

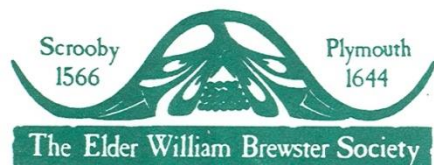
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10-02-18 to -5-11-19

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Postage, Printing, Supplies - \$1111.43
Balance as of 5-11-19 \$42,758.93
Respectfully submitted
Jane Cobb, Treasurer

** - Unofficial until elected at 2020 meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

REMINDER: If you see 2019 on your membership card, "It's time to RENEW!! Those of you that receive the newsletter via email, will need to check your membership cards. Please renew, so we don't lose you as a member! Feel free to send me an email, if you are not sure of your date.

Members who receive the newsletter via postal mail: \$20.00

Members who receive the newsletter via email: \$15.00

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(It is also important to keep us up to date if your email address changes.)

All checks should be made payable to: **The Elder William Brewster Society** and sent to:

Mrs. Jane Cobb, Treasurer
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Respectfully,
PLEASE NOTICE THAT I HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS. THANKS!

Jane Cobb, Treasurer
Bwater1@att.net

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The historian has approved 33 New Members. Please help me welcome them to our Society.

1. Stephen Allen Newstrum
Rogers, MN
2. Diane Thorngate Griffith
Beavercreek, OH
3. Raymond Louis Thompson
Derry, NH
4. Joan Edith Schacht
St. Louis, MO
5. Dale Fleming
Richland, WA
6. Keith Joseph Forsyth
Castle Rock, WA
7. Christopher E. Richard
E. Sandwich, Ma
8. Linda J. Conway Baker
Springfield, IL
8. Donna L. Deer Nicolazzo
N. Wales, PA
9. Francis Michael Spano III
Wayne, PA
10. Kathleen Mary Thomas
Sapulpa, OK
11. Dale Gordon Higer
Boise, ID
12. Ashley D. Singer Varner
Tallulah, LA
13. Kathleen Vehr Dukelow
Sapulpa, OK
14. Penelope W. Cottrell
Alexandria, VA
15. Michele Norton Mattoon
Seattle, WA
16. Beverly K Holmes Goodale
West Boylston, MA
17. Lynette A Fowlston
Paris, TX
18. Barbara L. Reilley Nicol
Marysville, OH
19. Amy Lorraine Nicol
Marysville, OH
20. Tami L. Nichol Bowman
Marysville, OH
21. Jack D. Phillip Bowman
Marysville, OH
22. Martha E. Berg Johnson
Newport Beach, CA
23. Stephen Patrick Burke
Brooksville, FL
24. Andrew Alan Boyers
St. Petersburg, FL
25. Vickie Elaine Boyers
Tierra Verde, FL
26. Chantel Nicole King
Dade City, FL
27. Jennifer Elaine Coleman
Wesley Chapel, FL
28. Sandra Ferrante Kohn
Conway, SC
29. Jean Dickinson Mansur
Flemington, NJ
30. Elaine Leslie Dickinson
Neavitt, MD
31. Carol Ann Dickinson
Neavitt, MD

32. Cynthia Cummins Brooman
Delaware, OH

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW
MEMBERS.**

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL

One of the most frustrating things that I have to work with in emailing the newsletters is that each time there are as many as 25-30 bounce-backs because we don't have your correct email address. Could you all take a moment and let us know if you changed your email and email the correct one to us? It would be VERY HELPFUL to both myself and the treasurer, as well as help keep out costs down by not having to mail paper notices... Thanks!!!

REINSTATEMENT POLICY CHANGE

We have been experiencing a lot of members who join for one 3 year period, then don't renew and then come back years later and wish to rejoin. Although we are very pleased to have older members return, it does cause us additional work. With that said we will now require that the new \$25.00 application fee be paid with new renewals that have expired for more than 1 year. A lot of times it is just a matter that you've changed your email address or moved and not let us know, and so we can't find you. So please keep us current on any changes in email or addresses when necessary.

BREWSTER INSIGNIA

We still have plenty of Brewster Insignia pins left. This beautifully designed insignia created by our member William Warner of CT, celebrates our pride to be a Elder William Brewster descendant. Wear it with pride to your Mayflower Society meeting.

