

James Chilton Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida

2003 – 2013 – A 10-Year Recap

We held our Organizational Meeting on Friday, 13 June 2003 at the Stonecrest Country Club in Summerfield with 23 prospective members and guests attending. Our program was to explain what was happening with the Chartering process, elect Organizing Officers, adopt by-laws and answer questions.

Our 2nd Organizational Meeting was held on Saturday, 1 November 2003 at the Chula Vista Club in The Villages with 33 prospective members and guests attending.

2004 Colony Organizing Officers:

Colony Governor, Kenneth E. Carter;

Colony Historian, Beverly Schonewolf;

Colony Secretary, Joyce Hutchinson.

The program was given by Rev. Frederick R. Nagle, a Baptist Minister for over 40 years. He was ordained in the Mashpee Baptist Church in Massachusetts. He showed slides and spoke on his experiences ministering to and living among the Mashpee and Wampanoag Indians on Cape Cod.

We received unanimous approval from FSM D on 22 November 2003 to form the James Chilton Colony in the Villages – and become the 15th Colony in Florida.

Our Charter Luncheon was held on Saturday, 10 January 2004 at the Royal Palms Restaurant of the Hacienda Hills Country Club in The Villages with 59 members and guests in attendance. We chartered with thirty-six (36) members. Guests: FSM D Governor, George Allerton (Isaac Allerton Colony); FSM D Deputy Governor, Frances Lopus and husband Ed (Myles Standish Colony); GSMD Counselor General, Col. Edward Sullivan and wife Elizabeth (John Alden Colony); FSM D Captain, Reynolds Cushing & FSM D Historian, Muriel Cushing (Elizabeth Tilley Colony); FSM D Treasurer, Susan Shannon (John Howland Colony); Colony Governor, Audrey Wittholz (Edward Fuller Colony); Colony Treasurer, Lorraine Hooser (Edward Fuller Colony); Colony Secretary, Hank Dressel and wife, Gail (John Howland Colony); Colony Vice Governor, Owen Malcolm & wife, Carolyn (William Mullins Colony); Colony Secretary, Jessie Brabham and husband, Roy (William Mullins Colony).

Installation of Officers was conducted by FSM D Governor, George Allerton

2004-2005 James Chilton Officers

Colony Governor – Kenneth E. Carter

Colony Vice Governor – Jean E. Albrecht

Colony Secretary – Joyce L. Hutchison

Colony Treasurer – George Shillington

Colony Elder – John Hunter

Colony Historian – Beverly J. Schonewolf

Colony Counselor – Christine Heaton
Director – Roberta Ackerman
Director- Patricia R. Cheeseman
Director – Willard Piper

At this luncheon, we offered to host the State Mayflower Society Meeting in November 2006 in The Villages.

Our 27 March 2004 Meeting was held at the Royal Palm Restaurant at Hacienda Hills Country Club with 54 in attendance. Our speakers were FSMD Historian, Muriel Cushing and FSMD Captain, Reynolds Cushing, presenting a slide show documenting their trip to England and Holland in 2003. FSMD Assistant General, Bonny Stover brought greetings from the General Society.

The September Meeting was held on Saturday the 18th at the Royal Palms Restaurant, Hacienda Hills Country Club in The Villages – our Speaker was: Lt. Col. (retired) James Page, a Village Resident - he spoke on “*Puritan Theology*”. Col. Page has been a history professor for 25 years and is a member of the Lady Lake Library Board. He conducts courses on a variety of ancient cultures such as Mayan, Islam, Inca and Mexican, as well as a study of Japanese Military History at the American Public Universities.

Due to the recent hurricanes, the plans had to be changed for the November Fall Meeting. Originally FSMD was to meet at Pensacola Beach. The great destruction in that area necessitated another venue to be procured. Then FSMD Governor, George Allerton telephoned Colony Governor, Kenneth E. Carter asking the James Chilton Colony if they would/could host the 67th Annual State Meeting on 20 November 2004 – with only 2-3 weeks to prepare, the one-day Meeting was held at the Mulberry Grove Recreation Center in The Villages.

