



**The PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE
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Pat Nichols, Editor

Dear Pilgrim William White Society Members,

Our Triennial Meeting is fast approaching. It will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 6:00 pm in Hotel 1620 (The Board Room), located at 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA. A dinner will follow at 7:00 pm in Waterfront Bar and Grill, located at 170 Water Street #170. Details about the menu and cost of the dinner are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are thrilled that Caleb Johnson (Mayflower researcher and author) and his research partner, Simon Neal will be having dinner with us at the Waterfront Bar and Grill after our meeting. Caleb will be making public for the first time a major discovery announcement (a new English origin of a Mayflower passenger) at the Triennial Congress, in the ballroom of Hotel 1620, from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, just prior to our Triennial Meeting.

This is the last message that I will be writing to you as Governor of The Pilgrim William White Society. It has been such an honor to be first presiding officer of this wonderful organization. I have never worked with such good, hardworking, and caring people! To think that all of you are my cousins gives me the greatest of satisfaction. I'm so thankful and proud that you all have chosen to honor our Mayflower ancestors, William and Susanna White, and their family; and to be so generous in supporting other organizations that are important to the Mayflower community. Thank you so much! You all have a very special place in my heart.

We have the very important duty at our Triennial Meeting of electing new officers for the three-year term of 2017 – 2020. The Nominating Committee composed of Bill Kelleher, Everett White, and Barbara Blivens has recommended the following candidates:

Governor – Alan Smith

Deputy Governor – Patricia (Pat) Nichols

Recording Secretary – Patrick White

Corresponding Secretary – Susie Wuest

Treasurer – Prarie Counce

Elder – Ken Whittemore

Captain – William (Bill) Kelleher

Historian – Barbara Williams



Governor Prarie Counce

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Thanks so much to the Nominating Committee for the time and effort expended on this job on behalf of TPWWS.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for the loyalty, caring, and encouraging way you have supported The Pilgrim William White Society. It is because of this that we have grown to 115 members and that we are able to support and help the Pilgrim Community. You are THE BEST!

With gratitude and love,

Prarie

THE PILGRIM WILLIAM WHITE SOCIETY TRIENNIAL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 6:00 PM

**HOTEL 1620 (BOARD ROOM)
180 WATER STREET
PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

**DINNER FOLLOWING MEETING AT WATERFRONT BAR &
GRILL
VILLAGE LANDING MARKETPLACE, 170 WATER STREET,
PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

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The Pilgrim William White Society

For those who are attending the General Society Congress in Plymouth:

Join us for dinner on **Monday, September 11, 2017** at the **Waterfront Bar & Grill** (within walking distance or a quick car ride across the main road from Hotel 1620.)

Our Society meeting is at 6 PM to be followed by dinner at 7 PM. William White Society non-members are welcome to join us, too.

NOTE: Caleb Johnson will be making public for the first time a major discovery announcement (a new English origin of a Mayflower passenger, the first such discovery since 2004) with his research partner Simon Neal, at the Triennial Congress in the ballroom of Hotel 1620 on September 11th from 5-6 PM. They will be joining us for dinner. How exciting!

Cost of the plated dinner is **\$36/person**. Starting with a cup of New England clam chowder and a garden salad, the **entree choices** are:

Grilled Salmon - Lightly seasoned grilled salmon filet

Seafood Casserole - Shrimp, scallops, and cod baked en casserole with a sherry wine butter and seasoned crumbs

Chicken Piccata - Sauteed chicken tenderloins in a lemon caper butter

(to be concluded with apple crisp for dessert!)

Please indicate your entree choice next to your name. Any questions or special dietary concerns, please contact Susie at swuest@aol.com or 561-716-0586.

Please **send a check, payable to Susie Wuest** and mail to: Susie Wuest

12283 Rockledge Circle, Boca Raton FL 33428

Your check is your reservation. Final headcount needs to be turned in ahead of time so

cut-off for reservations is September 1st.

Name_____Salmon__Seafood Casserole__Chicken Piccata__

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Report of the Nominating Committee

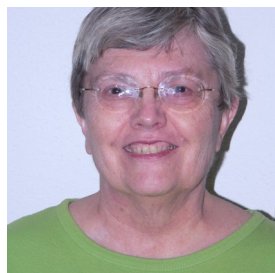
The Nominating Committee presents the following individuals for TPWWS offices to serve for the next three years. Additional nominees may be presented from the floor with the prior consent of those individuals. Bill Kelleher, Everett White, and Barbara Blivens served on this year's Committee.

