

# ALABAMA PILGRIM

A Newsletter for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama  
October, 2012

## ANNUAL MEETING

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.  
The Club, Birmingham, AL

*Guest Speaker – Rev. John Killian*  
*A talk from the American Revolution*

Dr. John Killian was born in Birmingham and grew up in Wylam, a steel mill community on the Westside of Birmingham. His Father was a steelworker and Mother a homemaker. John is the youngest of four children. Dr. Killian earned his Doctor of Ministry degree and Masters from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and a BA from Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Killian has been married for 34 years to Martha Jeanice (Jeanie). Mrs. Killian teaches 2nd grade at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. The Killians have two children, John Jr., who serves with Young Adult Volunteers in Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK, and Sarah, who works as a producer at WVTM- TV 13 (NBC affiliate) in Birmingham.

Since 1998, Dr. Killian has served as Pastor of Maytown Baptist Church of Maytown, Alabama. In addition he was elected First Vice President, Alabama Baptist State Convention in 2010 and he is the Past President of the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution. He is a Three-time winner of the John Randolph of Roanoke Oration Contest---national contest on historical speaking and he was appointed by Gov Bentley to the State Health Coordinating Council. Dr. Killian currently serves as Chaplain to the Alabama Republican Party.



Dr. John Killian

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

We had a terrific meeting in Huntsville in May and our thanks go to the Tennessee Valley Colony for their hospitality. Besides the induction ceremony, the program, and the delicious meal, one of the highlights was the time we had with Ellie Lienau's mother, Mrs. Margorie Smith, who passed away just a few weeks later.

I have large shoes to fill since Gov. Mary Helen Mahan's term ended, but I intend to move forward with Mary Helen's same level of commitment and enthusiasm for our heritage.

What a blessing it is to be a Mayflower descendant! We share a rich history that has shaped a Nation, and the world. Let's continue our emphasis on membership so that we may keep this history alive for generations to come. The meetings are worthwhile when you are there. May God bless you and I look forward to seeing you on October 20, 2012.

Rich Hobson

**This is an abridged version from Assistant General, Ann Ferguson**

**You have to come to the Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting for the full version!!!**

General Society of Mayflower Descendants, General Board of Assistants Meeting

Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

September 8, 2012

Alabama's Deputy Governor General (DGG) Alan Davis and Assistant General (AG) Ann Ferguson (moi), attended the General Board of Assistants meeting September 8, 2012, at the Wyndham Hotel in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, located across the Delaware River, about fifteen miles from Philadelphia. Spouses Darlene and John also made the trip. There were 160 total attendees from 40 state Societies with 184 members of GBOA and 24 governors. Presided over by Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle, the meeting went well and we all were given a great deal of information and news. It was very evident that this Governor General and his Executive Committee had collaborated and accomplished a great deal in the one year since the 2011 Congress in Plymouth when they were elected. Highlights:

**(Ann included 17 highlights in her report. Come to the meeting for your FREE copy!)**

As always, John and I enjoyed the trip itself. We spent the week preceding the meeting immersing ourselves in about 300+ years of American history, *backwards*, at various sites throughout Pennsylvania. We made a 2-day stop in Gettysburg and were emotionally drained after hearing in detail about the 3-day battle there, the bloodiest conflict of the Civil War, and actually seeing where all events took place in July of 1863. It was easy to imagine the noise, chaos, fear, bravery, injury, and death gazing upon the impressive statue of General Robert E. Lee astride his faithful horse Traveller, directly facing the statue of General George Meade across an open field a mile away, at the site of Pickett's charge. While in Gettysburg, we also visited Dwight D. Eisenhower's black angus farm where he retired following his presidency.

Since we actually spent three nights *tent-camping* (and survived the rain of Isaac which missed us at home in Alabama but proceeded north and east so that we rendezvoused in Pennsylvania – Isaac would not be denied. Same thing happened to us last year with Irene), MY reward was to spend a night at the Cameron Estate Bed and Breakfast Inn in Lancaster County, PA, which dates to 1805 and was once owned by President Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War. The inn was lovely and the breakfast was the yummiest I have ever had! While in Lancaster we visited Wheatland, home of the bachelor president, James Buchanan, who served before Lincoln and actually was more than happy to be a one-term president and retire back to Wheatland with secession of the Southern states in full progress. We spent about a full day driving around the Amish countryside of Lancaster County admiring the picturesque farms with corn growing in the fields (lots of it) and tobacco drying in the barns. We saw 2-wheeled and 4-wheeled roadworthy buggies pulled by beautiful horses and driven by women with children as much as by men. And we saw men in the fields with huge draft horses pulling farm equipment. It was a wake-up call that perhaps we do not need as much technology in our lives as most of us have now.

