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Governor Vicki Smith receives the gavel from Past Governor Sumner Hunnewell

From the Past Governor's Quill

It's been a great four years as your Governor. I thought it would be appropriate to share with you what your Board of Assistants has accomplished during this time. Looking over all of the items, it's hard to imagine all of this transpired during the unprecedented time of the mad rush of the 400th anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower* as well as a global pandemic.

New initiatives or long-overdue actions:

- Our Governor General attended our Spring 2022 luncheon.
- We improved our communication for membership inquiries.

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From the Governor's Quill

Greetings for the season from Kansas City, Missouri. I'm Vicki Smith, the new Governor for the Missouri Mayflower Society. I'm thrilled beyond measure to be serving the Society. For those who do not know me, I grew up in west St. Louis County, in what is now Wildwood, Missouri, on land that had been in my family since 1797. After graduating from law school, I headed to Kansas City where I have been living for about 30 years. My mother had been the family genealogist, and I grew up knowing the stories of her lines and their beginnings at Jamestowne. I knew my father had revolutionary war ancestors and that some of his people were early in New England, but I did not grow up knowing my *Mayflower* ancestry. I was working on a DAR supplemental for a new patriot on my dad's side, when I decided to work harder and try to actually figure out the maiden name of his wife. Lo and behold this line led back to Richard Warren. I never knew what finding a *Mayflower* ancestor would mean to me, until I discovered this line.

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- We initiated cost cutting measures of requesting available email addresses, using email rather than printed invitations, and requiring Life members to contact us once a year to remain on the GSMD rolls.
- We increased our fundraising for our scholarship fund. This included the creation of pins, a commemorative medal, t-shirts, and the Landolfi String Quartet compact disk. We started silent auctions at our Spring and Mayflower Compact luncheons.
- We created and distributed a membership directory.
- We updated our 20-year-old bylaws.
- We started participating in St. Louis's Thanksgiving Day parades
- We recreated the Mayflower/Forefathers' Day Toast (virtually for 2020 but in-person in 2021).
- We sent out get-well cards to members who needed them as well as welcome notes to new members.
- We created 50-, 60-, 70-year membership framed certificates for members who reached those milestones.
- We received a Governor's Proclamation from Missouri Gov. Parson for the 400th anniversary of the landing of the *Mayflower*.
- We had bricks placed on the Historian Brick Walkway in Plymouth.
- Missouri was represented at the 2021 and 2022 General Board of Assistants meeting.
- We registered our Society with Missouri's Secretary of State, which helps limit the Society's liability. We also purchased liability insurance for our Society's officers and events.
- We purchased Colony Governor medals, recognizing the hard work of those officers.
- We transitioned and updated our website to put it under our control. We engaged a very competent Webmaster.
- We started inviting prospective members to luncheons.
- We have entered the 21st century and now allow electronic payment for dues, donations, and various events.

And we had these on-going and necessary tasks.

- Since 2019, 136 new members were approved as of September and dozens of supplemental applications accepted.
- We have two active Colonies in the Kansas City and Springfield areas.
- We provided challenging questions and reviewed essays of dozens of high school seniors, awarding \$3000 in scholarships each year.
- We have a robust group of Juniors, who are engaged at least once a year.
- We have had outstanding luncheons and meetings in various places across the state.
- We transitioned the important offices of Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.
- We had multiple school visits, telling the story of the *Mayflower*—hoping that this will continue into the future.
- We send in periodic news items for the *Mayflower Quarterly*.
- We continue to purchase new *Silver Books* for three libraries across the state.
- We publish the *Missouri Compact* three times per year for the benefit of our members.

Plans for the future still include these tasks:

- Investing our money as a funding vehicle for our on-going scholarship efforts
- Retrieving our Mayflower Society files and sending them to the Mercantile Library for safe-keeping.
- Although we have accomplished much, we have had some setbacks. We lost past officers Barbara Morris, Ralph Hayward, James Shoemaker, and Peggy Stroh. So much planned for the 400th anniversary was scuttled or derailed at the national, state, and colony levels due to the pandemic. Still, our State Society is a strong one due to a strong Board of Assistants and membership participation.

