



The MULLINS MAINSAIL

Newsletter of the William Mullins Colony
Florida Society GSMD

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Hear Ye Hear Ye!

Our next colony meeting will be held on February 04th, 2012 at Ocala Elks Lodge #286 located on 706 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala, Florida, 34478. Their phone number is 352-732-7091. Spouses and relatives are always welcome to attend.

The newly elected officers will be sworn in at February's meeting by Florida Society Deputy Governor Ken Carter.

For lunch, the lodge will be serving: Roast Beef with carrots, Fish, Red Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli, salad, coffee, tea, rolls and dessert. The meal will be served buffet style. Price is \$12.50.

Our guest speaker will be State Deputy Governor Ken Carter.

Meeting reservations must be made before February 1st. If you would like to attend, please notify colony treasurer [Ron Dailey](mailto:RonDailey@earthlink.net). His address is 1121 SW 98th Street, Gainesville, Florida, 32607-3225. Email: RonDailey@earthlink.net. Phone: (352) 871-8863.

Colony officers of 2012-2014 term

Colony Governor: Richard Summer II

Colony Vice Governor: Ruth Shrauger

Secretary: Jessie Brabham

Treasurer: Ron Dailey

Historian: Jessie Brabham

Elder: Charles Day

Counselor: Open

Captain: John Pardee

Directors:

Ruth Howard

Barbara Lonas

Celebrating 75 years!

The Florida Society will be observing its 75th anniversary as a part of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

In 1933, members of the Mayflower Society living in Florida tried hard to establish a new state society here, but due to the poor state of the economy at that time, it was impossible to accomplish and was postponed until another effort would succeed. Four years later on July 31st, 1937, National accepted a charter signed by 24 charter members who wanted Florida to be a part of GSMD.



Obverse



Reverse

*We will be celebrating this momentous occasion by selling 75th anniversary challenge coins you see on the top of this page. They are minted by [SymbolArts](#). Each coin costs **\$10.00** plus **\$2.00** for shipping and handling. If you would like to order one, go to the [Florida Society Website](#) to fill in the order form, or contact state captain [James W. Preston](#) to get your coin. This is a limited time offer and these will not last. Get yours now before they run out!*

Welcome!

The colony would like to welcome Sonja Wheelis, Erin Hastings, and Margaret Schlabach as new members of the Mayflower Society.

Harold Doddington, Judy Ziffer, Jennifer Carnley, Gerald Bourne, Julie Elbert, and Sally Kline are potential members and are presently in the process of becoming regular members.

In Memory

We have lost 3 members in the colony; Robert Gellerman, Beverly Rasmussen, and James Fort Jr. They will be missed. The colony will be honoring them at our next meeting.

Links

Our colony has a website which is maintained by Jessie Brabham [Click Here](#) to visit.

[Florida Mayflower Society Website](#)

[General Society of Mayflower Descendants Website](#)

Colony Minutes

October 15th, 2011

The William Mullins Colony of the Mayflower Society met for the Fall meeting on Oct 15, 2011 at the Ocala Elks Lodge. Vice-Governor Ruth Shrauger called the meeting to order at 12 noon with Captain-Elect John Pardee leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Mayflower Flag. Chaplain Elden Luffman gave the Invocation.

Vice-Governor Shrauger welcomed members and guests. She invited our newest members, Lindell Doty and Claudia Doddington to tell about themselves. Lindell is a transfer from AR and is a 11th Gen direct line descended from Edward Doty. He is a retired Minister. Claudia is descendant of John Alden and is working on a supplemental and her husband's paper. Ruth Schlabach and Susan Wilkes were introduced as potential members. There were 24 members and guests present.

Director Ruth Howard read the Compact. Junior member Paul Pardee and Secretary Brabham did the Roll Call of Ancestors. John Alden had the most descendants present with 6. 2 passengers had 3, 4 passengers had 2, and 2 passengers had 1. Twenty passengers had no representatives.

Chaplain Luffman gave the Blessing for a delicious buffet luncheon.

After lunch, Vice-Governor Ruth Shrauger introduced our speaker, Joe Pine from Metro Crime Prevention of Florida. It's a non-profit organization whose members are former law enforcement personnel. He told about the Vial of Life. This holds vital health information that will help EMS personnel treat you in case of an emergency. It goes in your refrigerator and a sticker on your front door alerts EMS people. He explained the "HELP" card that can be put in your billfold with the driver's license and will have important information readily available for EMS people to help you.

He told about the LIFE LOCK program to help prevent identify theft. Consumer's Union.Org will provide credit report information for you and can freeze your SS # so it can't be accessed by the wrong people. He also discussed pepper spray. Put your credit cards, \$ and drivers license in a \$ belt to guard against theft of your wallet or pocketbook. He gave us much valuable information concerning our safety. VG Ruth thanked him for a very informative presentation and presented a Certificate of Appreciation for an excellent program.

Secretary Jessie Brabham read the Minutes of the spring meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Copies were placed on tables for our members' information. She also gave her Historian report. We have 1 new member by transfer, 1 application to state, 1 supplemental to state, 1 deceased member and 16 working on papers. Our Colony has 108 members plus 2 dual members.

VG Shrauger read an email concerning the report of the audit of the Treasurer's books by Ron Dailey who is an accredited tax preparer. Claudia Doddington made a motion to accept the audit report. It was seconded and passed. Treasurer-elect Ron Dailey gave the Treasurer's report. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

Vice-Governor Shrauger reported that we have a full slate of officers for 2012-14 except for Counselor and one Director. The new officers will be installed at the winter meeting. The Installation will be 1st and new officers will conduct the rest of the meeting. The Slate is as follows:

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| Colony Governor: | Richard Sumner |
| Vice-Governor: | Ruth Shrauger |
| Secretary: | Jessie Brabham |
| Treasurer: | Ron Dailey |
| Historian: | Jessie Brabham |
| Elder: | Charles Day |

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| | Barbara Lonas |

A discussion of permanent name badges was next. Secretary Brabham showed the badges she has, one for State Officer and one for her as a Colony member. If anyone is interested, see Jessie after the meeting.

Silver books were discussed. There still is no resolution on books already at Matheson Museum.

We don't have a date for next meeting. Door prizes were won by Joe Pine, Ruth Schlabach, Anita Brown, Virginia Williams, Ruth Howard and Susan McCoy.

Chaplain Luffman gave a wonderful Benediction. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Jessie Brabham, Secretary

William Mullins Colony



The Pilgrim Pledge.

In the name of God, Amen. I pledge myself to hold aloft the lamps of civil and religious liberty lighted by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, to recall and cherish the sacrifices and struggles made by them for the common good, to study their lives, deeds, faith, courage, and character, and to draw inspiration there from, to emulate their spirit to be loyal to the Flag and institutions of the country whose founding was so greatly aided by their work and wisdom, to do everything within my power to deserve and preserve the heritage, and at all times and in all ways to profit by their Pilgrim example.

(Note: We read this at the meetings; if you plan to attend, it would be a wise idea to print this page for yourself.)