

**THE PRAIRIE SCHOONER  
NEWSLETTER  
OF  
THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER  
DESCENDANTS  
IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**



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## **THE HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **ND Society Annual Meeting 2022**

The next annual meeting will be held on October 11, 2022 at North Dakota State University Alumni Center, Fargo.

We plan, with crossed fingers, to hold this meeting in-person!

## **Eulogy to Elder**

### **William Brewster**

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In teaching, he was very moving and stirring of affections, also very plain and distinct in what he taught; by which means he became the more profitable to the hearers. He had a singular good gift in prayer, both public and private, in ripping up the heart and conscience before God in humble confession of sin, and begging the mercies of God in Christ for the pardon of same. He always thought it were better for ministers to pray oftener and divide their prayers, than be long and tedious in the same, except upon solemn and special occasions as in days of humiliation and the like. His reason was that the heart and spirits of all, especially the weak, could hardly continue and stand bent as it were so long towards God as they ought to in that duty, without flagging and falling off. For government of the church, which was most proper to his office, he was careful to preserve good order in the same, and to preserve purity in both the doctrine and communion of the same, and to suppress any error or contention that might begin to rise up amongst them. And accordingly God gave good success to his endeavours herein all his days, and he saw the fruit of his labours in that behalf.

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## From the Governor's Desk

Sandy Roe

I was able to attend the General Board of Assistants in September 2021 in Plymouth. While I was there, I toured Plymouth Plantation, found Billington Sea and the site of the Billington House, and saw the beautiful gardens at Mayflower House.

Next year the General Board of Assistants meeting will be in Bloomington, MN.



Above: Plymouth Plantation

Left: "John Billington, Jr."

Below: Mayflower House gardens



Above: Billington Sea  
Right: Billington House site  
Below: Plymouth Plantation



Left: Marti Bobertz and Sandy Roe

Bottom: Leyden Street sign



## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

By Sandy Sidler, Secretary

The North Dakota State Society is adding new members! Since our annual meeting in October 2021 we have six new members.

Three of them are descendants of ***Edward Fuller***:

Betty Jo Edward Anderson of Williston

Kristin Donita Gardner McDonald of Fargo

Edith Marion (Marnie) Ward Cushing of Wisconsin

One is a descendant of ***Priscilla Mullins***:

Gerry Ann Stambaugh Dockter of Baldwin

One is a descendant of ***William Bradford***:

Pamela Grace Lampert Wyckoff of California (formerly of Crosby)

Sarah Louise Coombs Gietzen of Fargo

One is a descendant of ***Stephen Hopkins***:

Carissa Marie Moe Haugen of Moorhead (transferred from MN)

There are 2 applications pending at Plymouth.

Membership total at the end of 2020 was 113. During 2021 we had 1 resignation, 2 deaths, and 8 drops.

The membership total at the end of 2021 was 105. Of those 72 are life members.

Dues and donations were collected for the year 2022. The total collected was \$3,360. The invoice to pay Plymouth is \$2,985. Annual dues were received from 34 members. Donations were received from 35 of the Life members. We thank them for their donations. Without their donations we would not have enough income to pay the per capita assessment from Plymouth.

## **ANNUAL MEETING REPORT**

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Dakota

74th Annual Meeting

October 10, 2021

Via Zoom

The 74th Annual Meeting was called to order by Governor Sandy Roe at 1:07pm. The invocation was given by Governor Roe. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were in attendance: Sandy Roe, Rachel Roe-Longtine, Sandy Sidler, Tom Jones, Ross Reinhiller, Marti Bobertz, Phillip LaQua, Diane Resvick, Connie Norheim, Susan Kinkle, and MJ Craig. One guest: Robin Fansler from South Dakota Society.

The following Mayflower Passengers were represented: Brown, Billington, Eaton, Rogers, Priest, Allerton, Soule, Alden, Warren, Standish, Mullins, Samson, Brewster, Branford, E. Fuller, Cooke.

### **Secretary Report**

The minutes of the 73rd Annual Meeting were read and minor corrections in spelling were made. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

### **Treasurer Report**

Opening Balance	\$4,994.24
Revenue	3, 962.38
Expenses	3,793.04
Ending Balance	5,163.58

Fundraising Account	325.00
CD	8,087.08
Total Assets	13, 575.66
Report filed for audit.	