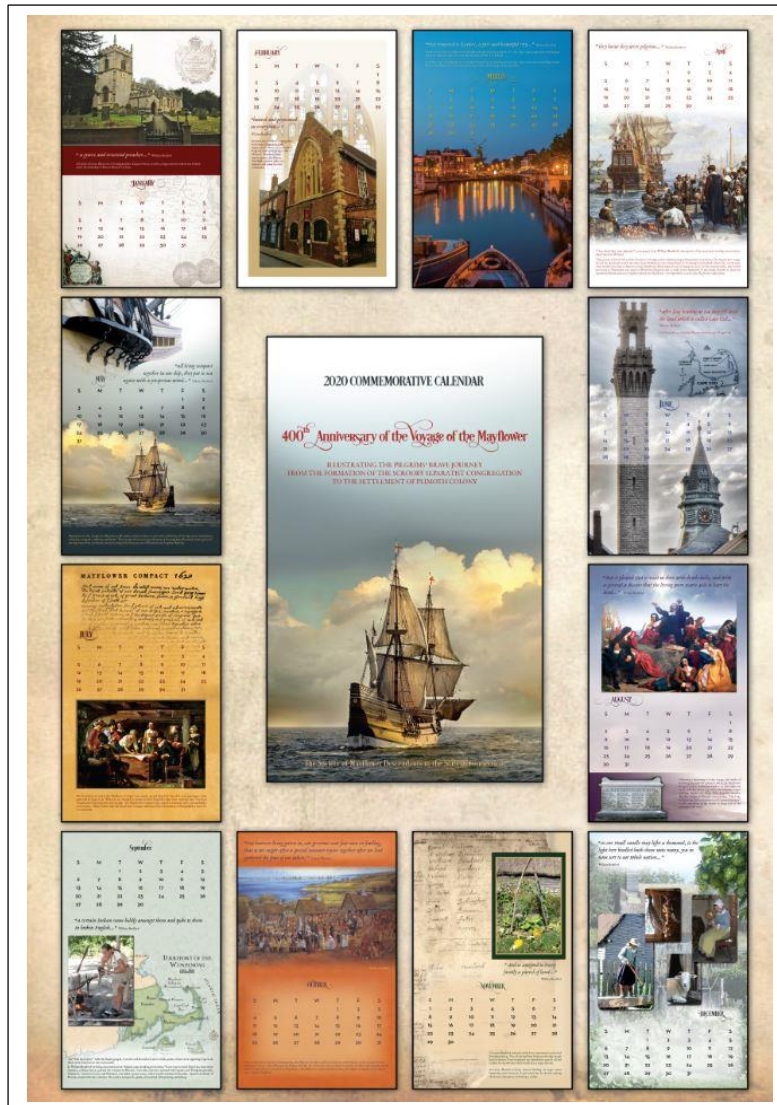
The pins can only be purchased by current Brewster Society members and eligibility will be checked at time of purchase.

To order, they can be purchased for \$35.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

Mail all requests and checks to:

Gregory Evan Thompson
17 David Drive
East Haven, Ct 06512-1125





This beautiful 2020 Calendar was created to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Voyage of the Mayflower. It illustrates the Pilgrim's journey from their early days in England to the Settlement of Plimoth Colony in America along with the trials and blessings in between. Great effort was taken to provide accurate information as well as striking images. The Calendar pages can be viewed at http://ctmayflower.org/2020_calendar.php. Sales will benefit the Ct Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Fund. **\$20.00 each plus shipping and handling** Size is 11' X17.5' printed on 80# silk cover, and bound at the top with wire looping binding.

This can be ordered at: www.ctmayflower.org Paypal is available to pay.

NEW MAYFLOWER SILVER BOOK

The New Brewster Silver book, Volume 24, Part 2, is now available. In this volume you have the 5th and 6th generation descendants of son Jonathan Brewster.

It can be purchased at the GSMD website for \$50.00 plus shipping. This is a must have library edition for anyone who descends from Jonathan, oldest son of William Brewster.

