

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2011
MIAMI, FLORIDA

A banquet was held on Friday evening with 51 present representing most of Florida's colonies. A call to order by State Governor Robert Burt. The Invocation was given by Rev. Albert Myers, State Elder. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and a salute to the Mayflower Flag were led by Kenneth Carter, State Captain. A welcome greeting was given by Colony Governor Clara Waterman-Powell of the Host Colony Elder William Brewster. Governor Robert Burt gave a response.

Our new DGG Fran Lopus was not able to be present. Governor Burt noted that the Medallions for DGG and AG had been passed to those new Elected Officers who will represent us at the General meetings for the next 3 years. Governor Burt will be our new AG.

After dinner, the General and State Officers were introduced by Governor Burt. The Officers-Elect for 2012/2014 were introduced. The Roll Call of Ancestors was conducted by Muriel Cushing, State Historian. Brewster Ancestor had most with 8 and Chilton and Hopkins tied for 2nd with 5 each. Eight ancestors had no representation.

Governor Burt welcomed the newest Florida Colony which has been named Henry Samson. Three of their members were present. We now have 16 Colonies.

Governor Burt announced that he and his wife, Trudy, have a trip to Leiden, Holland planned. Along with other sight-seeing plans, they will walk the trail of his ancestor, James Chilton and see where he was mugged.

Governor Burt introduced the speaker for our program. He is Claude Alix and he calls himself a Collector of Maps. His program is "Pirates of the Caribbean." He told of the times and tales of famous Pirates such as Francis Drake, Henry Morgan, Edward Teach (Blackbeard), and Jean Lafitte. Others not so well known were Thomas Cavendish, Francois L'Olonais, Bart Roberts and Jack Racham. He answered several questions. He has been collecting maps for approximately 20 years, some of which are very valuable and can't be displayed in damp weather. Brewster Colony Governor, Clara Waterman-Powell presented a gift to Claude for a very interesting program.

Governor Burt announced that there would be food at 8:00 AM before the Saturday BOA meeting. The General meeting starts at 9:30 AM which will include the Memorial Service and Installation of New State Officers.

The Drawing for the Pirate's Basket was won by James Preston. The table centerpieces of Orchids were won by Ellen Kirby, Kathleen Carter and Nancy Fodi. Nancy won an additional one that she will take to Fran Lopus.

Captain Ken Carter read The Compact followed with the Benediction by Elder Rev. Albert Myers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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