It has been my pleasure to be our state's Governor for the last four years.

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I can only wish my father had lived to know; I can only imagine his reaction—he would have made light of it in the way he laughed about everything, while his coat buttons would have popped off with the pride of his swelling chest. It makes me smile to think of it. In addition to the Mayflower Society, I am a member of a few other lineage societies including: Ancient and Heraldic and Chivalric Order of Albion, National Order of the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe, Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Colonial Dames of America, Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors, Baronial Order of Magna Charta, National Society Americans of Royal Descent, Society of the Descendants of Knights of the Garter, Jamestowne Society, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, and One Hundred Living Descendants of Blood Royal.

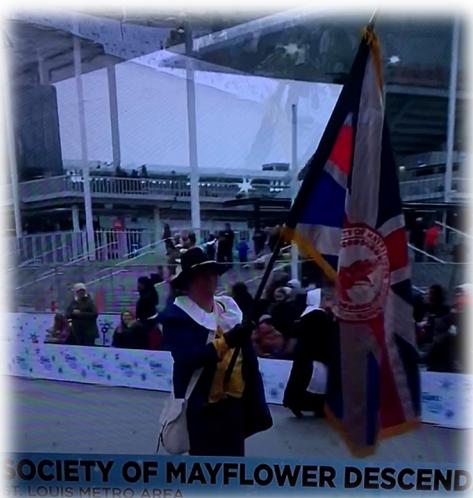
I look forward to the next two years—and look forward to hearing from the members. It is a society for all of us, and I’d love to have the opportunity to get even more of our members actively involved. This family bond of ours must be celebrated. Feel free to reach out to me at anytime at vicki.smith.1620@gmail.com.

Thanks for Giving Parade 2022

ST. LOUIS, NOVEMBER 24

This year’s St. Louis Thanksgiving Day parade had a lot going for it. First off, the route was much shorter. It ended where people parked (avoiding another wait for a bus ride back to a parking lot). Also, the weather was much more reasonable.

What hurt was the lack of participation! Captain Sumner and Sylvia Hunnewell were the only volunteers. We had pounds and pounds of candy corn, most of which we handed out by Sylvia back and forth across the six-block route. Everyone was happy to see “the Pilgrims”



Again, we were placed at the front of the parade. Grand Marshal Nikki Glaser was behind us (“Who is she?” we said, having no clue about pop culture — that night

flipping through the channels, she was unmasked on the *Masked Singer*). For the first time in three parade, we were not buried between other groups, so the Society was mentioned on KMOV-TV Channel 4. *The parade organizer was very happy to have us participate.*



*Consider walking with us next year!
We live 25 miles from downtown St. Louis and were home just after 10 a.m.*



2022 Annual Business Luncheon

WEBSTER GROVES, C. J. MUGGS, SEPTEMBER 24

We once again frequented C. J. Muggs, an accommodating restaurant with an attentive staff, for our annual business luncheon. Small tables led to convivial conversation before the business meeting started



Officer reports were distributed to attendees as well as prior meeting minutes, which were approved.

Marietta Boenker's nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates, who were elected.

Governor, Vicki Smith

Deputy Governor, Terri Hardy

Corresponding Secretary, Julia Jackson

Recording Secretary, Ann R. McReynolds

Treasurer, Dustin Peetz

Historian, Debra Hovis

Counselor, Allen Garner

Surgeon, Dr. Scott Harris

Elder, Fred Evermon

Captain, Sumner Hunnewell

Assistants: Marietta Boenker, Damon Hayward, Joan McCready,

Marla Moore, Don Palmer, and Christy Scott

Committee Chairs

Communications: Marietta Boenker

Juniors: Christy Scott

Website: Joan McCready

Scholarship: Marla Moore

Newsletter: Sumner Hunnewell

Education: *vacant*



The only new business to come before the assembly was the purchase of candy corn for the St. Louis Thanksgiving Parade. The motion to purchase \$200 of the "dentist's delight" was approved.

