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Something to Give



I have just returned from the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, where I heard many stirring messages of second and third generations of immigrant parents. The stories were stirring and the message that came across is that America is the great land of opportunity.

Our parents of many generations ago had the same thoughts of seeking a better life. They were some of the first. They were led to come to America and settle in this land without luxury or surety of success. But they came anyway. Many endured great privation in order to have a better life and to have religious freedom and other opportunities not afforded them in their home country. They did it for their children and their grandchildren—and for us many generations later.

The stories and reasons have not changed much, only the time of immigration. In this land we are nearly all from immigrant heritage. We have all been led here, regardless of the timing of our advent. Our parents came 400 years ago; many are coming today.

What is significant to each of us is that our forefathers and mothers were among the first to blaze the trails and risk going across the earth to find better opportunity.

This creates a greater responsibility for each of us. For example, I find that my own life is very comfortable, and often I enjoy just sitting and watching the beautiful sunset or driving through the mountains seeing the leaves turn colors as well as the other beauties of nature. But then I realize that we are
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Zion's Bank CEO to Speak at Annual Banquet

November 14, 2012

Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Empire Room
6:30 p.m.



For this year's annual meeting, A. Scott Anderson, president and chief executive officer of Zion's Bank and well-known community builder, will speak to us. He has two strong passions: promoting arts and strengthening the local community. Walking the halls of Zion's Bank headquarters or of his home one

can see the ocular proof of such dedication to the arts. A native of Salt Lake City, he received a bachelor's degree in philosophy and economics from Columbia University and a master's degree in economics and international studies from Johns Hopkins. *Please use the registration form on this newsletter to reserve your space.*

Welcome New Member!

Mrs. Beverly Jean Allen
Orem, Utah

DEGORY PRIEST

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not placed here in this life to just achieve comfort while not continuing to make this a better world.

Our responsibility, just as that taken on by our early progenitors, is to continue to improve our lives and the lives of others. Though we can be comfortable ourselves, but we must continue to work to help others achieve the same blessings we enjoy. We must work with our children and grandchildren, and yes, our great grandchildren, to make sure they understand that we are here to serve others.

The immigrant stories of today are often about the first generation sacrificing their comfort so the next generation of children has better opportunities. Our parents did this for us; perhaps we have done this for our children. But there are still things to do, people to be taught, wisdom to be imparted, smiles to be given. We all have something to give regardless of our age or infirmities. Some of us may not think so, but we do.

This is very true in my own household. My wife's father was born in South Africa and immigrated with his family to the United States as a boy. He and his wife worked hard to make a good life for their daughters born in the United States. He never quit trying to make life better or happier for those around him. After living with us for the past many years, he passed away this year in his 98th year. He never stopped giving to others or making their life better. He literally passed away with a smile on his face. His life strongly benefited his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren—and I am sure for many generations into the future.

I hope we can all accept the responsibility of making this life a better one for those immigrants who came to this blessed land after our parents did (which is pretty much everyone). Let us never give up in helping others and giving service to those less comfortable than we are. We all have something to give. Let us never give up.

—Gordon Walker

Some Changes in English since the Pilgrim Days

Seventeenth-century English was certainly different than the English that we speak today. For instance, instead of “Hi, how are you?” the Colonists might say, “Good morrow” or “How now?” or perhaps

“How do you fare?” or even “What cheer?”

Instead of “Excuse me” they might have said “Pray, pardon me.”

Instead of “Congratulations!” the colonists might say “Huzzah!”

Instead of “goodbye” a pilgrim might say “God bye to you” or “Fare thee well” or even “Pray remember me.”

The English language was evolving and changing in many ways during the time of the pilgrims. For instance 12,000 new words were added to the language.

Here are some other “new” words from old English:

Instead of *fireplace*, *hearth*

Instead of *cat*, *mouser*

Instead of *stew*, *porridge* or *pottage*

Instead of *pants*, *breeches*

Instead of *skirt*, *petticoat*

Instead of *backward*, *arsy varsy*

Instead of *pillowcase*, *pillowbere*

The pilgrims were among the first generation to use the “s” form of verbs, such as “has” rather than “hath” and “runs” rather than “runneth.” Also, the pronouns “thee” and “thou” were dying out at the same time.

How is your pilgrim English? Can you match the word with its definition?

1. DAUB _____

2. POMPIONS _____

3. WATTLE _____

4. WARD _____

5. MUGWORT _____

6. WOAD _____

A. a magical plant

B. pumpkins

C. plaster made from clay, sheep's dung straw and water

D. night watch

E. rods and twigs, to be woven together and used in building

F. an herb grown for the blue dyestuff yielded by its leaves



What's New with the Jr. Mayflower Members!



Welcome to Our Newest Junior Members

Kenneth Burnham sponsored his
granddaughters and great-granddaughter
(Descendants of Francis Cooke)

Amelia Rose Burnham
Lydia Hazel Burnham
Brielle Elaine Campbell

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\*Remind your sponsored Jr. Mayflower Members 3-18  
to showcase their creative talents this year through writing, art and photography.

Theme: "What Thanksgiving Means to Me"

Send entries by **Sat. Nov. 3** to:

Rachelle Orton, 1035 E. Canyon Dr. Spanish Fork, Utah 84660.  
Any questions, please call 801-798-1980 or email orachelle10@gmail.com.

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If you would like to register your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren or nieces/nephews, please
contact Rachelle Orton at 801-798-1980 or email orachelle10@gmail.com.
Applications available online at www.xmission.com/~khagen/junior_application.html



How the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Was Founded

William Bradford at age 32 began to write the history *Of Plimoth Plantation* and continued writing until his death in 1657. The manuscript was obtained by Thomas Prince, pastor of the Old South Church in 1728 and a collector of old rare manuscripts. However, during the American Revolution the Old South Church was used as a riding stable by the British. Prince's library had been looted and Bradford's manuscript disappeared.

It wasn't until 1855 before this important manuscript was discovered again. Two students were going through a history of the Protestant Church. They came upon several pages that they realized could only have been written by Bradford. The document they had been studying had been written by Lord Bishop of Oxford, Samuel Wilburforce in 1784. Wilburforce

had compiled his information using unprinted sources found in the Library of Lord Bishop of London in Fulham Palace. It was later confirmed that the pages were indeed from *Of Plimoth Plantation*. How the manuscript made its way from the Old South Church in Boston to the Fulham Palace in London remains a mystery. A literary soldier perhaps?

The history *Of Plimoth Plantation* was given to the world in 1856, when a transcript was published in Boston by the Massachusetts Historical Society. Lives of Pilgrims were explained. Huge gaps in the story were filled. A greater interest in the pilgrims was aroused. The document was returned to America and is now in the Massachusetts State Library. It was returned for the "necessity of protecting the pecuniary interests of the descendants of the families named in it tracing and establishing their rights to succession of property."

On January 12, 1897, the year of the return of the Bradford manuscript the General Society of Mayflower Descendants was organized. They have since chartered societies in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants Reservation Form

*Wednesday, November 14, 2012
The Empire Room, Joseph Smith Memorial Building
6:30 pm
Cost: \$25 per person*

Checks should be made out to *Society of Mayflower Descendants* and are due by November 7. If you are one of the few who have not paid your 2012 dues (\$30), please pay that now along with payment for any dinners. My enclosed check in the amount of \$_____ covers _____ reservation(s).

Mail reservation form and check to:

Wes Landen (wes.landen@comcast.net)
1510 East Millbrook Way
Bountiful, Utah 84010

Member's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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