The James Chilton Colony received the FSMD Award for “Excellence of Public Relations Activities for the year 2004 – *“In slightly less than one year, the James Chilton Colony Charter Members succeeded in accomplishing their Public Relations Activities in an outstanding manner in all aspects. These included vigorous publicity while organizing and enlisting members to charter their Colony by several articles in local media, to include a spot on local TV, also during the year publicized their Chartering ceremony, articles about their members and activities. The Colony also contributed the most clippings to the FSMD/GSMD PR Chair during the year for the GSMD PR Scrap book in 2004. Furthermore, this Colony immediately initiated a professional quality website, and most recently inaugurated their Colony Newsletter “Chilton Chatter”. Along with this award, a special vote of thanks goes out from FSMD for the Colony’s willingness to graciously Host “in extemis” the 2004 Annual State Meeting. Congratulations for an extraordinary first year of operation! – Signed: George M. Allerton, Governor on 20 November 2004.”*

Our 1st Anniversary Party was held on Saturday, 22 January 2005 at the Hacienda Hills Country Club in The Villages – our featured speaker was Francis Cooke Colony Governor, Carol Yovanovich – she took us on “A Stroll Through Plymouth”.

Saturday, 7 May 2005 Meeting was held at Coconutz Restaurant (formerly the Royal Palms Restaurant) at Hacienda Hills Country Club, The Villages – our speaker was Dallas Meehan, Retired Military – he spoke on “Before Plymouth, the Discovery & Settlement of Early Florida”.

Our 5 November 2005 Thanksgiving Luncheon Meeting was held at Royal Palms Reception Center, Hacienda Hills Country Club, The Villages – our guest speaker was our own Pauline Ricksecker – she gave us “A Visit from Polly Pilgrim”.

At this meeting, our new American Flag was donated by the Spruce Creek G & CC Veterans Association by Commander, Don McKee and Vice Commander, Cliff Eberle, whose wives, Alice McKee & Betty Eberle are both members of the Chilton Colony.

On 18 November 2005, the James Chilton Colony received a Certificate of Award for the Program “The Mayflower’s Story” from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, signed by Gayle G. Erskine, Regent.

On 19 November 2005, the James Chilton received a Certificate from the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants: *“In recognition of your outstanding service in adding the greatest number of Junior Memberships (30) in the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants during the period 1 November 2004 – 19 November 2005 – Signed: Muriel Curtis Cushing, Historian & Kenneth E. Carter, Junior Chair.”*

Saturday, 12 January 2006 Meeting was held at the Royal Palms Reception Center, Hacienda Hills Country Club in The Villages – featured speaker was Deputy Governor General (DGG), Past FSMD Governor, Past Colony Governor of the Elizabeth Tilley Colony – “Bonny” Stover – she spoke on “The History of Plymouth Rock”.

A dedication service for our new flags was held –

Union Jack – the flag of the United Kingdom – representing our Ancestors heritage

The Flag of the Netherlands – representing the eight (8) years they spent in exile, seeking religious freedom

Cross of St. George – the flag of England – it uses the cross of Saint George with the shield of arms of its diocese in the canton. It is one of the flags shown on most pictures of the Mayflower.

The three (3) flags were donated by Kenneth E. Carter, Past Colony Governor; Son, Steven E. Carter (Chilton Member); Grand-daughters, Meaghan & Erin Carter (both Junior Chilton Members), in Loving Memory of their Family:

Harland O. Carter – Father, Grandpa & Great-Grandpa passed away on 11 October
1987

Joan E. Carter Rogers – Sister & Aunt – passed away on 13 March 1993

E. Dorothy Payzant Carter – Mother, Grandma & Great-Grandma passed away on
20 January 1996

It was unfortunate that they all passed away without the knowledge that they were direct descendants of our Mayflower ancestors.