2022 Mayflower Compact Luncheon

TOWN & COUNTRY, HEARTH ROOM CAFE, NOVEMBER 19

We tried a new restaurant this year for our Compact Luncheon, where we were seated four to a table. This made for a cozier atmosphere and hopefully we met someone new in the process. As a part of his ‘goodbye’ outgoing Governor Hunnewell supplied the dessert—45 five-inch pecan pies.

He also gave the program “The Pequot War: Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody (from Plymouth) Came,” which will be featured in the next *Missouri Compact*. The upshot of the paper was that by the time that Plymouth Colony would enter the war, it was essentially over.

After the reading of the *Mayflower Compact*, where some members got more exercise than others, standing when their ancestors’ names were called, a surprised Lovis Brodbeck was called up. This past July, Lovis passed the 50-year mark as a member of the Mayflower Society. She was presented with a framed certificate. She said she would hang it with her original membership certificate.

We had a very good silent auction that netted us about \$350 for our scholarship fund. Many thanks to donors Leslie Richards, Breanna McCready, Joan McCready, and Marietta Boenker.

We then installed our officers for the 2022-24 term. The gavel was passed to our new Governor Vicki Smith of Kansas City. She announced that a brick would be placed in the Garden Walkway at the Mayflower House in Plymouth in honor of past Governor Hunnewell. She made a gracious speech before the meeting was adjourned. Chaplain Evermon gave the benediction.



Officers Sworn in for the 2022-24 term

Assistant and Webmaster Joan McCready
Corresponding Secretary Julia Jackson
Governor Vicki Smith
Recording Secretary Ann McReynolds
Captain Sumner Hunnewell
Chaplain Fred Evermon

Colony News

GREATER OZARKS COLONY, OCTOBER 22, SPRINGFIELD

The Greater Ozarks Colony of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Missouri held its Fall meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant on October 22, 2022. Seven members, one presumptive member, and five guests were present.

State Elder Fred Everman and his sidekick Archie (dressed as a pilgrim) visited with the members as they arrived for the meeting.

Our program was presented by Renee Glass of The Library Center's Local History department. She put together a bibliography of books besides the "silver Mayflower" books that the Springfield Greene County Library has available to patrons and how to use the catalog to find them.

Kathryn Anderson won the coin collection that State Elder Fred Everman donated.

The meeting concluded with reading the minutes from the last meeting and the Treasurer's report. Next year's Spring meeting of the Greater Ozark Colony will be on March 25, 2023, at the Golden Corral Restaurant on North Kansas Expressway in Springfield.



Speaker Renee Glass

FRED AND ARCHIE

BY DR. FRED EVERMON, STATE ELDER & HEART OF AMERICA COLONY ELDER AND TREASURER



I got Archie in 1976 for over a month's pay, around \$276. His wood-carved head would have cost me \$3,000 during that time, so I decided to try other features due to the expense.

He has a very large trunk that he "lives" in with tons of joke and songs books, plus several changes of clothes. Archie is six years old and wears size six clothes, and I had to buy him a better outfit at Kmart when he came. That is the outfit I have him dressed in for our promotion photo.

Archie has deer skin for his lower jaw. It was a new technique just starting out by a man named Clinton Detweiler in Colorado, who ran the Fred Maher Ventriloquist Studios.

Archie and I traveled all over Oklahoma, putting on banquet shows. I paid for most of my senior year of college doing banquets on Friday and Saturday nights.

A couple of years ago, I dressed him up as a pilgrim and started taking him to several Mayflower meetings to visit with members as they arrived for the meetings. He got many photo ops with a lot of members.

He sometimes says things that a six-year-old boy would say (things if I said them would get me into trouble). He's just a typical six-year-old. He always tells children the history of the pilgrims at Plymouth. Hopefully, everyone who meets him gets a good laugh and has a good time visiting with him. I know I do.