We then continued to proceed backward in time to Valley Forge, the site of General George Washington's Continental Congress' winter encampment of 1778. While in Valley Forge we picnicked by a quaint 150-year old covered bridge. Then backing up in time again, we arrived in Philadelphia, the heart of our American democracy. And we toured Independence Hall with America's "most famous room," where the Continental Congress appointed George Washington general of the Continental Army, where the Declaration of Independence was approved in 1776, and our Constitution created in 1787. My final stop backward in time was the gathering of all the GSMD friends from all across this country and the reminder of our connection to a handful of folks who in 1620 stepped out in faith and voyaged to these shores to start it all.

Submitted,

Ann Ferguson

Assistant General, Alabama Society of Mayflower Descendants

## RESERVATION FORMS ON LAST PAGE

**In Memorium:** Our prayers go to the families of Mrs. Margorie Smith from the Tennessee Valley Colony, who passed away on May 25, 2012, and Mr. Mack J. Smith from LeGrand, Alabama, a life member of the Capital Colony, who passed away on 8/19/12.

### CURRENT OFFICERS

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Deputy Gov. General - Alan Davis, 334.270.8657  
Assistant General – Ann Ferguson, 256.234.4460  
Deputy Governor – Ellie Lienau, 256.852.4802  
Secretary - Alan Davis, 334.270.8657  
Elder – Ruby Hassell, 334.358.2361  
Captain – Anne Kilgrow, 334.669-1826  
Historian - Charlotte Hobson, 334.897.3510  
Librarian - Carol Kitchens, 256.748.4056  
Assistants – Ann Ferguson, 256.234.4460  
Monte Horton, 205.798.9987  
Pam Pittman, 334.279.7976  
Deen Rice, 256.533.4991

We are here to serve The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama. Anytime that we can assist you please let us know. We need your help, input, suggestions and support. Thanks

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Since May, we have one new member, **Susan Irene Hatter Crowson**, 1219 Elmira Street  
Mobile AL 36604-2347

We extend a warm welcome to you and hope to see you on October 20th.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS - STATE MEETING - SAVE THE DATE

**May 4, 2012      Annual Meeting      Gulf Coast!!!**

#### ALABAMA MAYFLOWER SOCIETY 2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

\_\_\_ Annual Dues (\$25)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ 9-digit Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Friends of the Alabama Mayflower Society Dues (\$20)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different than above \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to AL member \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate a colony to affiliate with:

\_\_\_ Capital    \_\_\_ Gulf Coast    \_\_\_ Tennessee Valley    \_\_\_ None

Send check payable to Alabama Mayflower Society to:

Mary Helen Mahan, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 230893  
Montgomery, AL 36123

The society can save the money of sending post cards if your dues are received by the end of the year.

## SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

### STATE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The *Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Alabama* met on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in The Huntsville Country Club, Huntsville, Alabama. The following Officers were present:

**Governor** – Mary Helen Mahan  
**Deputy Governor** – Rich Hobson  
**Secretary** – Alan M. Davis  
**Treasurer** – Ellie Lienau  
**Historian** –Charlotte Hobson  
**Elder**- Not present  
**Captain**- Chris Gender  
**Librarian**- Whitney Hobson Craig

**Board of Assistant 1**-Ann Ferguson  
**Board of Assistant 2**-Monte Horton  
**Board of Assistant 3**-Deen Rice  
**Board of Assistant 4**- Not present  
**Deputy Governor General.** – Alan M. Davis  
**Assistant General** –Ann Ferguson  
**Lt. Gov. Gulf Coast Col**- Not present  
**Lt. Gov. Cap Col**- Alan m. Davis  
**Lt. Gov. TN. Val. Col** -Marie Karlson

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**Governor** Mary Helen Mahan called the meeting to order at 11:12 o'clock a.m.

Marie Karlson, Lt. Gov. Tennessee Valley Colony, read the *Elder's Prayer*, *The Mayflower Compact*, and the *Objects of the Society* and led the meeting in reciting of *The Pledge of Allegiance* to the United States Flag.

Roll call was held and the members who were present introduced themselves, their guest and listed their ancestor(s).

The Minutes of the November 12, 2011 meeting were distributed via Newsletter through E-Mail and postal mail and they were approved as presented.