### **Historian Report**

Marti has been able to contact North Dakotans that have expressed interest in the past. Currently there are seven applications at Plymouth. Wait time is about nine months. There has been one transfer: Lillian Schumacher of Bowman ND#299.

**Junior Chair:** Vicki was not here

**Education:** Connie reported on the Library Project. The display is available to anyone wishing to do a presentation. Sandy S. has it.

**Newsletter:** Several issues have been sent out this year. Rachel is hoping to continue having 3-4 per year. Send in information to share trips to Plymouth or other areas of interest, photos. Pictures of Junior members. Family group pictures.

**DGG and AGG:** Attended the General Board of Assistants in September in Plymouth. Sandy R. stayed with Marti. Celebrated the First Thanksgiving. Bylaw changes were made to allow electronic meetings.

The Treasurer resigned. There was an election for the new Treasurer. Bart Henson from Texas was elected. Sandy R attended several committee meetings including Juniors and Historians. Next year the General Board of Assistants meeting will be in Bloomington, MN.

## **Old Business**

Websites: Marti showed the new ND website. NDMayflower.org

There will be a monthly fee for the site.

The National Society also has a new website. TheMayflowersociety.org

**Dues:** ND has 114 members, of these 72 are life members. 42 are annual members. We will be assessed \$35 per member by Plymouth which is \$3,990. We will collect annual dues of \$2,520. We will not be able to maintain this difference. Therefore two motions were recommended by the Board of Assistants:

Motion #1 Rachel moved and Tom seconded to request that lifetime members donate the current year's Plymouth Assessment each year. Motion was approved.

Motion #2 Rachel moved and Phillip seconded to remove Article 1 Section 6 of the Bylaws (removing the lifetime membership option) effective at the end of the Annual Meeting today. Motion was approved.

**Bylaw changes:** Motion to accept as written. Approved.

## **New Business**

Next year's meeting will be our 75th Anniversary. Since the General Board of Assistants meeting will be September 6-10 in Bloomington, MN, we would plan to have our State Chapter Meeting on September 11, 2022. Sandy R. Moved and Connie seconded to have our meeting on September 11, 2022. Motion approved. Fargo will be the host.

## **Recognition**

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Phillip LaQua for 11 years of service.

A Certificate will also be presented to Vicki Held.

A Distinguished Service Certificate was presented to Marti Bobertz for 18 years of dedication.

## **Announcement:**

Connie announced that Ancestry.com has images of ND Death Certificates from 1908-2007 on their website. They have whited out the Social Security numbers and the cause of death.

Adjourned at 2:20pm

Program of the First Thanksgiving presented with pictures by Sandy Roe.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**The Pilgrims' first guests**

March 16, 1621 | March 22, 1621

A group of Pilgrims were more than surprised to see a native chief named Samoset, walk into Plymouth Colony, and speak greetings in English! Samoset was from a tribe in Maine and had learned some English from English fishermen and when he saw the colonists from the woods, he first thought the Pilgrims were more fishermen, until he saw women and children.

Samoset felt safe enough to visit, bringing along his band of warriors to watch from the nearby trees. It was more than a visit, he stayed so long that they invited him to spend the night on the Mayflower, but winds made it difficult for the shallop to get to sail the mile to where it was anchored, so Samoset slept at Stephen Hopkins' house! The Pilgrim host most surely did not sleep a wink! Samoset told the Pilgrims that he was going to bring Tisquantum (later called Squanto) to meet them. The attached story will explain why Squanto could speak better English than Samoset. On March 22, 1621, Samoset returned to Plymouth Colony with Squanto, and about 60 others. Squanto and Samoset spent the night again, while the others slept in the woods. The Pilgrims' new friends returned in a week later to teach the Pilgrims how to plant corn for their new colony.