HEART OF AMERICA COLONY, NOVEMBER 12, SPRINGFIELD

The Heart of America Colony met November 12, 2022, in Lee's Summit for the Fall Luncheon. With 38 members and guests present, a lovely Thanksgiving feast was enjoyed by all. This meeting was devoted to recognizing and learning about the Fisher House Kansas City. Our special guest was Jessica Barszczak, acting manager of Fisher House KC. Jessica made a wonderful presentation of the work of the Fisher House which is next to the VA Hospital in Kansas City. The need for funds to provide food, household supplies and basic upkeep was explained and the Colony rose to the challenge with a gift of \$318. It was an informational and productive meeting.



A light moment with secretary Marilyn Feaste

The Fisher House is a non-profit organization that builds a multi-bedroom house near Veterans Administration hospitals. Family members of hospitalized veterans can stay there for free. It is fully equipped with a kitchen, living room, dining room, &c.

There are two houses, one in Kansas City and one in St. Louis. Another is under construction in Columbia.

Various patriotic and hereditary societies have assisted with the houses by cooking meals and other tasks to make the veterans' families stay easier.



Speaker Jessica Barszczak

How I Came to Find My *Mayflower* Ancestor

Joan Wingert McCready

When I was twelve years old, my mother died. She had been “poorly” for a couple of decades, but a 12-year-old doesn’t really understand death of someone so important to her. Yes, I had attended my grandmother’s funeral when I was in fifth grade, but she was OLD when she died. And my uncle Robert had died of a heart attack, so that was understandable.

My mother and her little brother, my Uncle DeFro, had been close despite the eight years between their births, and they both had young children, unlike their three older siblings whose children were grown and had young grandchildren. Our family and Uncle De’s family would get together one Sunday a month, alternating homes, for dinner and family time, and a couple of months after my mother’s death, we were having Sunday dinner at Uncle De and Aunt Nancy’s house. I don’t remember how it came up, but I must have mentioned something about wanting to know more about my ancestors, so while my younger brother played with our three cousins, Uncle De showed me his genealogy research. I left his house that Sunday evening with two important family history facts – a hand-drawn “5- generation” chart and the claim that I was a *Mayflower* descendant.



1997 Tossey Family reunion, Troy, Ohio

The descendants of Zibe Tossey, son of Aaron Tossey and Elizabeth Delano. The gentleman in the middle of the middle row (white shirt) is DeFro Tossey, Jr and the gentleman to his left (with the walker) is my father, Jesse Wingert. I am standing behind my father, holding our three-year old daughter, Breana.

The next day, when I got to my 7th-grade Ohio History class, I was fired up. In the middle of discussing whatever the lesson was that day, I raised my hand and told the teacher and my classmates that I was descended from Richard Warren of the *Mayflower*. My teacher looked at me for a long second, then stated, “You can’t be a *Mayflower* descendant – you don’t live in Massachusetts!” As my classmates dissolved into laughter, I slunk down behind my textbook.

Fast forward to August 2000, when my Uncle De died suddenly the day after we had been together at our annual family reunion – this time at my brother’s house, with my dad, Uncle De and Aunt Nancy, and numerous cousins. My father passed the day before Thanksgiving that same year, and when we got together for Christmas, I was feeling lost. Uncle De’s son had been helping his mother sort through his dad’s papers, and he lent me two huge boxes of Uncle De’s genealogy research. I brought it home with me and spent the next several months sorting through these precious records. I got a shock to see some of the notes were in my mother’s handwriting – she had been helping when she could with his research, especially going to the Columbus, Ohio, courthouse when she went to a doctor’s appointment there while my brother and I were in school.

There, also, was the lineage through my 3rd-great grandparents, Aaron Tossey and Elizabeth Delano, back to Philip Delano through his son, Lieut. Jonathan Delano (7th great-grandfather) and his wife, Mercy Warren, granddaughter of Richard Warren! My uncle had been right!

It took a few years to gather the needed documents, but in 2003, I became a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants through Richard Warren. As happens with too many *Mayflower* members, I paid my membership for two or three years, but I had children of my own and a job, and I let my membership lapse until I retired in 2016, at which time I was reinstated to the Missouri Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Oh, yes, my 7th-grade Ohio History teacher had also been proven wrong – you don’t need to live in Massachusetts to be a *Mayflower* descendant!

