph during the parade. The next day Nancy was able to visit them where they were parked – this made them easy to see up close and personal. You may also be aware that this is also the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave the women the right to vote. Nancy was part of the group that decorated the Women’s Suffrage Float. She glued on Eucalyptus leaves, and is proud to report that after the parade, the leaves were actually still there! Great job Nancy, and thank you for sharing your pictures.



NOMINATIONS FOR 2020-2023 BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

The Nominating Committee of Nick Maher, Marylen Jackson, and Bonnie Wade Mucia was appointed by Governor Jackson to nominate officers for the next term. The board will be elected and installed at the Compact Day Luncheon in November 2020. There will be a vote on the DGG and AG at the Spring Luncheon regarding those National officers. New members are encouraged to get active by serving on the board.

Governor - Melana Maxie
Deputy Governor - Sandy Kohn
Corresponding Secretary - Karen Boyler Andrews
Recording Secretary - Caroline Miller
Treasurer - Janet Lee Morris
Historian - Nick Maher
Surgeon - Karen M^cCay
Elder - Desiree Vogel
Captain - Dave Smith
Counselor - Sarah Clingman

DGG - Jeff Jackson
AG - Melana Maxie

The Board is also looking for a *Palmetto Log* Editor and a Social Media Committee Chair. Our Education Committee Chair is looking for help on the scholarships. Please contact scmayflowergovernor@gmail.com if you have any questions or to self-nominate.

SMD SC SUPPORTS 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY DAY

SMD SC is sponsoring the 2020 South Carolina History Day competition, which will take place on April 25th at Midlands Technical College Airport in West Columbia, SC. SC History day is an affiliate program of National History Day. Student teams from middle and high schools around the state compete, and 1st and 2nd place winners of several different categories of the state competitions travel to Maryland in mid-June to compete in National History Day. We are not only sponsoring the SC competition itself, but we will also assist 2 students with expenses related to participating at the national level.

This is our first year to sponsor SC History Day/National History Day. Our goal in doing so is to support and encourage students around the state who are interested in history, as well as to make more people aware of our organization.

Would you like to help? You may volunteer to be a SC History Day judge, or you may assist in choosing the student(s)/team we select to help get to National History Day. Contact Kristen French, Education Chair for more information (frenchkl@gmail.com; 843-478-3736).

2019 SMD ESSAY JUDGE WINS MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

One of the judges of our 2019 Essay Scholarship Contest, Leslie Sullivan, has been awarded the 2019/2020 Milken Educator Award. This prestigious recognition comes with a \$25,000 award, and 37 awardees across the U.S. have been announced this academic year. Ms. Sullivan received the award on February 12 at Palmetto Scholars Academy, where she teaches high school U.S. History. The SC SMD Education committee offers its congratulations to her and is grateful that she volunteered to judge our high school and college essay divisions in 2019.

“The Milken Educator Award targets early-to-mid career education professionals for their already impressive achievements and, more significantly, for the promise of what they will accomplish in the future.” – Milken Educator Awards website

2020 SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP

Our 2020 Essay Scholarship theme is inspired by the National History Day theme: “Breaking Barriers in History”.

“How did your ancestors (including Mayflower passengers and their descendants) break barriers in history?”

The passengers of the Mayflower established Plymouth Colony and changed their lives forever. Explore how you think they broke barriers in setting up a new colony and/or how this impacted other colonies in North America.

Divisions for competition this year include:

- \$500 – Middle School (6th – 8th grade)
- \$1000 – High School (9th-12th grade)
- \$1500 – College (enrollment in 2 year or 4 year college/career school, or graduate school; *12th graders with plans to enroll in higher learning may choose to participate at the High School or College level, but not both*).

Middle and High School students may write an essay that is focused on your Mayflower ancestors/Plymouth history which relates to the theme, or, if you are participating in National History Day through your local or state affiliate, you may submit a summary of your project, regardless of the subject. College students may write an essay that focuses on how one of their ancestors inspired them, with a preference for their Mayflower/Plymouth colony ancestors.

Essay should be 750-1000 words for College Division, or 500-750 words for Middle and High school Divisions. In addition, they should be historically accurate and include a bibliography with primary references. In the Middle or High School Divisions, summaries of History Day projects (if this option is chosen) should be 300-500 words and include links to multi-media aspects of your project.

Deadline for applications will be earlier than in past years (May or early June), and the essay lengths requirements are shorter. The education page on the [SMD SC website](#) will be updated soon with a few ideas and links to primary resources of Plymouth for applicants. Full details/directions and eligibility

requirements will be published on our website by March 1, 2020, and you may always reach out to Education Chair, Kristen French (frenchkl@gmail.com; 843-478-3736).

As you can see, the 2020 SMD SC Essay Scholarship is going through a few changes. We are increasing the award for the College Division and the essay length requirements are shorter. In addition, we are opening up the competition to more students. This is all based on researching scholarships of other Member Societies. Following the example of the New Jersey SMD, we will solicit participation from high schools and middle schools throughout the state of South Carolina.

2020 GENERAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

The 2020 GSMD Scholarship Program is now open for submissions.

Are you a *Mayflower* descendant and a high school senior? You are eligible to apply for a GSMD Scholarship!

New this year, we are debuting an online application process. Please visit our website for details. You will have to log-in with your login and password. You will need your GSMD number to register for a login and password.

Apply at TheMayflowerSociety.org/SocietyBusiness/Scholarships

Deadline has been extended to April 1, 2020.