The Slate of Colony Officers for the 2006-2009 Term were elected and installed by Bonny Stover:

Governor – Jean Albrecht
Vice Governor – Peter Adams
Secretary – Nancy Formisano
Treasurer – Kenneth E. Carter
Elder – Dr. David Ripley
Historian – Tom Hodges
Captain – Betty Eberle
Counselor – Joyce Hutchinson
Director(s) – Roberta Ackerman; Christine Heaton; Beverly Schonewolf
Junior Membership – Sue Henning
Education – Barbara Kerr

The April 29, 2006 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center in The Villages – our Guest Speakers were Ren & Muriel Cushing – they spoke on “Children of the Mayflower”. (35 in attendance)

The 21 October 2006 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center in The Villages – our meeting consisted of a DVD entitled “The Mayflower Pilgrims” which Ken Carter purchased from the Mayflower Society.

James Chilton Colony hosted the 69th Annual State Meeting on 18 November 2006 at the Mulberry Grove Country Club in The Villages. This was a one-day meeting due to the hurricanes in the Florida Panhandle – Guest Speaker: Dallace Meehan, he spoke on “Early Florida before Plymouth”.

The 69th Annual Florida State Meeting was hosted again by the James Chilton Colony, The Villages on 17-18 November 2006 at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages & Hampton Inn – our Guest Speaker was Dallace Meehan, Retired Military – his topic was “Before Plymouth – The Settlement of Florida” – 64 attendees

Our 20 January 2007 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages – our Guest Speaker was our own Vice Governor, Dr. David Ripley – his topic was “Musings on ‘Our’ History” – 44 in attendance.

The 21 April 2007 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages – our Guest Speaker was FSMD State Governor, Fran Loupus – her topic was “Are You A Saint or a Sinner?” – 43 in attendance

On September 2007 the GSMD Annual Meeting was hosted by the FSMD and held in Ft. Lauderdale

Our 10 November 2007 Meeting was held at the Lake Miona Recreation Center – The Villages – our Guest Speaker was our own Vice Governor, Peter Adams – 40 in attendance – at this meeting we dedicated our “James Chilton Colony Mayflower Flag”.

The 05 January 2008 Meeting was held at Laurel Manor Recreation Center- The Villages – our Guest Speaker was General Society Governor General, Past Florida Society Governor, Col. Edward Delano Sullivan which included a review of all the things that have been accomplished in Plymouth during his watch. – 32 in attendance.

The 19 April 2008 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages – our Speaker was our own Vice Governor, Peter Adams – his topic was “The Grays of Plymouth colony – 30 attendees.

Our 15 November 2008 Meeting was held the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages – with our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner - our Guest Speaker included “The Chilton Players” presenting their Annual Thanksgiving School Program. Marge Ripley was our narrator and leader – Clare Faber joined us and entertained us with early American songs she sings to the children. – 37 attended

The 17 January 2009 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages – it included the Installation of Officers for the term 2009-2011 – our Installing Officer was FSMD Governor, Robbie Burt – the following officers were installed:

Governor – Peter Adams

Vice Governor – Stephen “Scrib” Kelly

Secretary – Nancy Formisano

Treasurer – Kenneth E. Carter

Historian – Tom Hodges

Elder – Shirley Feris

Counselor – Sue Hennings

Captain – Henry Baer

Director(s) – Jean Albrecht – three (3) open slots

Our Speaker was Col. Edward Delano Sullivan, Past FSMD Governor & Past Governor General of the GSMD – his topic was “What is Happening at FSMD in Plymouth” - 36 attended.

Our 28 March 2009 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages – our Guest Speaker was Ron Toops, President, Florida State Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) – his topic was “DNA – Another Genealogical Tool” – 27 attended

James Chilton Colony hosted the 72nd Annual State Meeting on 20-21 November 2009 held at the Waterfront Inn in The Villages – 81 attendees – Our Chilton Players did their Pilgrim skit that they give every Thanksgiving to area schools – our Guest Speaker was Brett Dicken Brown who spoke about the “History of the Huguenots”.