In this year...History of the GSMD

125 years ago in 1897

“Twenty-seven delegates from the first four State Societies [New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania] met in Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on January 12, 1897, for the purpose of organizing the ‘General Society of Mayflower Descendants.’“ The Illinois Society was chartered.

100 years ago in 1922

Discussions in the GSMD centered around a permanent memorial and information center at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Hopes were that Massachusetts would allow the incorporation of the GSMD. The Nebraska Society was chartered. Membership total: 4,738.

75 years ago in 1947

The GSMD celebrates its golden jubilee with a celebration at the Union League, Philadelphia. It established an endowment fund. In November, a fire started in the Historian General’s office at the NEHGS Library. The fire destroyed almost all of the GSMD’s lineage papers. The Mississippi, Oklahoma, and North Dakota Societies are chartered. Membership total: 6,800.

50 years ago in 1972

The Mayflower Families through Five Generations project still did not have anything ready to publish to the disappointment of many. It was thought that five families might be covered in the first book. Membership total: 14,717.

From the Duane A. Cline’s *Centennial History: General Society of Mayflower Descendants 1897-1997* (1999).

Welcome New Members!

New members—some newly discovered cousins

- ✿ **Judith Ann (née Gosney) Haggard**, Kennett, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Larry Richard Garrison**, Kansas City, descendant of Francis Cooke
- ✿ **Donna M. (née Porter) Ivanka**, Kansas City, descendant of Thomas Rogers
- ✿ **Molly Hyland Ittner**, St. Louis, descendant of George Soule
- ✿ **Jean Anne Preall**, Wentzville, descendant of John Howland
- ✿ **Claudia Joan (née Weed)**, Lee's Summit, descendant of John Alden
- ✿ **Linda Nadine (née Weed)**, Leawood, Kansas, descendant of John Alden
- ✿ **Kathryn Mary (née Fullerton) Williams**, Harrisonville, descendant of Henry Sampson
- ✿ **Janell Wagner Henry**, St. Joseph, descendant of Edward Fuller
- ✿ **Eric Wayne Bales**, Columbia, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Kristina Lorraine (née Cronk) Bales**, Columbia, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Patrick Goodman Hadlow**, St. Louis, descendant of John Alden
- ✿ **Virginia Ann (née Hudson) Young**, Lee's Summit, descendant of Thomas Rogers
- ✿ **Mildred Dee (née Meeker) Neff**, St. Louis, descendant of Richard Warren
- ✿ **Andy Brian Stagner**, Ozark, descendant of John Howland
- ✿ **Jesse Edward Fuller**, Apple Valley, Minnesota, descendant of Edward Fuller
- ✿ **Travis Jared Fuller**, O'Fallon, descendant of Edward Fuller
- ✿ **Katherine Fontaine (née Jones) Martin**, Livingston, Montana, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Christine Elizabeth Glazier**, Liberty, descendant of William Bradford
- ✿ **Connie Lucille (née Simmons) Lee**, Odessa, descendant of Thomas Rogers
- ✿ **David Paletta Jones**, Kirkwood, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Elizabeth Anne Bousiquot (née Jones) Schulze**, Kirkwood, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Cameron Daniel Schulze**, Kirkwood, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Christopher Daniel Schulze**, Kirkwood, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Nicholas Flynn Schulze**, Kirkwood, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Alex Daniel Jones**, Spring Hill, Tennessee, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Daniel Hough Jones, Jr.**, Nashville, Tennessee, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Jean Louise Pufahl Vincent**, Bolivar, descendant of William Bradford

Newly Approved Supplements

- ✿ **Jeffrey Paul Pechauer**, Webster Groves, descendant of Giles Hopkins
- ✿ **Sumner Gary Hunnewell**, Arnold, descendant of Stephen and Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins, Edward Doty, Francis Cooke, and Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins
- ✿ **Phyllis Judene**, Platte City, descendant of William and Mary Brewster, Giles Hopkins, Edward Doty, John Howland, John, Joan (Hurst) and Elizabeth Tilley
- ✿ **Julia Mae (née Hord) Thomas**, Lee's Summit, descendant of Francis Cooke
- ✿ **Debra Kay (née La Page) Hovic**, Kansas City, descendant of Edward Doty and Stephen Hopkins
- ✿ **Suzanne Lorraine (née Griffin) Kmet**, Gravois Mills, descendant of George Soule
- ✿ **Joan Wingert McCready**, Festus, descendant of Francis Cooke, John Cooke, and Henry Samson
- ✿ **Jean Anne Preall**, Wentzville, descendant of Elizabeth Tilley