PLANNING FOR THE 400TH IN SEPTEMBER 2020

Plans are underway for the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims' crossing on the *Mayflower* this year, September 2020 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Hotel 1620 and John Carver Inn began taking reservations on 1 March 2019 and sold out by the end of the day. Other hotels in the area opened up registration for September 2020. If you are planning on attending this historic event, please make your reservation early. The registration for the events and for Congress will opened in December 2019. Congress will be held Thursday, 17 September 2020 and Friday, 18 September 2020 in Plymouth, Massachusetts at Memorial Hall in Plymouth. There will be events the whole week with a Provincetown Gala beginning on Saturday, 12 September 2020 through the GSMD Gala on Friday, 19 September 2020. This will be an historical event and will honor our ancestors on this 400th Anniversary. Please watch the GSMD website for details. (<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>)

DATES TO REMEMBER

4 April 2020.....Spring Luncheon & General Meeting Palmetto Club, Columbia, South Carolina
12-19 September 2020..400th Anniversary Commemoration, Plymouth, Massachusetts
11 November 2020.....400th Anniversary of the Signing of the Mayflower Compact
21 November 2020.....Tentative Date for Compact Day Luncheon & General Meeting, Location TBD
26 November 2019.....THANKSGIVING

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Change of Contact Information and Electronic Delivery of the *Palmetto Log*

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! If you did not receive a fall meeting notice or this *Palmetto Log* via email, please provide our corresponding secretary with a current email address. Please send Melana Maxie your current information. So your email can be identified as a valid email, please put "SMD-SC", "Mayflower" or "*Palmetto Log* request" in the subject line. Thank you for saving us some money and for saving a branch of a tree! We appreciate it.

If your email or address changes, please don't forget to update your information with

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MAIL CHIMP EMAIL SERVICE



We have started using an email service called Mailchimp to send out mass emails to our membership. You should have received your first emails using that service in February. If you did not hear from our Corresponding Secretary, Melana Maxie (via

mailchimp) please check your junk mail. you find the email, there is a link in there to add to your contacts.

Please think hard before you 'Unsubscribe'. If you do, then you will miss all further emails from the South Carolina Mayflower Society. This includes general announcements, events, dues reminders, info on the 2020 celebrations coming up in Plymouth, etc.

As always, Melana is reachable via her email address (melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com) please feel free to reach out. If you change your email address, you may update us via Mailchimp – just click the link at the bottom of an email from Melana.

MAYFLOWER ITEMS FOR SALE

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina has some items in the store. They can be ordered on-line in advance and will be picked up at the Spring Luncheon or they can be purchased at that time.



To order visit
<https://squareup.com/store/south-carolina-mayflower-society/>.

Sorry, we are unable to ship items at this time.

Cup \$11.00

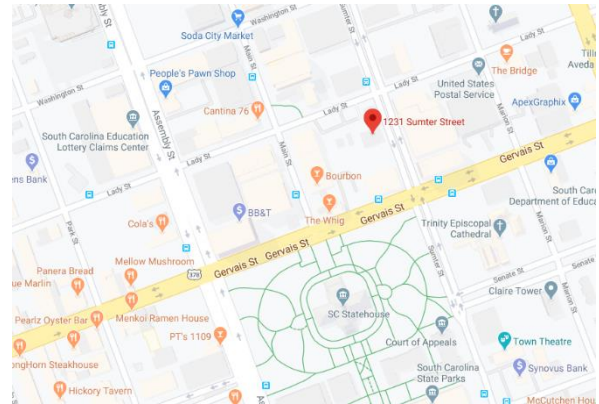
Tote Bag \$16.00



GOVERNOR GEORGE GARMANY TO SPEAK AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON

Governor General George Garmany will be the guest speaker at the Spring Luncheon on April 4, 2020. Make plans to attend at The Palmetto Club at 1231 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

Please note that earlier online payment issues are now resolved. You may go to <https://squareup.com/store/south-carolina-mayflower-society/> to pay online.



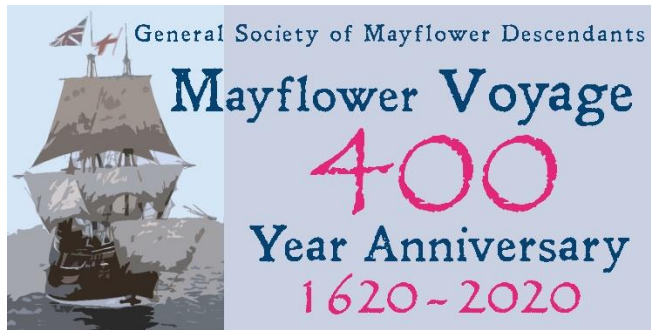
George P. Garmany, Jr. MD



Dr. George P. Garmany, Jr., from Boulder, Colorado, was elected to serve as Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in 2017. He has been a member of the Colorado Society since 1994, serving multiple offices there, including two terms as Governor. Prior offices in the General Society include four terms as Surgeon General and one term as Assistant Governor General, with numerous extra appointments during that time. Most recently he served three years chairing the “2020 Committee” which engaged in planning for the activities for the General Society to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

George earned both his BA and MD degrees at the University of Virginia. He moved to Colorado for Residency training and practiced Neurology in Boulder for thirty-eight years. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, and his long-term commitment to teaching resulted in an appointment as Clinical Professor of Neurology at the University of Colorado. He is a former President of the United Medical Staff of Boulder and also of the Colorado Society of Clinical Neurologists. In recognition for his long-term work with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, he received the prestigious Harold E. Williamson Award established by the COPIC Foundation to honor a physician who has volunteered extensive services in his or her community in Colorado.

George belongs to the Boulder Rotary Club and has served as a Scoutmaster. He continues to work with the Boy Scouts as a Board Member for the Longs Peak Council. Activities with the Scouts have allowed George and his family to enjoy the wonderful outdoors in Colorado and other nearby states. George’s wife, Beverly, is a member of the Arapahoe Chapter of the DAR in Boulder, and George also belongs to the Society of the Cincinnati in the state of Connecticut. They both share a deep love of American History and are looking forward to working with the Mayflower Society at this special time in preparation for the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage.



**THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER
DESCENDANTS OF SOUTH
CAROLINA**

is pleased to announce the

Spring Luncheon
April 4, 2020 at 11:00 am

RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 25, 2020

Location: The Palmetto Club
1231 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Speaker: Governor General George Garmany

Meeting will begin at 11:30 am
\$40 per adult ticket/\$15 per child ticket

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LUNCHEON MENU

Spinach Salad,
Chicken Piccata, Herb-Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables
Key Lime Pie
Coffee, Tea and Water
Cash Bar to Include Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks

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Governor General George Garmany, Jr., MD

We are honored to welcome Governor General Garmany in this milestone 400th year of the Mayflower sailing. The Governor General will review the exciting commemorations planned for the 2020 and discuss upcoming initiatives for the General Society.

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For guests who are planning to stay overnight in the Columbia area, we recommend the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton at 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210

https://www.guestreservations.com/doubletree-by-hilton-columbia-sc/booking?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI9Pies9iu5wIVkYbACH3JQQ7oEAAYAAEgJt0_D_BwE

RSVP by March 25, 2020
(no reservations taken after this date)

Please make checks payable to: SMD-SC
Mail check to: Debi Bacon
6 Heathrow Avenue
Bluffton, SC 29910

Member Name _____ amount remitted _____

Member Name: _____ amount remitted _____

Guest Name: _____ amount remitted _____

Guest Name _____ amount remitted _____

Children _____ amount remitted _____

Children _____ amount remitted _____

Children _____ amount remitted _____

Children _____ amount remitted _____

Children _____ amount remitted _____

Children _____ amount remitted _____

(Children 12 & Under may order Kids Meal for \$15)

Total _____



To pay for your luncheon reservations by credit/debit card you can use the link below. There is a service charge to use the credit/debit card option, but it is convenient. ***If paying online, please enter the name(s) of Member(s), Guest(s), Child(ren) for whom you are paying in the “Add Additional Note” section below the “Total” on the “Checkout” page under “Order Details” OR email the information to Melana Maxie at melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com so we can provide name tags for each attendee:***

<https://squareup.com/store/south-carolina-mayflower-society/>

Bylaws of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina, Inc.

Article 1 - Organization

1. The name of this organization shall be “The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Stat of South Carolina, Inc.” (hereinafter known as “SMDSC”) This Society is a constituent society of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. (hereinafter known as “GSMD”)
2. The organization shall have a seal.
3. Membership in the organization shall be granted as provided hereinafter.
4. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government or for a public purpose.

Article 2 - Objects & Mission Statement

The object of SMDSC are, for every active member to:

1. Perpetuate the memory of The Mayflower passengers on the voyage that terminated at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620.
2. Preserve the history of The Mayflower’s voyage and its passengers for future generations.
3. Maintain and defend the principles of civil and religious liberty, as set forth in *The Mayflower Compact*.
4. Cherish and maintain the ideals and institutions of American freedom and to oppose any theory or action that threatens them.
5. Transmit the spirit, the purity of purpose and steadfastness of will of the Pilgrims Fathers and Mothers, and to perpetuate the undiminished heritage of liberty and law to those who shall come after.
6. Discover, record and publish the ancestry of the Pilgrims and the lines of their posterity, past and present.
7. Cooperate with GSMD and all its constituent societies.
8. Be known as an education non-profit organization. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

It is the mission of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina, Inc. to preserve and educate the public as to the lives and legacies of the passengers who arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620 aboard The Mayflower.

Article 3- Membership

All persons over eighteen (18) year of age, of any race or ethnicity, who are descended from a passenger on The Mayflower on the voyage that terminated at Plymouth, Massachusetts in December 1620, shall be eligible for regular membership in the Society. No person shall be eligible for membership who is pledged to or advocates the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States, or of any state or territory, or who has been found guilty of treasonable practices, or who has committed a crime. The Society shall have the right to expel from its membership any person for any of these causes. Any questions arising hereunder shall be determined by the SMDSC Board of Assistants. There shall be five classes of membership in the Society, as follows:

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Emeritus Membership; those who have attained the age of eighty (80) years and who have been a member of the SC Society for five (5) or more years.

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It shall be the duty of the SMDSC Board of Assistants (hereinafter BOA) to encourage membership in, and for the future growth of the Society. For that purpose, members of the BOA shall have the power to fix the fees and dues for membership therein, to allocate such dues or fees, to make or approve such rules, regulations or bylaws, as may be expedient.

Any member of the Society may hold membership in one or more other state societies of the GSMD and shall be eligible to represent the Society as a delegate to the General Congress of GSMD. Any member in good standing of another state society of the GSMD shall be eligible to transfer his or her membership to this Society.

Article 4 - Officers

1. The officers of the Society shall include a Governor, a Deputy Governor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Historian, an Elder, a Captain, a Counselor, a Deputy Governor General and an Assistant Governor General.

2. The government of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Assistants which shall include the officers of the Society and three Assistants, an Education Assistant, a Junior membership Assistant, and the Palmetto Log Editor. The officers and assistants shall be voting members of the BOA and shall serve as BOA members of the Corporation. All past Governors of the Society shall be members of the BOA, but shall have no vote.

3. The duties, powers, and privileges of the officers and BOA are set forth hereinafter.

4. The term of office of each officer shall be three (3) years, or until a successor is elected. A person may not occupy the offices of Governor and Deputy Governor for more than tow (2) consecutive terms. The officers and assistants of the Society shall be elected by a plurality vote

of the membership at the Annual Meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, and those elected shall assume office immediately after such election. Vacancies on the Board of Assistants may be filled by the Governor, with the approval of the BOA, which approval shall be obtained as soon as possible following the appointment by the Governor.