For the Office of Governor - D Alan Smith



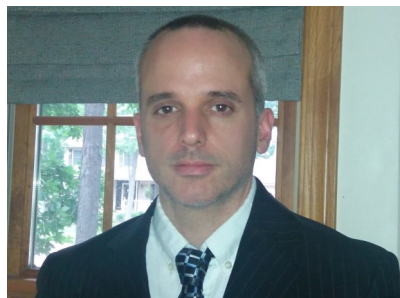
D. Alan Smith is married to the former Judy Loyless Murph. Alan is a charter member of The Pilgrim William White Society, which is the highlight of his lineage memberships. Alan currently serves as TPWWS Deputy Governor. He is a member of Sons of the American Revolution and serves as the State Chaplain of the Georgia Society. He is also a member of the First Families of Georgia, The Jamestowne Society and, of course, the Mayflower Society. He and Judy have restored an 1842 Greek Revival Sand Hills raised cottage. They have two sons and two grandchildren. The grandchildren are Friend members of TPWWS and will become members when old enough for membership in the Mayflower Society in Georgia. Alan is a retired United Methodist elder in the North Georgia Conference and serves a small congregation in Augusta as a retired supply pastor.

For the Office of Deputy Governor - Pat Nichols



Pat Nichols is a native Texan and a charter member of TPWWS. Pat currently serves as our Newsletter Editor. Pat joined the Mayflower Society in 2004 at the same time as her husband Mike Nichols. Pat served the Texas Society and her colony in a variety of positions. Pat belongs to the DAR and just completed four years as her Chapter Registrar. Pat's Mayflower line includes her Revolutionary War patriot. Pat has one son, three grandchildren and six cats. Hobbies include needlepoint, cooking, and reading.

For the Office of Recording Secretary - Patrick White



Patrick White was elected to membership in GSMD in 2016 and is a descendent of William White through his son Resolved. He resides in Ashland, Ohio and is currently employed as a mental health adult case manager. Patrick graduated from Regis University with a Masters in Nonprofit Management and volunteers for the local Salvation Army and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life events. In his leisure time he enjoys watching baseball, golfing, and working on his family tree on ancestry.com. Patrick values his ancestral Pilgrim heritage and is delighted to be involved with TPWWS.

For the Office of Corresponding Secretary



Susie Wuest and her husband Paul moved to Boca Raton, Florida in 2001 after living in Rochester, NY all their lives. Susie always knew she was eligible to join the Mayflower Society as her great-aunt had done all the research and joined Mayflower in the late 1940's. Looking for a way to make new friends after moving to Florida, she joined the Mayflower Society and became a member of FSMD's John Alden Colony. Membership in DAR, Jamestowne Society, and six other genealogical societies followed.

Having been a stay-at-home mom and now with two grown and married children living in Pennsylvania and California, Susie has the time to be involved. Presently, she is governor of her colony, treasurer of her DAR chapter, and treasurer and secretary of several other societies. She is delighted to continue for a second term on TPWWS's board as corresponding secretary.

For the Office of Treasurer - Prarie Counce



Prarie Chamberlain Counce grew up in the Panhandle of Texas and graduated from West Texas A&M University with B.B.A. degree. Prarie is married to David Counce. They have two children and two grandchildren. Prarie and David are both retired and enjoy keeping busy spending time with family and friends, doing volunteer work, and traveling.

Prarie was instrumental in the founding of The Pilgrim William White Society, serving as Organizing Governor of the Society, first as Interim Governor from February 2013 to September 2014, then as Governor from September 2014 to September 2017.

Prarie has been active in the Mayflower Society since 2009. She served at the state level as Texas State Corresponding Secretary for 6 years, and at the Colony level (Dallas/Fort Worth) as Corresponding Secretary and Colony Governor. She is also active in Daughters of the American Revolution, New England Women, and their Homeowners Association. Prarie is extremely proud to be a descendant of Plymouth Pilgrims William and Susanna White, and works diligently to keep their memory alive for future generations.



For the Office of Elder

Kenneth Robert Whittemore, Jr. was born and grew up in Endicott. He attended Brigham Young University graduating with a degree in B.S. in Nursing. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and started a 28-year career in the U.S. Navy that would take them all over the world. While attending Brigham Young University he developed a life-long interest in family history.

He married the love of his life, Vicki Smith of Lehi, Utah, and their family consists of 14 sons and 3 daughters. Ken joined GSMD in the District of Columbia Society in 1976 (DC# 1621) on his maternal Edward Doty line and became a Dual member of the California Society. He found additional lines to Francis Cooke, Edward Fuller, Stephen Hopkins, and William White. Currently Ken serves as Elder General and served The Pilgrim William White Society as Elder for the last three years. Ken and Vicki live in San Diego, California.