Governor, Mahan handed out copies of her report and she reported that she E-mailed 95 and mailed out 78 copies of the Newsletter to our membership and prospective members for the Annual Meeting. In an effort to reduce the cost of postage she asked all present if they wanted to receive the newsletter via E-mail please let her know. Also if anyone had information changes please let the secretary or treasurer know so that the necessary changes can be made. She also reported that she is continuing to keep the mailing list up to date. She had also completed a financial review of the records of our accounts at Regions Bank and that they were in order. She thanked Ellie Lienau for her work as treasurer. She also had contacted Plymouth to have the information corrected on the brick our Society purchased for the garden walkway at the Pilgrim House.

Deputy Governor Rich Hobson thanked everyone for coming today to the first State Meeting in Huntsville. He announced that the Compact Day Meeting will be on in Birmingham at The Club on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2012. He also announced that we will tentatively plan on having our next Annual meeting in the Gulf Coast area next Spring on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Deputy Governor General, Alan M. Davis reported that he will attend the General Board of Assistants Meeting at Mount Laurel New Jersey on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Assistant General, Ann Ferguson, was not present but sent word that she will attend the General Board of Assistants Meeting as well.

The Secretary, Alan Davis reported that he is working on updating our membership list Bonnie Conant of the General Historian's office in Plymouth to have the year-end report coincide with their list in Plymouth. He also reminded everyone to please sign the Attendance book if they haven't.

The Treasurer, Ellie Lienau, gave her report: She reported that she sent in the assessment per capita to the General Secretary. We have one hundred seventeen (117) regular Members, fifty-six (56) Life Members, and that after she

mailed out the dues and resent to those who had not paid four (4) were new members, one (1) waived active membership, Six (6) were sent by certified mail. She reported that the last payment was made to Pilgrim Hall of our pledged donation. She also read a Thank-You note from the National Cemetery in Montevallo. (A copy of the full report is attached).

The Historian, Charlotte Hobson, reported that there are eighteen (18) sets of working papers, four (4) new members. The Elder, was not present. No report but it was asked if anyone who knew of a member's passing please let her know. The Captain, Chris Gender had no report.

The Librarian, Whitney Hobson Craig reported that she is working on the year books and that some of the older ones are getting old and brittle and it was discussed at the Board of Assistants meeting and approved to authorize her to purchased two (2) external hard drives (computer) to store scanned documents.

Alan M. Davis, Lt. Gov. of the Capital Colony, announced that their meeting is tentatively planned for the end of June, speaker to be determined. Marie Karlson, Lt. Gov. of the Tennessee Valley Colony reported that this meeting will serve as their meeting. Robert Howell, Lt. Gov. of the Gulf Coast Colony, was not present but it was announced that their meeting will be Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in the East Dining Room of Westminister Village and their program will be presented by Claudia Campbell, President of the Fort Mims Restoration Association.

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**UNDER OLD BUSINESS:**

Ann Ferguson, Kathryn Porter and Deen Rice will serve on the Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers for the 2012-2015 term. It was moved and seconded that we accept the slate as presented. The motion was voted on and approved. The following will serve:

Governor	Richard L. Hobson, Jr.	Board of Assistants	Deen Rice
Deputy Governor	Eleanor Lienau		Ann Ferguson
Secretary	Alan M. Davis		Monte Horton
Treasurer	Mary Helen Mahan		Pam Pittman
Historian	Charlotte Hobson	<b>Deputy Governor General</b>	Alan M. Davis
Elder	Ruby Hassell	<b>Assistant General</b>	Ann Ferguson
Captain	Ann Kilgrow		
Librarian	Carol Kitchens		

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**UNDER NEW BUSINESS**

It was discussed to have the May 2013 meeting in the Mobile area.

Ken Mahan was asked to serve as Master of Ceremonies and duly installed the officers for the ensuing term.

There being no further business before the Annual Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 noon o'clock a.m. by Governor Mary Helen Mahan.

Richard Hobson, incoming Governor, presented Mary Helen with the Past Governor's medal.

After the meeting a delicious meal was served our speaker was Mrs. Shirley Mohler who works in the Huntsville area with the Early Works Museum, Alabama Constitution Village, and the Huntsville Depot and Museum. She spoke on interesting facts concerning signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Davis, Secretary

**ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATIONS**

**I will attend the Annual Meeting and Luncheon October 20, 2012 at 11:00 am.**  
The Club  
1 Robert S. Smith Dr., **Birmingham, AL 35209**

Cost - \$26.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to attend  
\_\_\_\_\_ # Guests I am bringing (Please include their names)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed

Return to be received by October 15, 2012 to: **Ellie Lienau**  
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**WE'LL SEE YOU IN BIRMINGHAM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>!!!!**

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