5. The Governor, with the approval of the BOA, may remove any BOA member for his office for failure to perform the duties required of his office, including but not limited to: attendance at BOA and Society meetings or carrying out the directives of the Governor or the BOA.

6. The Governor with the approval of the BOA, may appoint any member of the Society in good standing to fill the unexpired term of any BOA member who has resigned or been removed from office.

7. The BOA shall have the control and management of the business and affairs of the Society, and in addition to the powers and authorities by these bylaws conferred upon it, may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as are by law provided, and as are usually done by the Board of BOA members of a corporation, subject to any regulations which may be made by the membership.

The BOA shall select the delegates and alternates of the Society who shall represent the Society at the meetings of the GSMD.

Article 5 - Duties of Officers

1. The Governor shall act as the chief executive officer and head of the Society. The Governor shall preside at all meetings of the Society and at meetings of the BOA, and shall be a member ex officio of all standing committees, except the nominating committee.

2. The Governor shall call all special or other meetings of the members of the Society and the BOA. In case the Governor shall at any time neglect or refuse to call a special meeting of the members, when requested to do so by twenty (20) of the members, then and in such case, said special meeting may be called by a majority of the BOA.

3. The Deputy Governor, in the case of the absence of the Governor, shall preside at the meetings of the Society and of the BOA. In the event of the absence, resignation, disability, or death of the Governor, the Deputy Governor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Governor, until a new Governor shall be elected.

4. The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society and of the BOA and shall record all proceedings thereof in a book kept for that purpose and shall be the custodian of the seal of the Society.

5. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society and of the BOA and shall perform all duties that may be entrusted to him by the Governor or the BOA. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the official record keeper of the Society and shall maintain the current membership list, including the current mailing addresses of all members. The membership list maintained by the Corresponding Secretary is the property of the Society and shall not be released to any person, without the express permission of the BOA.

6. The Treasurer shall keep full and correct accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Society in ledgers belonging to the Society, and she shall deposit all monies and valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Society, and in such depositories as may be required by the BOA for the faithful performance of such duties. The cost of such bond shall be paid by the Society. The Treasurer shall disburse funds of the Society as may be approved by the BOA,

obtaining proper vouchers or receipts for such disbursements and shall report to the Governor and the BOA at the regular meetings of the BOA, or whenever they may require it, an account of transactions as the chief financial officer of the society, and of the financial condition of the Society. The Treasurer shall present each year before the annual meeting of the members a full financial report of the preceding fiscal year. The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget to be presented to the BOA. The Treasurer shall be a member *ex officio* of the financial committee.

7. The Historian shall examine, report and file all final membership applications and related documents for applicants and all applications for supplemental lines, in accordance with guidelines established by the Historian General of GSMD. The Historian shall be knowledgeable in accepted genealogical processes and procedure.

8. The Elder shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Governor and the BOA.

9. The Captain shall be commander of the Color Guard, and shall have possession and care of the Society's colors. The Captain shall perform all such duties as are assigned by the Governor and the BOA and shall act as Marshal at all parades and on occasions of ceremony. At the Society's meetings, the Captain may, at the request of the Governor, enumerate the descendants of each Mayflower passenger by calling the roll of passengers and shall lead the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and *The Mayflower Pledge*.

10. The Counselor shall advise the Governor and the BOA on legal matters, as requested, particularly those having to do with the proper interpretation of the bylaws in order that the business of the Society may be transacted lawfully and in accordance with the bylaws. The Counselor shall be a member of the South Carolina Bar and be licensed and in good standing with the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Article 6 - Election of Officers

1. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of persons identified by it as candidates for office to the membership, as provided hereunder;

2. Any member of the Society who has not been nominated by the Nominating Committee may become a nominee for any office by having five or more members of the Society nominate such member as a candidate for office. All such nominations must be in writing, stating the name of the member and the office for which nominated. The nomination must be signed by the members making the nomination, and delivered to the Recording Secretary not later than the commencement of the Annual Meeting during which elections are to be held.

3. Where there is more than one candidate for any office, the election may be by secret ballot, at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Article 7 - Meetings

1. The Society shall operate on a calendar year basis and shall hold meetings at least twice each year. The BOA shall have the authority to fix the date, time, and place of such meetings. The semi-annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as determined by the BOA, and shall be scheduled, if possible, during the first six calendar months of the year, as fixed by the BOA. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held in the last six calendar months of the year, at such time and place as determined by the BOA, and shall be scheduled in such a way as to commemorate "Compact Day." No less than seven (7) days written notice shall be

given to members of all meetings of the Society. Such notices may be contained in the Society newsletter(s). The call of the Annual Meeting shall state the date, time, & place thereof, and shall be sent at least two (2) weeks prior thereto. When a quorum is not present, no business shall be transacted.

2. Special meetings of the Society may be held at such times and places as may be decided upon by the BOA. The Governor shall have the authority to call a special meeting, and to specify the time and place thereof. Upon the written request of twenty (20) members of the Society, which request shall state with specificity that object of such meeting, the Governor shall forthwith call a special meeting and specify in such call the time and place thereof. The call for such special meeting shall state the object(s) thereof, and no business not stated in such call shall be considered at such meetings.

3. The BOA shall hold at the discretion of the Governor, three (3) regular meetings in the months of January, April and October of each year, or at other such times as shall be determined by the Governor. Special meetings of the BOA may be called at any time by the Governor upon seven (7) days' notice and shall also be called by the Governor upon the written request of four (4) or more members of the BOA. Notices of special meetings of the BOA shall state the purpose of the meeting. Where a quorum is not present, no business shall be transacted, except to adjourn to a future time. If a quorum is present at a meeting of the BOA, the BOA shall have the power to act upon all matters properly raised during the meeting.