2020 Celebration is coming up next year.

Hello all,

If you are planning on coming to the celebrations next year for the 400th year of the landing of the Pilgrims, please, please, please, make your reservations NOW!! There are thousands of people expected to come and the Hotels, B&B's, etc. are starting to be fully booked. Don't wait until the last minute even if it is more than a year away!!

FAMOUS BREWSTER DESCENDANTS

Reverend Timothy Dwight Hunt (Huldah Brewster, Ichabod, Ichabod, William, William, Love, William) married first, at Newark, NJ, on November 1, 1843, **Mary**, daughter of Nathan **Hedges** of Newark, She died at Waterville, New York in 1861. He married second, in 1862, **Mary E. Preston**, of Waterville, who died in 1863. He married third at Marshall, Michigan, August 11, 1864, **Sarah O**, daughter of Ira and Eliza **Nash** of Marshall. He died at Whitesboro, New York on February 7, 1895.

Timothy Dwight Hunt was a graduate of Yale College in 1840, and Auburn Theological Seminary in 1843 and December 4. Of the same year, he and his wife sailed for the Sandwich Islands, where he became a well-known missionary. Owing to heavy storms, they were 225 days on the voyage. He remained in Hawaii about a year, when he accepted a professorship in the national school at Lahainaluna. Two years later he was called to Honolulu, and was there three more months, when gold was discovered in California. A most deplorable state of society and morals then existed in the latter place, and at the urgent request of many, Mr. Hunt went to San Francisco, where he was cordially received by the representative men, and at a public meeting was declared the chaplain of the town. Mr. Hunt was the first Protestant minister in California. His congregation (Presbyterian) at San Francisco worshiped in the schoolhouse until 1849, when a church edifice was erected. He was made moderator of the first Presbytery, and was superintendent of the Presbyterian and Congregational missions in California. "He was recognized as the pioneer and one of the most potent factors in the promotion of the cause of religion in the early days of the Pacific slope".

In 1858 Mr. Hunt and his family returned East, when he accepted a pastorate at Ithaca, New York, thence he went to Waterville, New York, Niles, Michigan, Nunda, New York, Sodus, New York, Fenton, Michigan and Westernville, and after spending fifty-one years in active ministerial work retired and settled at Whitesboro, New York. "During his long service as a pastor, he was faithful and efficient in the discharge of all the duties that devolve upon him" He was the author of Past and

Present of the Sandwich Islands, the first bound book issued in the State of California.

Timothy Dwight Hunt had 12 children, 1 and 2 were born in Sandwich Islands, 3 -5 were born in San Francisco, 7 in Ithaca, New York, 8 in Waterville, and 9-11 in Niles, and 12 in Nunda.

By First Wife:

1. Julia Hunt
2. James Richard Hunt b. Oct 25, 1847
3. Mary Lydia, died in infancy
4. William Brewster, died at Niles, N.Y. in July 1870.
5. Emily Cornelia, born June 24, 1854
6. Dwight, died in infancy
7. Gertrude Condit, born Aug 20, 1859
8. Mary Hedges, b and d. unknown

Children by Third Wife

9. Rev. George Edwin, born March 15, 1866
10. Elizabeth Hollister, born May 12, 1867
11. Timothy Dwight, born May 11, 1870
12. Stephen Madison Buckingham, born Dec 15, 1874.

The above article is from The Brewster Genealogy by Emma Jones, Eight Generation, Volume 2, pg 676-677

The following article comes from the book "The Right Reverend Chauncey Bunce Brewster, Doctor of Divinity" by The Rev. William A Beardsley, D.D. published by the Church Missions Publishing Company, 1942.

THE RIGHT REVEREND – CHAUNCEY BUNCE BREWSTER

Dr of Divinity – Trinity – Yale- Wesleyan

Windham, Ct which was the birthplace of Chauncey Brewster, is a town in the southwest corner of Windham County, territorially much reduced since 1857, when the town of Scotland was set off from it. Within its borders today is the thriving city of Willimantic, one of the centers of the thread industry. It was a day of small things in the little church over which Mr. Brewster presided sixty three families being reported. The Episcopal Church in that part of the State was numerically weak, especially in the rural sections and Windham was no exception to the rule. It can hardly be said that there has been much, if any, improvement in this respect. The little church at Windham still lives, but it is the church in the newer section of Willimantic that has supplanted it.

