

## Delano Kindred, Inc. 2024 Annual Meeting President's Letter

Dear Delano Kindred Members,

**The 2024 Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Delano Kindred, Inc. is being held in-person in Maggie Valley, NC.** The Annual Meeting itself will be available via Zoom for those members who are unable to travel to Maggie Valley. By the time you read this letter, in-person registration will have closed, however, registration for Zoom attendance is available right now 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 in conjunction with our friends at the Soule Kindred. Both families played important roles in the founding, settlement, and growth of the Town of Duxbury, MA. Our 2023 annual meeting with the Alden Kindred went very well, so we decided to try it again with the Soule family.

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

We will officially kick-off this 4-day Annual Meeting with Delano Day! Leaving the Delano, TN depot on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024 at 1:00PM for a 50 mile round trip through the lower Hiwassee River Gorge and returning at 5:00PM. Supper follows at the **Savannah Oaks Winery** in Delano, TN.

On Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, the Annual Meeting/Reunion registration begins at 9:00AM to 11:00AM. At 11:00AM we depart for a tour of the Biltmore Estate which is still the largest privately owned home in the United States. On our return to Maggie Valley, we will meet for dinner **J. Arthurs Restaurant** in Maggie Valley. Our after dinner speaker will be Caleb Johnson, the noted author of *The Mayflower and Her Passengers*.

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 begins with breakfast at 8:30AM. After breakfast the Delano Kindred will conduct its Annual General Meeting from 10:00 to 11:00AM. Immediately after the Annual Meeting, we depart for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park for a tour of the famous Cherokee Indian sites in and around the park. At 5:00PM we then return to Maggie Valley for a barbecue on the pasture at St. Margaret's Church followed by a talk by the Rev. Dr. Becket Soule on a famous Mayflower descendant.

On Sunday Sept. 15, 2024, we again meet for breakfast at 8:30AM. For those who wish, there will be a Reunion Homecoming Services at 10AM at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. This will conclude the 2024 Delano Kindred Annual Meeting and Reunion.

The Rev. Dr. Becket Soule has done an outstanding job at organizing this meeting. We think it will be an interesting, educational and fun Annual Meeting and Reunion. We hope to see you either in-person or online at this meeting!

Just a few more comments before I close:

- Please ask your Delano relatives and friends to become members of the Delano Kindred. Consider gifting those membership to your children and grandchildren this Christmas.

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- 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.
- Last of all, share your history with all, 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.

