



Gulf Coast Colony Mayflower News

-- June 18, 2018 --

May 19th Spring Meeting and Luncheon recap

On Saturday, May 19, 2018, members and guests of the Gulf Coast Colony gathered at Felix's Fish Camp Restaurant on the Causeway in Spanish Fort, Alabama, for the Colony's Spring Meeting and Luncheon. Attendees hailed from 7 different counties -- Baldwin, Covington, Mobile, Monroe and Montgomery Counties in Alabama as well as Escambia and Okaloosa Counties in Florida.

New Colony Lt. Governor Kevin Sellew called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Next, new Colony Elder Roger McCay read the Elder's Prayer. This was followed by the "roll call" affording members the opportunity to introduce themselves and their guests and state the name(s) of their Pilgrim ancestor(s).

The Pledge of Allegiance was omitted as there was no American flag present.

The Elder then read the Mayflower Compact and the Society Objects. The reading of the minutes from the November, 2017, meeting was omitted as they were unavailable.

Treasurer Jane Lies presented her report on the Colony's finances.

Next, new members who came on board since the last meeting were recognized:

- Jeremy Sellew - Theodore, Alabama
- Barbara LaGreca - Mobile, Alabama

■ Paul Harriman - Fairhope, Alabama

A memorial was offered in memory of recently deceased SMDAL and GCC member John Leo House of Andalusia, Alabama, with the Elder reading his obituary and offering our collective condolences to his family members who were in attendance.

Lt. Governor Kevin Sellew next went through a list of Colony projects. Details of each can be found later in this letter.

After lunch, our featured speaker, Alan M. Davis, newly-elected Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama, spoke about the many happenings at the state and national levels of the Mayflower Society.

The occasion wrapped up with drawings for six door prizes, group and head-shot photos of all members present, a Facebook Live! broadcast, then adjournment.

The photos can be found online at the Gulf Coast Colony's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GulfCoastMayflowerColony

The photos *and* the Facebook Live! video can be found online at the SMDAL Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/AlabamaMayflowerSociety



Check your closets and file drawers

Does anyone have anything that belongs to the Colony in their possession?

- banners, flags, photos, scrapbooks, correspondence, records of any kind.

Does anyone have a complete copy of the colony by-laws?



Colony Project -- Group Activities

At the May 19th meeting, Kevin Sellew expressed the goal of -- in addition to our two mandated gatherings per year -- scheduling one or two additional gatherings per year that are strictly social events. This would especially include activities that could attract our family members who are eligible for membership in the Mayflower Society so they can see that, not only do we honor and commemorate our Pilgrim ancestors and their lives, but we have **FUN** while doing it !!

Possibilities that are being considered include an annual "Family Reunion"-type event, a Dinner Cruise on a paddle wheeler, an excursion on a real wooden sailing vessel, a tour of the GulfQuest Museum, a tour of the Mobile Carnival Museum, a gathering at the Fort of Colonial Mobile and a Duck Boat tour, plus more "Meet and Eats" at unique eating establishments in Mobile and Baldwin Counties and even other counties in South Alabama.

Your feedback is welcome. Just send an email message or call Kevin with your constructive thoughts and ideas. His contact info is at end of this letter.



Colony Project -- Stuff to Sell

We are looking at different Mayflower-themed items for the Colony to sell to grow our treasury so as to not have to worry about the cost of our activities. Right now we're looking at two different t-shirt designs. More later.



Colony Project -- An Educational Seminar

We are currently working to bring a renowned Mayflower researcher and speaker to Mobile for a Saturday afternoon seminar. More later.



Colony Project -- Pedigrees of Famous Alabamians

Kevin has created family trees for these "famous" Alabamians in the hopes of finding Mayflower ancestors. Not all were born in Alabama, but they are all identified with our great state in one way or another.

1. AJ McCarron (Brewster descendant)
2. Alabama Band members
3. Alabama Governor Kay Ivey
4. Auburn Head Coach Gus Malzahn
5. Channing Tatum
6. Congressman Bradley Byrne
7. Courtney Cox
8. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions
9. Jim Nabors
10. Jimmy/Lucy Buffett
11. Lucas Black
12. Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson
13. The Band Perry members

Can you think of any others?

If you are willing to help with this project, please contact Kevin. You would have to have online access to work on this project.



Colony Project -- 2020 Mardi Gras Float

We are currently exploring the possibility and feasibility of having a Mayflower replica Mardi Gras float for the 2020 and maybe even as soon as the 2019 carnival

season. Plus, we would enter the float in any other area parades that will have us (Christmas parade, St. Patrick's Day parade, Labor Day parade, etc.)

If Mardi Gras is in your blood and you would like to work on this project, contact Kevin Sellew.

The California Mayflower Society intends to enter a float in the 2020 Rose Bowl Parade. Guess they overheard us.



Colony Project -- Mayflower Brochure Distribution

If you would be willing to help with distributing Mayflower brochures to libraries, archives and other appropriate venues around South Alabama, please contact Kevin Sellew.



Colony Project -- Virtual Speakers

At the May 19th meeting, Kevin talked about how rare it is to find speakers in our local area who can speak on Mayflower related topics and expressed his desire to bring speakers to our meetings virtually -- meaning by video over the internet in real time -- meaning LIVE !! We're working on the possibilities.

If you have expertise in this area, your input would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kevin.



Any Quilters Out There?

We want to have a Mayflower/Pilgrim-themed quilt made to use for a Colony fund-raiser. If you can help with this project, please contact Kevin Sellew.



DAR/SAR Patriot to Pilgrim Project

As more and more information becomes available on the internet, descendants are reaching out to connect their Revolutionary War Patriot with the Mayflower Society. Many Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution Societies (DAR and SAR) are asking if they also have an ancestral tie to a *Mayflower* passenger and are interested in finding how they may become a member.

Read more at: www.TheMayflowerSociety.org/patriot-to-passenger



NEHGS has a new Mayflower Page

The New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston has erected a new web page on their site devoted to the Pilgrims and the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

If you are a Mayflower descendant, you can add yourself to this page:

<https://Mayflower.AmericanAncestors.org/>



Save the Date !!

Our Compact Day Commemoration is ***tentatively*** scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2018. Details will be available soon.



Feel Free to Pass It On !!

You can forward this message to others who you know are potential members of SMDAL and GCC. Just make sure they see that **YOU** forwarded it to them. We don't want any SPAM complaints. Also, please print it out and provide it to your offline family members who are eligible.



Current Colony Officers:

Lt. Governor: Kevin Sellw - Theodore, Alabama

Asst. Lt. Governor: (Vacant)

Secretary: Brenda Gouge - Andalusia, Alabama

Treasurer: Jane Lies - Pensacola, Florida

Elder: Roger McCay - Monroeville, Alabama

Captain: (Vacant)

Facebook Page Admins:

Lee McKenzie - Mandeville, Louisiana

Kevin Sellw - Theodore, Alabama



Until next time, I remain...

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Yours in Kindred Spirit,

Kevin Sellev

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