After about two years, Mr. Brewster received a call to become rector of ST. Paul's Church, Wallingford, which he accepted, and entered upon his duties Easter 1850. Here he remained about three years, when he removed to New Haven, taking charge of the recently established Mission of Christ Church. When it was organized into a parish, Mr. Brewster was made its first rector, and remained such until Easter 1882, a period of twenty-six years.

During this time the boy Chauncey was growing into manhood, and receiving his education in the schools of New Haven. When it became time for him to make his final preparation for college, he was sent to Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, one

of the oldest secondary schools in the country, and with a fine record of accomplishment in the field of education. His father had been a student here in the class of 1837. Chauncey was at the school for five years, 1859 to 1864.

Upon his graduation he entered Yale College in the class of 1868, when he was barely sixteen years old, entering from Mount Carmel, Ct where his father had built a beautiful home. His career in college was marked with honors. He was unanimously chosen Class Historian and Class Orator. The subject of his Orations was, "The Supreme end of Education properly Power rather than Acquisition" and one sees sentiments cropping out which found full and vigorous expression in later life. As an indication of his exceptional gifts the statement in the Class Book that he "won in debate whenever he entered the competition is significant.

The first year after his graduation was spent in study at New Haven. But now having definitely determined to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church he went to Berkeley Divinity School in Middletown, Ct where he remained a year. Then for a time he served as tutor in Greek and Latin at Yale, after which he returned to Berkeley and completed his theological course there, graduation in 1872. The head of the school was the Rt. Rev. John Williams, D.D., and associated with him on the teaching staff were the Rev. Samuel Fuller, D.D., the Rev. Frederick J. Goodwin, D.D. the Rev. Frederick Gardiner, D.D. and the Rev. William H. Vibbert. It was under the influence and instruction of these men that Mr. Brewster prepared himself for his work in the Church.

On May 29th, 1872, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Middletown, Ct, with seven others of his class he was admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons. It was the custom then, and continued to be until the school moved to New Haven, for the graduating class to be ordained in Holy Trinity, for such members of it, that is, as belonged to the Diocese of Ct, or for any others who desired to be ordained there.

Mr. Brewster went at once to serve as curate in St. Andrew's Parish, Meriden, Ct, which was then under the rector ship of the Rev. Giles H. Deshon, D.D. Here he served a year, and here in St. Andrew's, on May 30th, 1873, he was advanced to the Priesthood by Bishop Williams.

When the year of his curacy at Meriden was completed, he received and accepted a call to the rector ship of Christ Church, Rye, New York, in succession to the Rev. Reese F. Alsop. It was a parish of some one hundred and seventy communicants, not large numerically, but of great historic interest. It was an ancient parish, the first rector, the Rev. Thomas Pritchard, having been inducted in April 1704. And it was with this parish that that vigorous and militant Churchman, Colonel Caleb Heathcote was associated, and from which, in company with its rector, George Muirson, he sallied forth into Connecticut, armed with pistols and Prayer Books, to plant his Church, the Church of England, in the fertile soil of Connecticut.

It is also a matter of historic interest that it was to this parish that James Wetmore came, soon after his return from his ordination in London – Wetmore, one of that memorable group of four, who, by their renunciation of Presbyterianism and

acceptance of Episcopacy, rocked the very foundations of Yale College. Seven were involved in that horrendous venture but three yielded to the pressure brought to bear upon them, and did not take the fatal plunge into Episcopacy.

It is not at all likely that these interesting historical facts weighed heavily in Mr. Brewster's acceptance of the rector ship of Rye. At the moment he would be concerned only with the choice of a field in which to exercise his ministry. In after year he was want to refer with pride to his connection with this historic parish.

