

## Delano Kindred, Inc. 2025 Annual Meeting President's Letter

Dear Delano Kindred Members,

**The 2025 Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Delano Kindred, Inc. is being held in-person in once again in the US ancestral home of the Delano family, Duxbury, MA.** The Annual Meeting itself will be available via Zoom for those members who are unable to travel to Duxbury. By the time you read this letter, in-person registration will have closed, however, registration for Zoom attendance will still be available on our website. All details about the schedule are also there on the website, and also part of the annual meeting emailing to members.

As we did at the 2023 meeting with the Alden Kindred, this Delano Kindred Annual Meeting is being held at the Alden House site in Duxbury. Both families played important roles in the founding, settlement, and growth of the Town of Duxbury, MA. Our 2023 annual meeting at the Alden House site went very well, so we decided to meet at the Alden House site in 2025.

We had hoped that the new Alden Barn and Living History Museum would have been completed in time for our reunion, but it will not be. (Steady progress is being made, however, and the addition looks great!) So, like we did in 2023, we will meet in a tent in the parking area next to the yet unfinished Alden Barn and Living History Museum.

Here is a brief overview of what we have planned for the Annual Meeting and Reunion:

### **Sept. 12**

- 1:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Delano Kindred Board of Directors Meeting – In-Person and on Zoom
- 2:00 PM Opening Remarks and Welcome – Alden House tent
- 2:15 PM Guest speaker – Lisa Pennington, Gov. General, Gen. Soc. Of Mayflower Descendants – In-Person and on Zoom
- 3:30 PM Tours of the 1653 Alden House and the original Alden House site
- 4:30 PM Reception with appetizers, dinner, and refreshments in the tent (optional)

### **Sept. 13**

- 10:30 AM Delano Kindred Annual Meeting – Alden House tent, and also on Zoom
- 11:45 AM Group Photo at the Alden House
- 12:00 PM A catered lunch at the Alden House tent (optional)
- 1:00 PM Guest speaker – Dr. Donna Curtin, Exec. Dir., Pilgrim Hall Museum, Plymouth, In-Person and on Zoom
- 2:30 PM A bus tour of the Duxbury Delano family, and other historical sights (optional)
- 4:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Delano Kindred Board Meeting – In-Person and on Zoom

We are very honored to have on Friday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> the Mayflower Society Governor General, Lisa Pennington, speak to us. Lisa is an excellent speaker and those of you who are not yet members of the Mayflower Society will, after hearing Lisa's talk, want to join.

We are also very honored on Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to have Dr. Donna Curtin, the Executive Director of the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, speak to us. Donna is also a fascinating speaker and you will, no doubt, learn much new about the Pilgrim families and their early settlement.

I give a special thank you to the following persons for their excellent assistance in planning this meeting: Desiree Mobed, Exec. Director, Alden House; and Delano Kindred members Connie Delano, Paul Harris, and Kris Delano.

Just a few more comments before I close which we have asked in past years:

- **Please ask** your Delano relatives and friends to become members of the Delano Kindred. Consider gifting those memberships to your children and grandchildren this Christmas.
- **Please get involved.** Help us reach out to others. Direct us to potential donors and grant funders. Join a committee or event to have a “hands-on” Delano experience. Just let us know what you enjoy doing! [www.delanokindred.us](http://www.delanokindred.us) will be a major resource for you.
- **There is an open seat** on the Nominating Committee. This is a 3 year term. This committee is an easy and good way to become more familiar with the overall functioning of the Kindred as a charitable and an educational organization, and get to know other members.
- Last of all, **share your history with all of us**, for posting on the website and/or in the periodic newsletter, and be proud that your ancestors and the Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower have left an indelible mark on this great country and make certain you help us to fulfill the goals of the Delano Kindred.

Best Wishes,

Thomas “Tom” Delano  
President, The Delano Kindred, Inc.