**Treaty of Peace**

April 1, 1621

After an exchange of greetings and gifts (<http://mayflowerhistory.com/Massasoit>), the two groups signed a peace treaty that incredibly lasted for more than 50 years. Edward Winslow, who would hold several government positions at Plimoth Colony wrote of the planning and construction of their new plantation in Plimoth: "We set the last spring some twenty acres of Indian corn, and sowed some six acres of barley and pease; and according to the manner of the Indians, we manured our ground with herrings, or rather shads, which we have in great abundance."

Content from Peggy Marsh, GSMD Juniors Chair, Ann Wilkerson, Clara Waterman Powell

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Susan Kinkle**

Susan Kinkle, 57, of New Braunfels, Texas, passed away on January 5th, 2022, following an ongoing battle with metastatic brain and spinal cancer. She left us peacefully, comforted by the ocean waves coming from a sound machine in her room, reminding her of her favorite place to be: the beach.

Susan was born on November 13th, 1964, to MarJo (Jennings) Craig and Larry Kinkle in Minot. With her father being in the Air Force, Susan moved around the country as a child, including some stints in Michigan and California. After her parents separated following his return from the Vietnam War, Susan moved back to Minot.

Susan was an only child for the first 14 years of her life, before graciously welcoming her new, surprise siblings Rachel and Carl. Her mother made a deal with her that she would never be expected to babysit, but Susan gladly would have done so anyway. She was always dedicated to her family and supported them unwaveringly through many challenging times—she was truly their pillar, upholding and protecting them.

After graduating from Minot High School in 1982, Susan went on to study Petroleum Technology and Computer Programming at the North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton. In 1987, Susan gave birth to her only son, Michael, and in 1992, she moved to Devils Lake to be with her then-boyfriend, Jon Burkhart. She eventually married Jon there in 1994 and they were together for 22 years. Following their divorce, she lovingly referred to him as her “wasband.”

Coming from and marrying into a family of veterans, Susan was a lifelong advocate of service members and their families, dedicating her time to the ND National Guard Family Support group. As a self-proclaimed “crazy cat lady,” Susan also cherished her many feline family members over the years. She even dressed the part for Halloween once, complete with thick-rimmed glasses, hair rollers, and multiple plush cats hanging off her bathrobe. Many would attest that Susan was a gifted baker as well, renowned for the birthday cakes she made for her (favorite) BCBSND coworkers and the baklava she regularly brought to social gatherings.

Susan was fervently passionate about genealogy and served as her family’s resident historian. She was so proud to be a descendant of Plymouth colonist William Bradford, who came across on the Mayflower. This interest in her ancestry developed into years volunteering as a member of various genealogical societies, including The Mayflower Society, The Daughters of Colonial Wars, and The Daughters of the American Revolution. She also served on the Devils Lake

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Historic Preservation Commission, and her efforts resulted in the addition of multiple ND landmarks to the National Register of Historic Places.

Susan was well-known for her loving and generous spirit and her warm, one-of-a-kind smile, which lit up every room she entered. She was devoted to her friends and effortlessly seemed to make new ones wherever she went. Susan was above all a survivor, having experienced many heartbreaks and unimaginable ordeals throughout her life, facing each with a boundless resiliency only she possessed. Her kind, selfless, and driven personality was an inspiration to many.

In late 2015, Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer. However, this unexpected setback in life would not prevent her from continuing on with her education, and in 2016 she graduated with her Bachelor's in IT Management from University of Mary. By late 2017, her breast cancer unfortunately metastasized to her lungs and she was hospitalized for several months, courageously fending off the cancer until it eventually went into remission. Shortly after, Susan started working on her next degree and ultimately graduated with her Master's in Business from University of Mary in 2020.

At the end of 2020, Susan moved to Texas to be near her family once again and bought the first home she could call her own: a brick house with a magnolia tree, which she treasured. In early 2021, after decades apart, Susan was delighted to reconnect with her father Larry and meet her long-lost brother, who surprisingly shared her son's name,

Michael. At the time, she was overflowing with joy and said that God was giving her all the desires of her heart. Despite her cancer suddenly progressing again and her mobility declining, Susan determinedly made it to the beach in Port Aransas, Texas, for one final family trip last November.