The 28 February 2010 Meeting was held at the Mulberry Recreation Center – The Villages – our Guest Speaker was our own, Willard “Bill” Piper - his presentation was of “Old Glory” – 39 attended

Our 17 April 2010 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages – our Guest Speaker was Colony Governor, Peter Adams – his topic was “Mayflower Neighbors” – 34 attended.

James Chilton Colony hosted the 73rd Annual State Meeting on 19-20 November 2010 held at the Waterfront Inn in The Villages

The 22 January 2011 Meeting was held at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center – The Villages – our Guest Speaker was Dr. William Hopkins, Past Governor of the William Mullins Colony, Ocala – his topic was “The Only Daughter of the Lonely Princess of Bangor” – A Biography of Mary Alden Hopkins - - 31 attendees

The 9 April 2011 Meeting was cancelled – due to only 19 people signed-up – we need to look for alternative meeting locations that do not have the strict minimums the Hacienda Catering requires.

Our 12 November 2011 Meeting was held at Pimlico Recreation Center – Churchill Downs Room – The Villages –with our Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner – this year the Colony purchased the turkey(s) & ham – each attendee was asked to bring a dish to contribute to dinner- our Guest Speaker was Dr. Lou McNally, Ph.D – a meteorology professor at Embry Riddle University with lineage back to the Mary Stuart Family – he spoke on 1620 era weather in the Colonies. – 55 in attendance.

The 7 January 2012 Meeting was held at Pimlico Recreation Center - Churchill Downs Room – The Villages - Officers elected for the term 2012-2014 are:

- Governor – Stephen “Scrib” Kelly
- Vice Governor – Marcia Dalkalitsis
- Secretary – Nancy Formisano
- Treasurer – Kenneth E. Carter
- Historian – Tom Hodges
- Elder – Jean Albrecht
- Captain – Shirley Smith
- Counsellor – Peter Adams
- Director(2) – Janet Reinert – 2 open slots

Our Installing Officer was FSMD Governor, Reynolds Cushing – our Guest Speaker was Florida State Historian, Muriel Cushing – 44 in attendance

The April 2012 Meeting was our 1st Annual Picnic held at the Spruce Creek South, Community Clubhouse & Picnic Grounds in Summerfield – our Guest Speaker was Nelson Albrecht – his topic was “The First Comers and the U.S. Constitution” – 54 attendees

Our 10 November 2012 Meeting was held at the Pimlico Recreation Center, Churchill Downs Room – The Villages – our Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, prepared by our Colony Ladies was enjoyed by all - our Guest Speaker was Author, Fay Alexander – her topic was “One Candle’s Light” – 58 in attendance

The 5 January 2013 meeting was held at the Links of Spruce Creek, Spruce Creek South, Summerfield – our Guest Speaker was Dr. Peter E. Waldron – his topic “My Ancestor, Stephen Hopkins” – 45 attendees

Our 6 April 2013 Meeting was our 2nd Annual Picnic, held at the Spruce Creek South, Community Clubhouse & Picnic Grounds in Summerfield – our program was presented by Colony Vice Governor, Marcia Dalkalitsis – “Mayflower Trivia” – 46 attendees

The 9 November 2013 Meeting was held at the Pimlico Recreation Center, Churchill Downs Room – The Villages – our Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner was served – our Guest Speaker(s) were FSMD Governor, Ren Cushing and FSMD Historian, Muriel Cushing – their topic was “Children of the Mayflower” complete with power-point presentation – 61 in attendance.

MEMBERS HOLDING STATE OFFICES:

JEAN ALBRECHT

State Education Chair (2009-11)

State Elder (2012-14)

KENNETH E. CARTER

State Treasurer (2004)

State Junior Membership Chair (2005)

State Elder (2006--08)

State Captain (2009--11)

State Deputy Governor (2012--14)

MARCIA DALKALITSIS

State Director (2013-14)