For the Office of Captain



Bill Kelleher grew up on the North Shore of Massachusetts in Manchester by the Sea; graduating from Rensselaer Polytech with degree in Electrical Engineering and Northeastern University with masters in Engineering Management. Bill married Rosalie Pittari and has two children and one grandchild. Now retired, he plans to continue genealogy research into his and his wife's family lines. Bill joined the William White Society in 2013 and enjoyed meeting the many new cousins at the first Triennial meeting in Plymouth in 2014. Recently he served on the society budget and nominating committees and looks forward to serving as Captain.

For the Office of Historian

Barb Williams When I think about life, and how fleeting it is, most accomplishments are pale in the scheme of things. I will tell you that all my years working with the Texas Society and the General Society have been among the most outstanding.



For years, I was the Texas Historian and, then, Governor. People is what life is all about. Those that I met personally, via phone, or email, were and are the joys of my life. Being the Chair of Historic Sites for many years now, broadened my outlook on history especially that of the Pilgrims. I learned so much. In September, our 5th tour will take place! My husband, Frank, loved going on the tours and meeting the people. He left us this past November, but his spirit will be with us.

Beginning as a New Englander in Portland, Maine, not knowing my Mayflower roots until research in 1974, and now ending in Washington State where several Pilgrim Historic Sites have been found, my life has come full circle with GSMD. It has been an honor to serve.

Visit the Handy House!

If you are anywhere near Westport, MA on a Saturday morning, guided tours of the Handy House—the house owned by William White (great grandson of Pilgrim William White) and his wife Elizabeth Cadman White—take place at 11:00 am and will continue on every Saturday from July 8-October 28. The Handy House is located at 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport, MA. If you can't make tour time, the house is open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M on summer Saturdays. The Pilgrim William White Society sends \$100 every November for support of the Handy House.



Agenda
2017 Triennial Meeting
The Pilgrim William White Society
September 11, 2017
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Hotel 1620, Boardroom

Call to Order – Governor Prarie Counce

Invocation – Elder Kenneth Whitemore

Pledge of Allegiance – Captain Patricia Nichols

Welcome and Introductions – Governor Prarie Counce

Minutes (Minutes were posted in the newsletter following the 2014 meeting. The Governor will appoint 3 people to read and approve today's minutes.)

Officer and Committee Reports

Election of Officers – Nominating Committee Chairperson William (Bill) Kelleher

Announcements

Benediction – Elder

Adjournment - Governor

Editor's Note: TPWWS Governor, Prarie Counce, send each new member a welcome letter. She received a lovely response from one of our newest members.



"How kind of you to welcome me aboard. I didn't know we are a rarer bird - pun intended.

I am not sure you have viewed my lineage or not? Just-in-case not, mine line goes like this:

Peregrine to Sylvanus to William to Hanna (William Taber) to Philip Taber (Eliphal Soule); to Hannah Taber (Isaac Wilbour) to Eliphal Wilbour (William Humphrey) to Harriet Humphrey (Kidder Bruce Cummings = Harriet and Kidder are my Great-Great Grandparents to Great Grandparents Francis Marion Cummings (Rachel C. Welling) to Grandparents Mary Theodora Cummings (Henry Allen Replogle) to Parents Max Cummings Replogle (Ella "Joan" Turner) to me Karen Dale Replogle Kovarik.

I do plan on attending the GSMD Congress in Sept. I will be like a deer in headlights. I have marked the meeting time down and very much look forward to meeting so many of my relatives.

I have been involve with DAR for the last 6 & 1/2 years. My "reign" will be over in a couple of weeks. I look forward to working, in-depth, on my own lineage. The Mayflower passengers I have had approved are George Soule, Francis Cooke, William White. In process are Peregrine and Susanna White. As soon as I have mother and son White approved, I will submit Richard Warren. I think, maybe, that is all I am related to???

I am so proud to be a Mayflower descendant. I never dreamed that my little grandmother living in Coldwater, KS with an outhouse would take me to the Mayflower. I just stumbled across the information and was dancing the jig.

I will see you soon
Thank you ever so much

Karen K"

Editor Wanted



The Pilgrim William White Society is looking for a new editor for our newsletter. The newsletter is published quarterly around the 25th of January, April, July, and October. The newsletter is distributed principally using email. A couple of our members receive a postal mail copy since they do not have internet access.

The editor works with the Governor to plan and solicit content for each issue. Our members supply most of the content. If you want more information or wish to volunteer contact Deputy Governor, D Alan Smith, at das1842@icloud.com or Pat Nichols at patricia.a.nichols@gmail.com.



The Groves Travel to Plymouth

By Amy Groves Lowe

Our family had the privilege of visiting Plymouth, Massachusetts in June of this year as part of our family's celebration of my parents', Jan and Gene Groves', 50th wedding anniversary. The trip to Plymouth was extremely moving for our whole family as we acknowledged the great courage and endurance of our ancestors in making a home here in America and that same determination in our more recent ancestors in tracing our family lineage.