4. At all regular or special meetings of the membership of the Society, fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At all meetings of the BOA, four (4) voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

5. Every action taken by the Society at any regular or special meeting which is in accordance with the powers conferred upon it by these Bylaws enacted hereunder, and every action taken by the BOA at any regular or special meeting which has been properly called and which action is within the power conferred upon the BOA under these bylaws, shall be binding upon every member of the Society.

Article 8 - Amendment of Bylaws

An amendment or amendments proposed in writing by a member at a regular or special meeting shall be read by the Recording Secretary and referred to the BOA which shall report at the next regular or special meeting of the general membership. An amendment or amendments may be proposed by the BOA at any regular or special meeting and acted upon at such meeting. At least ten (10) days written notice shall be given of any meeting at which an amendment to these bylaws is to be voted upon and a complete copy of such proposed amendment or amendments shall be made available to each member of the Society with the notice of such meeting. Members may vote upon a proposed amendment to these bylaws in person and no proposed amendment shall be adopted which is not voted upon favorably by at least two-thirds of all members present. A proposed amendment may be amended at the meeting at which it is to be voted upon, and such amendment in its original form, or as amended, may be finally voted upon at such meeting.

Article 9 - Dissolution

No part of the income or assets of the Society shall be paid, distributed, or otherwise inure to

the benefit or use of any member of the BOA or officers or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized to pay compensation in a reasonable amount to BOA members or officers for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its general corporate purposes, including contributions and donations for charitable purposes. Upon dissolution of the Society, the assets of the Society shall not be distributed to BOA members, officers, or members. Upon such dissolution, the officers and BOA members, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all corporate liabilities, and for the disposition of any property committed to charitable purposes as required by statute or court order, transfer and convey the remaining assets to such charitable organization or organizations exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the US Internal Revenue Code (or equivalent successor provision) as the BOA members shall determine to be similar to the corporation's character, purpose, and method of operation.

Article 10 Committees

1. All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the Governor and the term of office shall be for a period of three (3) years or less if terminated earlier by the action of the Governor or BOA. The permanent committees shall be:

The Nominating Committee; which shall be appointed, at the latest, in September preceding the election of officers at the following annual meeting. The Nomination Committee shall select candidates for the offices and BOA positions to be filled at the annual meeting of the Society. The list of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the editor of the Society's newsletter by the Chair of such committee for publication along with the notice of the annual meeting, to be sent to each member.

The Finance Committee; which shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall be responsible for formulating and adjusting the annual budget of the Society, recommending investment strategies and plans to the BOA, and such other duties as may be determined by the Governor.

2. Members of all regular and special committees shall be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the BOA. At the January meeting of the BOA, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Governor shall submit to the BOA a list of appointments for all regular committees. Such committee members shall be confirmed at such meeting.

Article 11 - Indemnification and Liability

1. The Society shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law now or hereafter in effect, indemnify any person who is or was an officer or member of the BOA of the Society and who, by reason of his or her office is or was made or threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative. This will apply whether or not brought by or on behalf of the Society, against liability for judgments, fines, penalties, amounts paid or to be paid in settlement costs, charges and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and interest on the foregoing incurred in connection with any such actions or suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, actually and reasonably paid or afforded any officer or BOA member. This indemnification shall not apply if the acts or omissions of any BOA member or officer were expressly prohibited by applicable law or where the conduct of the officer or BOA member has been determined by a court to have constituted self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness, pursuant to the terms of applicable law.

2. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to the Society's indemnification obligations. All rights to indemnification under this Article shall be deemed a contract between the Society and the persons entitled to indemnification under this Article to which the Society and each such person intended to be legally bound. The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that an officer or BOA member who is a party to, or involved in the proceeding is not entitled to indemnification. The Society shall pay the expenses (including attorneys fees and costs) incurred in good faith by an indemnified party in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the officer or BOA member to repay the expenses if it shall be ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder. Each person who shall act as an officer or BOA member of the Society shall be indemnified hereunder. Each person who shall act as an officer or BOA member of the Society shall be deemed to be doing so in reliance upon the rights provided by this Article. The Society may, in the discretion of the BOA, purchase Officers', and BOA members' Liability insurance in such amounts as the BOA shall deem appropriate to assure the payment of indemnification to BOA members.

3. A member of the BOA shall not be personally liable for monetary damages for any action taken, or any failure to take any action unless the BOA member has breached or failed to perform the duties of the office and the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness.

Policies adopted by the board of Assistants of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina (SMD-SC)

2009-2011

Policy 1

Membership Procedures

1. Each application for regular membership in the Society may be made on a preliminary application blank approved by the BOA, along with a non-refundable application fee to be established by the BOA. Any applicant for regular membership may request through the Historian, a copy of lineage papers from the office of the Historian General of GSMD. These shall be furnished upon payment of a fee to be established by the BOA.

2. After the preliminary application has been approved by the Historian, final application forms shall be issued to the applicant by the Historian. The applicant may complete the final application papers and perform the required research before returning the complete application to the Historian, together with the required documentation and copies thereof, as well as all required fees. Any information or evidence submitted to the Society becomes the property of the GSMD and the SMDSC. If the signed copy of the application and check is not

received by the Historian within a reasonable period as determined by the Historian, the Historian shall return all documents to the applicant without action.

3. No person shall be elected to membership in the Society until his or her line of descent has been approved by the Historian General of GSMD and the State Historian.