- ✿ **Patricia Bowerman Job**, Delaware, Oklahoma, descendant of William Brewster
- ✿ **Julia Fields Jackson**, Kansas City, descendant of Francis Cooke, Stephen Hopkins, and Richard Warren
- ✿ **Jennifer Nicole Alden**, Stewartsboro, descendant of Priscilla Mullins and William Mullins
- ✿ **Jeffrey Paul Pechauer**, Webster Groves, descendant of Stephen Hopkins

Transfer from the California Society

- ✿ **Robert Henry King**, Fulton, descendant of Peter Brown, John Alden, Thomas Rogers, Richard Warren, Myles Standish, William and Priscilla Mullins, Edward Doty, and Francis Cooke

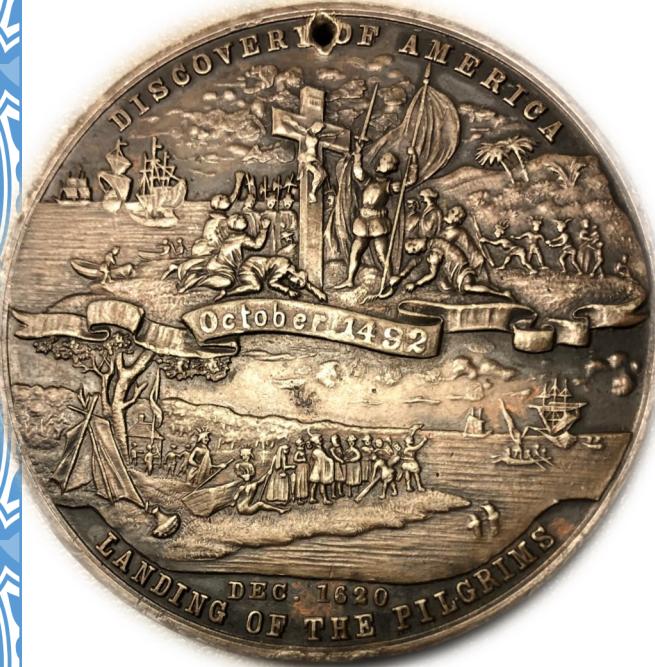
Necrology

- ✿ **Lois June Peetz**, September 30, 2022, Cape Girardeau

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Joan McCready ✿ **Ann McReynolds** ✿ **Leslie Richards** ✿ **Bridget Ruttledge** ✿ **Bridget Ruttledge**
Estate of Peggy Stroh

The 1893 Colombian Exposition



The 1893 Columbian Exhibition produced a vast amount of souvenirs. One of these was a medallion commemorating important events in the history of America. It depicts arrival of Columbus in 1492. Below that scene is “Dec. 1620 / Landing of the Pilgrims,” which shows the *Mayflower*, a shallop, and a couple of other small watercraft. On shore are the passengers and natives. There look to be two arms reaching out of the water...perhaps a strange sort of homage to Mrs. Dorothy Bradford?

The other side of the coin sports the signing of the Declaration of Independence, below which is an eagle and shield, flanked by Columbus and Washington. It is an interesting piece of Americana, evidently made in bronze and aluminum.

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2022 Calendar

December 21, 2022, Wednesday, Mayflower Toast – details forthcoming

Please pay your dues by December 31st in order to stay on our membership roles!

Send a check for \$50 payable to “Missouri Mayflower Society” to Dustin Peetz, Treasurer, 1517 Gold Leaf Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146

or you can pay online at

<https://donorbox.org/mo-mayflower-society-1>

(You will need to have your General Society membership number handy.)