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The Mayflower Society

Spring 2006



Film of the History of King Phillip's War to be shown at Spring Luncheon

The Spring luncheon meeting of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants will take place on Saturday, April 22, at 12 o'clock noon at the Woodstock Club, 1301 West 38th Street in Indianapolis. The Woodstock Club is on the south side of 38th Street directly across the street from the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Come hear what happened to the Pilgrims following the death of William Bradford in 1657 and to the Wampanoag Indians following the death of their leader Massasoit in 1660. Why couldn't the 2nd generation of Pilgrims and Indians live in peace? What caused the war and what were

the ramifications, especially for the Indians? Plan to come to this educational program.

Cost of the buffet luncheon will be \$25.00 for adults or \$10.00 for children 10 years of age and under. Pre-paid reservations are due by April 20 and can be mailed to Jane Moore, 805 E 82nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46240-2303. Last minute cancellations can be made by calling Jane Moore at 317-255-9527.

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Fall Board Meeting:
Saturday
September 23, 2006

**Thanksgiving
Member Meeting:
Saturday
November 18, 2006
90th Anniversary
Celebration
A special surprise will
be announced.**

Pilgrim Actor in the Indiana Schools

Our Indiana Society is busy organizing an elementary school program featuring a professional actor presenting himself as a Pilgrim. Our group will share funding of the presentation with the schools and will need to look to our membership for additional financial support to help make this possible. Kevin Stonerock has agreed to be a Pilgrim and will do educational programs throughout the state of Indiana. He will partner with the Indiana Mayflower Society. And he will begin his programming on November 1, 2006. If you would like to make a donation to this educational program, make your check out to the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants and send to the treasurer Graham Morey, 427 Avon Village Pkwy #212, Avon, IN 46123-8223. Be sure to write educational program on the memo line.

**Fall
Membership
Meeting:**

**Saturday
April 22, 2006**

**Film of:
King Phillip's War**

Governor's Message

By Robert Marr, Jr.—Indiana Society Governor

Dear Fellow Members:

Thank Heaven that spring has arrived! I always feel so much better knowing winter is behind us. Our Spring Member Meeting is coming up on April 22, 2006, at Woodstock Country Club in Indianapolis. After our brief meeting updating everyone on our various projects, scholarship awards, and lunch, we will see a movie about King Phillip's War. Being unfamiliar with the details of this conflict between the settlers and some of the Indian tribes, I found this movie fascinating. This war impacted the lives of all our relatives who were the second and third generation descendants of the original group that arrived on the Mayflower. I think everyone will find this movie stimulating and very thought provoking.

Your Board of Assistants just voted to implement a new educational project. Many of you will remember the historical character actor, Kevin Stonerock. He portrayed the part of an 18th century fur trapper at our Fall Member Meeting four years ago. The Board and Kevin have worked out a plan for him to portray a Pilgrim in programs presented in schools throughout Indiana. Kevin is very thorough in his character development and will be studying and doing research during the summer months to perfect his presentation. His research will include a trip to Plimoth Plantation Museum to work with their staff. We will be sure our friends there, Randy Joseph, Bil Orland and Peter Arenstam help him in this pursuit. If you are interested in having Kevin present his program at your children's or grandchildren's school, try to attend the upcoming

Spring Member Meeting for details, or contact me directly.

As most of you are aware, our good friend, Don Goss, passed away this last December. Don's good cheer, counsel and genuine love for his fellow human beings, is missed by us all. Among his many talents was that of being Editor of our Mayflower Newsletter, a position he held for many years. Both Don and his wife Betty were very proud of their Mayflower ancestry. Each exemplified the Christian values our ancestors cherished and sacrificed for. Our hearts go out to the Goss family for their loss.

At this time, we welcome our new Newsletter editor, Linda. Linda has graciously agreed to carry our Newsletter editor "standard" for the immediate future. Linda is a new Board of Assistance member and I know the entire Mayflower Society Membership offers her our support and thanks for her willingness to take on this important position. Please contact Linda with any newsletter business or questions.

Have a good Easter, and I hope see you all at the Spring Member Meeting, April 22.

Best regards,

Robert

Robert M. Marr
Governor

Indiana Mayflower Society Descendants

IN MEMORIAM

We have received notification of the deaths of the following members. Our deep condolences go to the families and friends of each of these Pilgrim "cousins:"

In Memoriam from Lynne M. Orvis, Historian

IN-572 Mary Lucile (Wilson) Kelley
b. 17 Mar 1915; d. 16 Sep 2005
Mayflower member: 24 Mar 1970
Ancestors: Rogers and Howland

IN-1078 Irene F. (Wagar) Oestrike
b. 17 Aug 1914; d. 7 Oct 2005
Mayflower Member: 14 Jun 1989
Ancestor: Bradford

IN-1167 Donald Carlton Goss
b. 14 Aug 1922; d. 23 Dec 2005
Mayflower Member 30 Jul 1998
Ancestor: White

Old Documents on Display and Open to the Public

The public is invited to view the Remnant Trust documents at a community open house on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 9 am-1 pm at Park Tudor School, 7200 N College Ave in Indianapolis. Documents will be on display in the Wood Room, Upper School.