4. Any member in good standing in GSMD may make application on behalf of any person under eighteen (18) years of age who has *prima facie* lineage based on his, her or a family member's proven lineage. Such application may be approved and accepted by the BOA, provided all required fees and membership dues of such member are current and paid. The term "*prima facie*" shall mean that the potential junior member is related to a past or present member of GSMD by blood through the line through which such member was approved for membership in GSMD.

5. Any junior member may, after attaining the age of eighteen (18) years of age, matriculate to regular membership upon submission of the usual lineage papers, with appropriate documentation. State and general numbers shall be assigned to each junior member upon approval by the Historian General and the SMDSC Historian. A junior member may continue his or her junior status until he or she shall attain the age of twenty-five (25) years. A new applicant must seek regular membership status if he or she has already attained the age of eighteen (18) years. No junior member shall have voting rights, the right to hold office, or other regular membership privileges.

6. Any member in good standing may resign from the Society. Any member having resigned in good standing may, upon payment of a reinstatement fee established by the BOA, and payment of membership dues in arrears, re-activate membership in the Society.

7. Any member of the Society whose conduct is reasonably believed by the BOA to be contrary to the purposes of GSMD or SMDSC, or prejudicial to its interest, shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by the BOA. In the event charges of such conduct are made against a member of the Society in good standing, the BOA shall promptly appoint a special committee to hear evidence in support of the charges and report its findings of fact and recommendations thereon to the BOA. The member against whom such charges are made shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days written notice of the time and place of the meeting of the BOA 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 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. In order to suspend or expel a member, an affirmative vote of a least two-thirds of the BOA is required.

8. Any member whose annual dues remain unpaid for a period of two (2) months after becoming due and payable may be dropped from membership. The BOA may, by special resolution, extend the time for payment of dues.

9. Resignations shall be presented to the Corresponding Secretary in writing, and shall be effective upon receipt, provided such member is in good standing. A member in good standing is one whose dues, including those for the current year have been paid, and against whom no suspension or expulsion proceedings have been instituted.

Policy 2

Fees and Dues

1. A nonrefundable application processing fee, as determined by the BOA, shall be paid to the Society, by all applicants for membership in the Society, except those who are former members and those who are members of other state societies and who are in good standing with GSMD.
2. A fee, as determined by the BOA, shall be paid to the Society by approved members transferring from other state societies. The applicant shall also pay annual dues to SMDSC. A fee, as determined by the BOA, shall be paid to the Society by any member submitting a supplemental line for approval.
3. Unless otherwise determined by the BOA, annual dues shall be paid to the Society by all regular members. Life memberships will no longer be offered by the SMDSC; life memberships already in effect in SC will be honored. Emeritus Members who reached the age of eighty (80) by July 25, 2005 and paid dues for 5 years to the SMDSC, will not be required to pay future dues to either the GSMD or the SMDSC. Emeritus Members who reach the age of eighty (80) after July 25, 2005 and paid dues for 5 years to the SMDSC, will not be required to pay future dues to the SMDSC, but will be required to pay dues to the GSMD. Emeritus Membership awarded for service will follow the same guidelines; those who received the award prior to July 25, 2005 will not be required to pay dues to either entity; those who received the award after that date will be required to pay dues only to the GSMD.

Policy 3

Education Committee

1. The Assistant for Education shall be designated as the Chairman of the Education Committee of the SMD-SC.
2. The other committee members will support him/her in the matters that he or she designates. This may include, but is not limited to, the collection of the essays or the college scholarship applications. The major responsibility of the committee members is the selection of the winners of our contests and each member including the Chairman has an equal vote.
3. The Governor of the SMD-SC, as an *“ex officio”* member of the Education Committee, will vote only if there is a tie in the voting, but will receive copies of all essays when they are distributed to the committee.
4. The member responsible for the collection of the entries will make copies to distribute to the other members of the committee and the Governor. Prior to this distribution, names will be deleted to assure an equal opportunity for all applicants.
5. The applicant will submit one copy of the essay by computer to make transmission of the essay easier for the committee members and this transmission will be acknowledged by the “receiver.” Three (3) paper copies of the essay must also be received by the designated committee member prior to the deadline. The postmark on the paper copies will be used to determine the date of submission. The paper copies will insure that computer malfunctions will not interfere with the contest entries.
6. In all contests, accurate factual information will be required and sources for the information

should be documented or apparent to the reader.

7. By submitting an essay entry, the entrant and his parents agree to be bound by all the SMD-SC policies governing the essay contest and also agree that all decisions with regard to winners and disqualifications made by SMD-SC shall be final and binding. We reserve the right to reject any or all submissions.

8. Decisions with regard to winners and disqualifications will not be made public until the voting by all committee members has been tabulated. In the absence of a reply from a member, it shall be the responsibility of the Chairman to determine the reason for the lack of a response. A two-week period for evaluation after the deadline is suggested, although entries can be shared with the other committee members prior to the deadline. Only after the expiration of this time period will any decision be shared with the winners and any who are disqualified. This information will be sent by the Chairman via snail mail to the applicants. After this notification is received, the Chairman shall secure the Social Security number of the winner for the explicit use of the Treasure in the issuance of the Bonds.

9. Rewritten essays will not be accepted. The original essays are considered the only entries in the contest to be evaluated.

10. The topics for the essays will be selected by the Education Assistant, with input from other members of the committee and published in the Spring edition of the *Palmetto Log*. The winning essays may be published in the Fall edition of the *Palmetto Log*, at the discretion of the Committee. All entries remain the property of the SMDSC and after the submission will not be returned.

Scholarship Contest

1. The applicant must submit all the required documents at the same time.

2. The scholarship requirement of "Good Standing" by his or her academic institution requires at least a "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).

3. The extra-curricular activities and community involvement will be considered a significant factor in determining the award.