When Mr. Brewster had been at Rye only a few months, he married, on October 15th, 1873, Miss Susan Huntington Whitney, daughter of Eli Whitney, and granddaughter of Eli Whitney of cotton gin fame. The Whitney home, which had been built by the elder Whitney, was on Elm Street adjoining the home of James Brewster, grandfather of the Bishop, where the boy was, of course a frequent visitor, and perhaps lived some of the time. Directly across the street stood St. Thomas's Church. Here he and Miss Whitney were married. He once told the people of St. Thomas's in one of his addresses, that he remembered distinctly watching from his grandfather's front lawn the laying of the cornerstone of the new church on April 19th, 1854. He was only a little over five and a half years old. To his youthful mind and eyes the number of persons present to witness that ceremony made a deep and lasting impression. It seemed to him a veritable throng.

His rector ship at Rye continued for nine years, and then on February 26th, 1882, he left to enter upon the rector ship of Christ

Church, Detroit, Michigan, a parish of some three hundred and twenty communicants.

He was older now and more experienced, and it is not surprising to find him assuming importance in diocesan affairs. In 1883, he was sent as Deputy from the Diocese of Michigan to the General Convention which met in Philadelphia. In 1885, he was elected to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and was also appointed a member of the Board of Examining Chaplains. Under his administration the parish made good progress. For a part of the time he had for his assistant the Rev. Edmund H. Cleveland.

But now there fell upon his life the heavy shadow of a crushing sorrow. Mrs. Brewster died May 24th, 1885 and was buried from the church in New Haven in which she was married. Her infant boy, Eli Whitney, went to his mother almost at once, and was buried four days later. Their bodies rest in Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven, Ct. Mrs. Brewster was a woman of rare charm and beauty.

Within the year, Mr. Brewster received and accepted a call to Baltimore. His removal thither would be a welcome release from the associations and memories of those last Detroit days. The parish of more than five hundred communicants. Here he had for his assistant the Rev. J. A. Register. As in the Diocese of Michigan, so here in Maryland, he was elected to the Standing Committee Chaplains, a position he was well qualified to fill. At that time the Diocese of Maryland, like Connecticut, had only clergymen on its Standing Committee. In Connecticut that is still the rule.

But he was not to remain long in Baltimore, for after three years he left to assume the

rector ship of Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, New York. Every move was a step forward. Numerically, this was not as large as the parish which he was leaving, but it was a strong parish, with possibilities which must have appealed to him. If we may judge from the figures he was not mistaken in his evaluation of those possibilities, for the number of communicants when he assumed charge was three hundred and sixty-two. It had increased to eight hundred when he withdrew from the rector ship. During much of this time he had for his assistant the Rev. Wilham M. Grosvenor, who later became Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, the first to fill that position.

Here in the Diocese of Long Island Mr. Brewster became increasingly prominent, not only in the Diocese but in the Church at large. In 1892 he was elected to the Standing Committee and continued on it until his removal from the Diocese in 1897. For the last two years he was President of the Committee, and for the last year he was Chancellor of the Diocese.

In 1892 he was sent as a Deputy to the General Convention from the Diocese of Long Island, and again in 1895. His Committee assignment in both Conventions was to the Committee on Elections. But in 1895 he was appointed to the Commission on Christian Unity to fill a vacancy. This in the light of his later interest in the subject is worthy of note.

This Commission on Christian Unity was appointed by the Convention of 1886 in response to "several Petitions and Memorials looking to the organic unity of Christians, and the reunion of Christendom," with instructions to report to

the Convention of 1889. It did so report, and again in 1892 and 1895. Appended to the report of 1895 was the Resolution, "That the Commission on Christian Unity be continued under its previous instructions, to hold itself ready for conference with any and all similar commissions or committees appointed by Bodies of Christians, seeking the unity of the Church, the basis of such conferences to be the principles enunciated throughout the Declaration of the House of Bishops made at Chicago, in 1886, and as reaffirmed by the Lambeth Conference of 1888.

Not much, perhaps, came immediately from this gesture, but we can agree with the language of the report of the Commission, among the signers to which is Mr. Brewster, which is "that the agitation of the questions connected with Christian Unity has done untold good in attracting the thought of the age to the evil and the sin of schism, and in arousing discussion concerning methods to put an end to strife and division amongst men who profess to follow the Prince of Peace, "He who hath taught us that the Church is His one Body." This interest of the Deputy from Long Island presages his larger interest in the subject later on as Bishop.

