

Delano Kindred, Inc. 2026 President's Letter and 2026 Annual Meeting and Reunion Schedule

Dear Delano Kindred Members,

On September 18th and 19th, 2026, the 2026 Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Delano Kindred, Inc. is being held in-person 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 www.delanokindred.us. 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 2025 meeting, this Delano Kindred Annual Meeting is being held at the new addition to the barn at the Alden House site in Duxbury. The Delano Kindred contributed over \$14,000 to the construction of the addition. The barn addition has a meeting room on the lower level and a museum upstairs. You will see many references to the Delano family in the new museum. Both families played important roles in the founding, settlement, and growth of the Town of Duxbury, MA.

Many of us are attending the Mayflower Congress being held in Plymouth this year. The Delano Kindred Annual Meeting starts just two days after the end of the Mayflower Congress.

Here is a brief overview of what we have planned for the 2026 Annual Meeting and Reunion:

Friday, September 18

1:00 PM 1st Delano Kindred Board of Directors Meeting – In-Person and on Zoom
2:00 PM Guest speaker – Stephen O'Neill, Exec. Dir. Hanover MA Historical Society – In-Person and on Zoom
3:30 PM Tours of the 1653 Alden House and the new Alden Barn and Museum
4:30 PM Reception with drinks and appetizers
5:30 PM Catered dinner in the Alden Barn

Saturday, September 19

10:30 AM Delano Kindred Annual Meeting – New Alden Barn and also on Zoom
11:45 AM Group Photo at the Alden House
12:00 PM A catered lunch at the new Alden House Barn
1:00 PM Guest speaker – Peter Arenstam, Plymouth Historian and Author, In-Person and on Zoom
2:30 PM A walking tour of the original Duxbury Delano family land grant. Tony Kelso, Town of Duxbury Historian
4:00 PM 2nd Delano Kindred Board Meeting – In-Person and on Zoom

We are very honored to have on Friday, Sept. 18th, the executive director of the Hanover MA Historical Society and noted author, Stephen O'Neill. Stephen will speak to us about early Duxbury history including Philip Delano.

We are also very honored on Saturday, Sept. 19th to have Peter Arenstam, a noted historian and author of publications focused on the Pilgrim settlers in Plymouth and the surrounding area.

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 for their work in planning, ordering, and picking up the dinners and lunches.

Just a few more comments before I close and we have included these in past years:

- **Please ask your Delano relatives and Delano friends to become members** of the Delano Kindred, Inc. 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 will be a major resource for you.
- **Please share your history with all of us**, for posting on the website and/or Facebook (for the website contact Terry Delano gdelano2000@yahoo.com) (for Facebook contact Pam Pettengell pampettengell26@gmail.com) and/or in the periodic newsletter (contact Nick Neagle nicholasneagle@gmail.com). Express and share your pride that your ancestors and the Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower and Fortune 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.