4. The essay must be factually accurate and reflect current standards of spelling, grammar, and writing skills for a college student.

5. The scholarship award of \$1000.00 may be awarded to the student at the Compact Day Luncheon or the Treasurer of the Society may send the check directly to the scholarship winner after the winner has been determined.

6. This scholarship will be awarded annually based upon applications received by the deadline.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS/CHANGES IN THE BYLAWS & POLICIES OF THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA (SMDSD)

(Bold words are changed or added and bold words with strike through will be removed. These Bylaws changes will be voted on and approved at the semi-annual, or spring, general meeting by a plurality of those members attending on April 4, 2020)

Proposed Amendments to Article 1 – Organization

1. The name of this organization shall be “The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the ~~Stat~~ **State** of South Carolina, Inc.” (hereinafter known as “SMDSC”) This Society is a constituent society of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. (hereinafter known as “GSMD”)

Proposed Amendments to Article 2 – Objects & Mission Statement

The ~~object~~ **objects** of SMDSC are, for every active member to:

1. Perpetuate the memory of The Mayflower passengers on the voyage that terminated at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620.

Proposed Changes in the Bylaws of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina (SMDSD) Regarding Resumption of Life Memberships and Nomination of DGG & AG by the SMDSC members

Proposed Membership & Life Membership Amendments

Proposed Amendments to Article 3 – Membership (Bold words are changed or added and bold words with strike through will be removed. These Bylaws changes are based on the reinstatement of Life Membership voted on and approved at the semi-annual, or spring, general meeting by a plurality of those members attending on April 27, 2019)

All persons over eighteen (18) year of age, of any race or ethnicity, who are descended from a passenger on The Mayflower on the voyage that terminated at Plymouth, Massachusetts in December 1620, shall be eligible for regular membership in the Society. No person shall be eligible for membership who is pledged to or advocates the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States, or of any state or territory, or who has been found guilty of treasonable practices, or who has committed a crime. The Society shall have the right to expel from its membership any person for any of these causes. Any questions arising hereunder shall be determined by the SMDSC Board of Assistants. There shall be five classes of membership in the Society, as follows:

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Life Membership; those who were accepted ~~for from either~~ regular ~~or junior~~ membership, **have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years** and have paid the dues for a Life Membership **as specified in the then current ages & pricing structure for Life Membership Dues. Life Membership dues ages & pricing structure may be adjusted by the Board of Assistants (BOA) as needed to maintain the financial solvency of the Society. No Life Membership may vote or hold office that has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years. The SMDSC no longer offers new Life Memberships.**

Emeritus Membership; those who have attained the age of eighty (80) years and who have been a member of the SC Society for five (5) or more years.

Honorary Emeritus Membership; those who have been granted such membership based on extraordinary service.

It shall be the duty of the SMDSC Board of Assistants (hereinafter BOA) to encourage membership in, and for the future growth of the Society. For that purpose, members of the BOA shall have the power to fix the fees and dues for membership therein, to allocate such dues or fees, to make or approve such rules, regulations or bylaws, as may be expedient.

Any member of the Society may hold membership in one or more other state societies of the GSMD and shall be eligible to represent the Society as a delegate to the General Congress of GSMD. Any member in good standing of another state society of the GSMD shall be eligible to transfer his or her membership to this Society.

Proposed Changes in the Bylaws of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina (SMDSD) Regarding Nomination of Deputy Governor General (DGG) and Assistant General (AG) by the SMDSC members for election at and by the GSMD Triennial Congress.

Proposed Amendments to Article 4 – Officers (Bold words are changed or added and bold words with strike through will be removed.)

1. The officers of the Society shall include a Governor, a Deputy Governor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Historian, an Elder, a Captain, a Counselor, a Deputy Governor General and an Assistant ~~Governor~~ General.

4. The term of office of each officer **and assistant** shall be three (3) years, or until a successor is elected. A person may not occupy the offices of Governor and Deputy Governor for more than ~~two~~ **two (2)** consecutive terms. **Except for the Deputy Governor General (DGG) and the Assistant General (AG),** the officers and assistants of the Society shall be elected by a plurality vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, **following the Triennial September Congress of the General Society.** ~~and~~ Those elected shall assume office immediately after such election. **The Deputy Governor General (DGG) and the Assistant General (AG) shall be nominated by a plurality vote of the membership at the Society's semi-annual or spring meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the year of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Triennial Congress to be elected by the GSMD at that year's September Triennial Congress.** Vacancies on the Board of Assistants may be filled by the Governor, with the approval of the BOA, which approval shall be obtained as soon as possible following the appointment by the Governor.

5. The Governor, with the approval of the BOA, may remove any BOA member ~~for from~~ his office for failure to perform the duties required of his office, including but not limited to: attendance at BOA and Society meetings or carrying out the directives of the Governor or the BOA.

Proposed Amendments to Article 5 – Duties of Officers (Bold words are changed or added and bold words with strike through will be removed.)

5. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society and of the BOA and shall perform all duties that may be entrusted to him by the Governor or the BOA. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the official record keeper of the Society and shall maintain the current membership list, including the current mailing addresses of ~~all~~ **all** members. The membership list maintained by the Corresponding Secretary is the property of the Society and shall not be released to any person, without the express permission of the BOA.

6. The ~~Treasurer~~ **Treasurer** shall keep full and correct accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Society in ledgers belonging to the Society, and she shall deposit all monies and valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Society, and in such depositories as may be required by the BOA for the faithful performance of such duties. The cost of such bond shall be paid by the Society. The Treasurer shall disburse funds of the Society as may be approved by the BOA, obtaining proper vouchers or receipts for such disbursements and shall report to the Governor and the BOA at the regular meetings of the BOA, or whenever they may require it, an account of transactions as the chief financial officer of the society, and of the financial condition of the Society. The Treasurer shall present each year before the annual meeting of the members a full financial report of the preceding fiscal year. The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget to be presented to the BOA. The Treasurer shall be a member *ex officio* of the financial committee.