Susan was preceded in death by her father Larry Kinkle, who sadly passed a few months after they reconnected, from Covid-19. Susan is survived by her son, Michael Kinkle; mother, MarJo Craig; sister, Rachel (Justin) Elshamy; brother, Carl Craig; brother, Michael (Amber) Kinkle; and uncle, Jim (Denyce) Jennings.

There was a small memorial held on January 17th at 2:00 PM at One Chapel Austin in Austin, Texas.

Please join us for a celebration of Susan's life on April 7th at 11:00 AM at the Fargo Theatre in Fargo.





## **William Butcher**

William T. Butcher, Bismarck, died April 5, 2019 at the age of 79. A memorial service was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Elks Lodge. Internment took place at the Veteran's Cemetery south of Mandan, N.D. on Friday, April 12, 2019. An avid sailor, his ashes will also be spread on the waters of Lake Sakakawea.

Bill was born on December 15, 1939 in St. Joseph, Missouri to Donald Hoyt and Luis Alyne (Danbury) Butcher. He graduated from Rochester High School and Albion College, both in Michigan, and did postgraduate study at American University in Washington D.C. On November 27, 1965, Bill and Dina Schoenthal of King George, Va. were married at the U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory in Dahlgren, Va.

Bill always said the best years of his life were in the Navy. After completing Officer Candidate School and being commissioned an Ensign in 1962, he served on active duty aboard the USS Camp during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Cold War patrolling the North Atlantic. Bill completed active military duty in 1966 as a Lieutenant, and was then appointed as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Director J.

Edgar Hoover. He served as an agent in Washington D.C., Pittsburgh, Pa. and as Senior Resident Agent in Minot, N.D. Bill greatly enjoyed his role of liaison with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Saskatchewan, Canada and was proud of his 20 years of service to his nation.

Taking his grandmother's advice to leave his "boats and guns behind and establish a nice business on main street," Bill left federal service and worked as a petroleum landman before founding W.T. Butcher & Associates, Ltd, a private investigative and advocacy business, in 1982. After branching off into drug testing, private security, court reporting and repossession, the business received the Chamber's Gold Star Award for Growth in 1990. Bill loved his work as a P.I. taking great joy in no two days being the same. He was also a lobbyist and political advocate highlighted by 13 years as the North Dakota state director and lobbyist for the National Federation of Independent Business.

A genealogist, Bill traced his ancestry to the author Charles Dickens and is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. He was "a North Dakotan by choice" introducing many an out-of-state friend to pheasant hunting sojourns in western North Dakota. He coveted everything railroad. Furthermore, he knew Lake Sakakawea and its bays like the back of his sun-battered hand from years of sailing its waters. He greatly valued his affiliation with the Bismarck Area Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter. Above all else, he loved to sing. He sang for years with the Elks Chorus and could be found

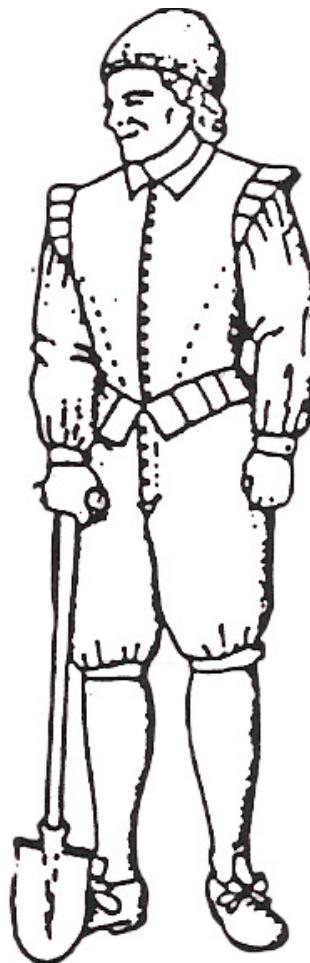
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any given Monday morning leading the Farwest Rotary Club in song to kick off a new week.

Bill served on many boards including the American Symphony Orchestra League, the North Dakota Private Investigation & Security Board, the Village Family Service Center and Friends of Lake Sakakawea and served as commodore of the Dam Yacht Club. He was proud to be an honorary plank owner of both the USS North Dakota commissioned in 2014, and the USNS City of Bismarck christened in 2017. He was named the Outstanding Member of the 20-state U.S. Navy Area Five Recruiting District Assistance Council. One of his greatest legacies was his commitment to advancing Farwest Rotary's New Generations Park in northwest Bismarck.