Beginning several decades ago, my great-aunt Montie Howe Porter of New Braunfels, Texas, embarked on a journey to uncover our family's ancestry. At that time, there was no internet – research had to be done by driving from town to town and reviewing written archives of birth and death certificates and cemetery markers. Over the course of many years, Aunt Montie was able to identify a complete lineage of our family back to William White, one of the passengers on the Mayflower, and his wife Susanna White. Through her work, our family members were included in the membership of the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Pilgrim William White Society, and the National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons.

There are many remarkable things about our family lineage, but our family's favorite is very personal. My mother, Jan Purdin Groves, named my two siblings William and Susannah Groves in the 1970's. But they were named before she ever knew that we had ancestors on the Mayflower or that our ancestors were actually also named William and Susanna (White). You can imagine the complete delight that my mother and her aunt felt when the discovery was shared. Our family story had come full circle.

Our family draws great strength from the courage and determination of William and Susanna White. Their faith and confidence in God and their beliefs give us the ability to stand in the face of fear and suffering. Plymouth was a visible reminder of what they sacrificed, what they endured and what they accomplished, not only for their sake, but for the sake of the family legacy they created. We are thankful for them and so very grateful to live in this great country.

New Members

Descended from Resolved

Jean Beverly Duncan Thiel

Karin K Lightner

Nancy Painter Popielarski

Descended from Peregrine

Karen Dale Kovarik

New Friend Member

Celena Davis

Celena is researching Susannah White Winslow for a book she is writing.



WHAT IF? by D Alan Smith

I discussed the adversarial relationship of William Vassall and Resolved and Peregrine's step father or in the language of the seventeenth century father-in-law in a previous issue. In this article, we will explore the life of William Vassall's father John (Jean) Vassall. Numerous articles in New England Register stated that William was sent by his father John to escape the persecution of the Huguenots in France. The Vassalls claimed to be descended from the Barons du Gueren in Querce Perigord line of Vassalls. This line produced senior nobility, marshals and cardinals in Normandy. However, the family's claim to a French coat of arms was rejected in a visitation in the 17th century checking on the rights of

English subjects to claim arms pending documentation from France. This documentation was not sought; therefore, any concrete proof of noble French descent is absent. I will return later about the Vassall coat of arms. In a deposition in 1610 he stated he was 62 years old which would make him born in 1548. Whenever John came in the early 1560's, he was certainly affluent and able to own ships and captain them. By 1577, he was acknowledged as an expert witness regarding navigation issues in a ship wreck in an admiralty case. The largest claim to fame came in 1588. John, commanding two vessels the Toby and the Samuel (sometimes listed as the Solomon), joined in one of England's greatest victories, by helping to defeat the Spanish Armada. Because of his participation he was awarded an English coat of arms which is a chalice with sun over it. This coat of arms and record of his participation appear on the National Armada Memorial at Portsmouth. Here is a cautionary tale of not believing everything one is told about one's family. In 1766, Florentius Vassal erected a tablet in King's Chapel in Boston to commemorate his ancestor Samuel, the son of John. While Samuel was truly a great man, Florentius' ancestor was actually William, Resolved White's father-in-law (20th century usage). The tale gets better or worse for the Boston Vassals who had returned from Barbados. Two of their houses still stand in Boston and are now known as Tory Row because all of the owners were supporters of the king. The houses were lost because of their support. I am writing this on July 4th with mixed feelings. The Vassal burial crypt with the coat of arms was confiscated and used by others. The arms are still present. Returning to John, he served several terms as an alderman in London and was on the vestry at St. Dunstons in Stepney. Stepney was the time the maritime center for London. He was married three times; he had children by second and third wives. His second wife was Anne Russell, married on 14 September 1580, who on many online sites is listed as the daughter of Lord Russell. Lord Russell's daughter according to Burke's did not marry John. Once again, be careful who one believes. William was a son of Anne Russell Vassall. He bought a country estate in Essex in Eastwood which still stands. His other claim to fame occurred in 1609 when he bought two shares in the Second Virginia Company. Thus his granddaughter Judith Vassall White is related to the founding of Plymouth, the founding of the Bay Colony, and the founding of Jamestown and she was a Huguenot descendant. John, as did most English gentry, owned country estates and town residences. While he was in Stepney, the plague struck again. He along with hundreds of others contracted the plague and died on 13 September 1625. His grave along with hundreds of other victims was not marked or the marker was lost in the 392 years since. My last warning about John. He owned a ship called the Mayflower. Mayflower was a most popular name for ships. Moreover, no, our Mayflower is not his ship regardless of the websites claiming it is.

D Alan Smith,
Deputy Governor

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