Proposed Amendments to Article 9 – Dissolution

No part of the income or assets of the Society shall be paid, distributed, or otherwise inure to the benefit or use of any member of the BOA or officers or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized to pay compensation in a reasonable amount to BOA members or officers for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its general corporate purposes, including contributions and donations for charitable purposes. Upon dissolution of the Society, the assets of the Society shall not be distributed to BOA members, officers, or members. Upon such dissolution, the officers and BOA members, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all corporate liabilities, and for the disposition of any property committed to charitable purposes as required by ~~statute statute~~ or court order, transfer and convey the remaining assets to such charitable organization or organizations exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the US Internal Revenue Code (or equivalent successor provision) as the BOA members shall determine to be similar to the corporation's character, purpose, and method of operation.

Proposed Amendments to Article 10 – Committees

The Nominating Committee; which shall be appointed, at the latest, in September preceding the election of officers at the following annual meeting. The ~~Nomination~~ Nominating Committee shall select candidates for the offices and BOA positions to be filled at the annual meeting of the Society. The list of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the editor of the Society's newsletter by the Chair of such committee for publication along with the notice of the annual meeting, to be sent to each member.

Proposed Amendments to Article 11 – Indemnification and Liability

2. The following additional terms and conditions shall apply to the Society's indemnification obligations. All rights to indemnification under this Article shall be deemed a contract between the

Society and the persons entitled to indemnification under this Article to which the Society and each such person intended to be legally bound. The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a ~~lea~~ **plea of *nolo contendere*** or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that an officer or BOA member who is a party to, or involved in the proceeding is not entitled to indemnification. The Society shall pay the expenses (including ~~attorneys~~ **attorney's** fees and costs) incurred in good faith by an indemnified party in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the officer ~~of or~~ BOA member to repay the expenses if it shall be ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder. Each person who shall act as an officer or BOA member of the Society shall be indemnified hereunder. Each person who shall act as an officer or BOA member of the Society shall be deemed to be doing so in reliance upon the rights provided by this Article. The Society may, in the discretion of the BOA, purchase Officers', and BOA members' Liability insurance in such amounts as the BOA shall deem appropriate to assure the payment of indemnification to BOA members.

Proposed Amendments to Policy 1 Membership Procedures

7. Any member of the Society whose conduct is reasonably believed by the BOA to be contrary to the purposes of GSMD or SMDSC, or prejudicial to its interest, shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by the BOA. In the event charges of such conduct are made against a member of the Society in good standing, the BOA shall promptly appoint a special committee to hear evidence in support of the charges and report its findings of fact and recommendations thereon to the BOA. The member against whom such charges are made shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days written notice of the time and place of the meeting of the BOA wherein such charges shall be considered, along with a written copy of the basis for such ~~charges~~ **charges**. Such written notice shall be sent by registered mail to the 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. In order to suspend or expel a member, an affirmative vote of a least two-thirds of the BOA is required.

Policy 2 Fees and Dues

3. Unless otherwise determined by the BOA, annual dues shall be paid to ~~he the~~ **the** Society by all regular members. As of April 27, 2019, Life memberships will ~~no longer again~~ be offered by the SMDSC; life memberships already in effect in SC will be honored. Emeritus Members who reached the age of eighty (80) by July 25, 2005 and paid dues for 5 years to the SMDSC, will not be require to pay future dues to either the GSMD or the SMDSC. Emeritus Members who reach the age of eighty (80) after July 25, 2005 and paid dues for 5 years to the SMDSC, will not be required to pay future dues to the SMDSC, but will be required to pay dues to the GSMD. Emeritus Membership awarded for service will follow the same guidelines; those who received the award prior to July 25, 2005 will not be required to pay dies to either entity; those who received the award after that date will be required to pay dues only to the GSMD.

Proposed Amendments to Policy 3 Education Committee

6. In all ~~contest~~ **contests**, accurate factual information will be required and sources for the information should be documented or apparent to the reader.

7. By submitting an essay entry, the entrant and his parents agree to be bound by all the SMD-SC

policies governing the essay contest and also agree that all decisions with regard to ~~winers~~ winners and disqualifications ~~mad~~ made by SMD-SC shall be final and binding. We reserve the right to reject any or all submissions.

8. Decisions with regard to winners and disqualifications will not be made public until the voting by all committee members has been tabulated. In the absence of a reply from a member, it shall be the responsibility of the Chairman to determine the reason for the lack of a response. A two-week period for evaluation after the deadline is suggested, although entries can be shared with the other committee members prior to the deadline. Only after the expiration of this time period will any decision be shared with the winners and any **entrants** who are disqualified. This information will be sent by the Chairman via snail mail to the applicants. After this notification is received, the Chairman shall secure the Social Security number of ~~the each~~ winner for the explicit use of the ~~Treasurer~~ Treasurer in the issuance of the ~~Bonds~~ scholarship awards.

Proposed Amendments to Scholarship Contest

4. The essay must be factually accurate and reflect current standards of spelling, grammar, and writing skills for **each entrant's grade level or post-secondary academic level of study a college student**.

5. The scholarship ~~award~~ awards of \$500.00 or \$1000.00 or \$1500.00, or any amounts determined in the future by the BOA, may be awarded to ~~the each~~ student at the Compact Day Luncheon or the Treasurer of the Society may send the check directly to the scholarship winner after the winner has been determined.

6. This ~~scholarship~~ scholarship(s) will be awarded annually based upon applications received by the deadline.