The collection is on loan from the Remnant Trust, a public educational foundation headquartered in Hagerstown, Indiana. The Trust shares a growing collection of original and first-edition works dealing with the topics of liberty and dignity.

Fifty four world-renowned historical documents, including the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence, Emancipation Proclamation, a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible and more will be on display. What's more, readers are invited not only to view the documents, but to touch them as well. The documents on loan range in date from 1455 to 1900 and cover topics ranging from Roman history to economics and science. Authors include Virgil, Erasmus, Sir Isaac Newton, Galileo, Niccolo Machiavelli, Alexis de Tocqueville, Jean-



Jacques Rousseau, Sir Thomas More, John Locke, Thomas Paine, Thomas Aquinas, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Karl Marx, Andrew Carnegie and many others.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Plan on spending the morning of April 29 perusing old documents and invite your children and grandchildren.

New Members November 2005 through March 2006

From Historian Lynne Orvis

Ancestor ALDEN:

Steven Michael Ray

Indianapolis, IN

Approved: 19 Jan 2006

Andrew Charles Ray

Carmel, IN

Approved: 22 Feb 2006

Ancestor ALLERTON

Clarissa Kay Eckert

Indianapolis, IN

Approved 24 Feb 2006

Ancestor BREWSTER

Amanda Marie (Deal)

Cash

Indianapolis, IN

Approved 23 Dec 2005

Rachel Kay Deal

Indianapolis, IN

Approved 23 Dec 2005

Ancestor DOTY

Roberta Ruth (Reno)

Caito

Indianapolis, IN

Approved 16 Dec 2005

Ancestor HOPKINS

Brian Austin Riley

Columbus, IN

Approved: 30 Jan 2006

Jessica Michelle Riley

Columbus, IN

Approved: 30 Jan 2006

Ancestor: HOWLAND

Marlyn "Lyn" Joyce (Olsen)

Scheier

Fishers, IN

Approved: 20 Jan 2006

Ancestor: WHITE

Jonathan Wyatt Williams

Indianapolis, IN

Approved 8 Nov 2005

Charles Chadwick Williams

Westfield, IN

Approved 8 Nov 2005

Caitlin Kelley (Williams)

VanKersen

Indianapolis, IN

Approved 8 Nov 2005

Andrew David Russell

Centennial, CO

Approved: 31 Dec 2005

Ancestor: SOULE

Naomi Louise (Henderson)

Naik

Pleasantville, NY

Approved 28 Nov 2005

Jerome Alfred Henderson

Bonita Springs, FL

Approved: 16 Jan 2006

Paul Andrew Henderson

Cold Spring, NY

Approved: 16 Jan 2006

Ancestor: WARREN

Gary Eugene Rutherford

Bloomington, IN

Approved: 20 Jan 2006

Reinstatements 6 Jan 2006

Ancestor: ALLERTON

Gregory Allen Hurst

Indianapolis, IN

Org App: 23 Jun 1982

Paula Jennifer (Hurst)

Luxton Beller

Indianapolis, IN

Org App: 23 Jun 1982

Supplemental Approved

Robert Todd Griffin

Ancestor: Chilton

Approved 20 Jan 2006

Cynthia Johnson

Ancestor: Alden

Approved 2 Mar 2006

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Pilgrim "Pop" Quiz

Why did Pilgrims sometimes place old shoes within the walls of their homes?

Answer: Historians believe shoes were placed within walls, under the floors and within chimneys of the house to ward off evil spirits and ensure good luck to the occupants. Concealing shoes is an age-old custom, undertaken in secrecy, and so shrouded in silence that historians were not even aware of it until the middle of this century.

Its origins date from pagan customs of death and sacrifice, and while contemporary man might laugh at the thought of a shoe warding off evil, there are rare incidents of people hiding shoes in walls today.

Rusty Moore, master shoemaker at Plimoth Plantation, said the custom of placing shoes in the walls dates from the Middle Ages and was a family tradition. Historians have also concluded the custom is an outgrowth of the ancient earlier practice of sacrificing animals or infants within a new building as a sort of blessing. But why shoes? Because the leather is the skin of an animal. "Shoes", said Moore, "were valuable in the olden days; folks could only afford one pair at a time. Those found are usually worn completely away."

Please update us with any changes in your families status – change of address, change of name or any deaths.

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