For Mr. Brewster "time marches on," and a wider sphere of action awaits him. As Priest and Pastor he has demonstrated his fitness for the larger task of Bishop and Chief Pastor of a Diocese. There were seventy-eight Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions in the American Church at that time. Which would be the one to summon him to be its Bishop? Appropriately enough, it would be his native State and Diocese, Connecticut.

Since 1865 the Rt. Rev. John Williams, D.D., had been the Bishop of Connecticut. Before

that he had served as Coadjutor for fourteen years. His had been a long and memorable Episcopate. Like his predecessor, Bishop Brownell, he had been the Presiding Bishop of the Church, his term of office running from April 12th, 1887 to February 7th, 1899. With unwearied devotion and broad-minded statesmanship he administered the affairs of the Diocese through all of those years.

But now the time had come when the Diocese required, and his own physical condition demanded, that he should have assistance. It was hard for him to realize, or better perhaps to acknowledge, that the burdens of the office were too heavy for him longer to carry alone, and it was only after the desirability and possibility of getting assistance from other Bishops had been thoroughly canvassed with the Standing Committee, that the step was taken which eventuated in getting the assistance that was needed.

In a pastoral letter addressed to the clergy and laity of the Diocese, dated May 5th, 1897, after stating that it had been his hope that he might resume active work, a hope which he had now abandoned, the Bishop Coadjutor. There is a beautiful paragraph in that letter which may well find a place here. He writes: "I am sure, my dear Brethren that I need not say to you that it is a painful necessity which compels me to address you this letter. I cannot contemplate without sorrow the practical severance of ties which have so long bound me to your service for more than half of my life, and in which I have received such uniform kindness and forbearance on your part. I deeply feel the additional burden which is to be laid upon the Diocese, and it is only after long, earnest, and prayerful consideration, and

not without consultation with those whose opinion is entitled to weight, that I have decided to ask the action of the Convention in this behalf."

The annual meeting of the Convention as to be held in a month, June 8th, but the Bishop suggested that if the Diocese felt that it had not had sufficient notice, a time should be fixed upon for a special Convention later. But preparations went forward for the election to be held at the annual Convention on the 8th.

This year the Convention met in St. John's Church, Waterbury, Ct. It was before the days of the Cathedral, when the Convention met in different places as determined by the Bishop, and before the date had been changed from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday in May.

When the time came for the election fourteen names were placed in nomination, and before the balloting was over nineteen were voted for. The five leading candidates, leading that is on the first ballot, were the Rev. William R. Huntington, D.D., of New York, the Rev. Edwin S. Lines, of New Haven, the Rev. Samuel Hart, D.D. of Hartford, the Rev. Henry M. Sherman, of Bridgeport, and the Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, of Brooklyn, New York. On that first ballot Mr. Brewster stood fifth in the voting, but steadily, though slowly, gained on every ballot thereafter, until on the eleventh he was elected.

There was and there still is a provision in the Constitution of the Diocese of Connecticut, "that if in either order less than two-thirds of all entitled to vote are present, two thirds of the vote in that order shall be necessary for the Election.

*You are cordially invited to attend the
2020 Triennial Meeting
of
The Elder William Brewster Society*

Saturday, September 12, 2020

*Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor
(formerly Radisson Plymouth)
180 Water Street
Plymouth, Massachusetts*

Memorial Service at Brewster Gardens

2:00 P.M. (pending)

Meeting (Members Only)

3:00 P.M.

"Meet & Greet" Cocktail Hour

5:00 P.M.

Dinner / \$35.00 per person

6:00 P.M.

*Please use the form below when placing your reservations. Reservations must be received
no later than September 4, 2020. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve early!*

*Checks should be made payable to The Elder William Brewster Society and sent to:
Jane Cobb, 604 Mallow Scrub Way, Sebastian, FL 32958 (\$35.00 pp)*

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*Elder William Brewster Triennial Meeting
September 12, 2020*

*Name(s) attending dinner: Member: _____
(please print)*

Guest(s): _____

Please circle: Attending Memorial Service (if one is held) Y N

Number attending meeting (Members Only) _____

Your email address would be helpful, incase of any changes: _____

A phone number would be greatly appreciated: _____

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