Bill is survived by his wife Dina, daughters Marnie (Shadd) Piehl of Mandan, N.D., Amanda (David) Mack of Anchorage, Alaska, and grandchildren Owen, Ryder, and Wyatt Piehl and Audrey and Adam Mack. He loved them all greatly. Memorial contributions to Prairie Public Broadcasting are encouraged.



## **Phyllis Kannowski**

Phyllis M. Kannowski, 87, Grand Forks, died December 18, 2020 in Altru Hospital, Grand Forks.

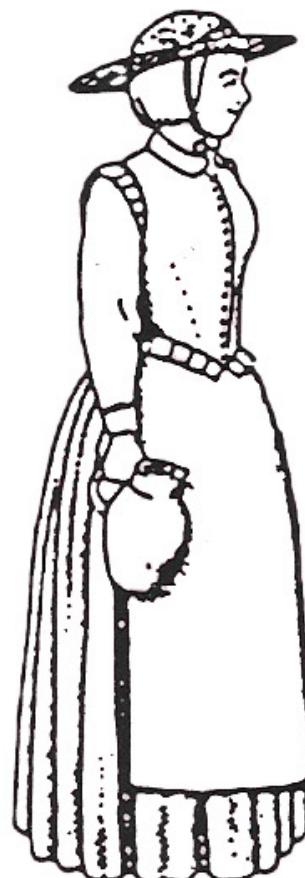
Phyllis Inez Mosher was born on July 17, 1933 at Valley City, North Dakota, the daughter of Maurice E. and Inez Louise Hogie Mosher. Her father owned a service station in Cooperstown, North Dakota.

She graduated from Cooperstown High School in 1951 and attended the University of North Dakota. She married Paul B. Kannowski on April 6, 1953 in Trinity Lutheran Church at Cooperstown, and they moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan where Paul was a graduate student at the University of Michigan. After completing his graduate work, they moved to Bowling Green, Ohio, where Paul was on the faculty of Bowling Green State University. In 1957 they moved to Grand Forks where Paul joined the faculty of the University of North Dakota.

While living in Grand Forks, Phyllis worked briefly for the University of North Dakota and was active as an election worker. She belonged to Chapter AO of P.E.O. and served as the President of the North Dakota Chapter of P.E.O. She also served as the President of the United Hospital Auxiliary and as a member of the YWCA Board of Directors. An opera buff, she and her husband were guarantors of the Metropolitan Opera Program in Minneapolis. She served for several years as the Director of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions in North Dakota. She was a long-time member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

After the flood of 1997, she and her husband moved to Corpus Christi, Texas. They lived there for 15 years, returning to Grand Forks in 2012. While in Corpus Christi, Phyllis was active in P.E.O., the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Mayflower Society. She volunteered for many years at the Christus Spohn Hospital.

She is survived by two children, Katherine Ann (William) Sommers, Apple Valley, Minnesota, and Mark Allan (Carol) Kannowski of Mooresville, Indiana; six grandchildren, Ryan, Noah, and Brandon Sommers, and Benjamin Steele, Maggie Rogers, and Katie Steele-Kannowski; a sister, Janice (Ronald) Kloster, of Fargo, North Dakota. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul.



**Reminder in case you missed it!**

**ND Society Annual Meeting 2022**

The next annual meeting will be held on October 11, 2022 at North Dakota State University Alumni Center, Fargo.

**Our purpose as North Dakota Society members is to continue this legacy through purpose, preservation of historical facts, and the education of others so our descendants understand and appreciate the sacrifices their ancestors made to ensure basic freedoms. Together as a Society, we have the resources to accomplish these goals.**

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- ▶ Pictures
  - ▶ How about those Thanksgiving dinner pictures of the family around the table?
  - ▶ Get all of the cousins together for a Junior Membership photo
- ▶ Family activities or travels relating to the Mayflower, Plymouth, the Pilgrims
- ▶ Interesting books or information about the Mayflower, Pilgrims, Plymouth you have read about and wish to share

