

Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants Spring 2024 Banquet



Join with your Mayflower cousins on **May 3rd** banquet at 6:00 pm at the

Sons of Utah Pioneers building

3301 Louise Avenue in Salt Lake City

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm and the Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

To Pay for your dinner :

Go to our website at: utahmayflower.org and click on the
Payment Button on the front page and complete your purchase.

Dinner Menu

A delicious meal of Baron of Beef and chicken Marsala will be catered by **Brown Brothers with a cost of \$40 per person.**

Green beans almondine, strawberry salad, Rosemary potatoes, and three desserts per person will be enjoyed. A delightful program with the theme of early settlement our Pilgrim ancestors experienced the migration west will enlighten us.

Seating for the dinner must be reserved no later than **April 18th with no exceptions.**

We are so pleased to welcome our Guest Speaker

Dr. Brian Q Cannon

Department Chair, History, Brigham Young University

Dr. Cannon graduated from BYU with a BA in American Studies in 1984. He completed an MA in History at Utah State University in 1986 and a PhD in History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1992.

Since that time, he has been teaching at BYU. He teaches upper division courses in the American West in the Twentieth Century, Utah History, and U.S. History from 1890 to 1945.

Much of his research focuses upon agricultural settlement and rural community development and federal rural policy in the twentieth century. He has received fellowships or other awards from the Western History Association, the Agricultural History Society, the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, the Ford Foundation, and the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

He and his wife, Anna Lea, are the parents of one daughter and four sons; and are the grandparents of five grandchildren.

Honors and Awards

- Gordon M. Bakken Award of Merit, Western History Association (2020 – 2021)
- Award of Merit, Utah State Historical Society (2016 – 2016)

Memberships

- Utah Historical Society (1999 – Present)
- Agricultural History Society (1994 – Present)
- Western History Association (1994 – Present)
- American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch (1997 – 2010)
- Program committee for the Brigham Young Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers
- Past president of the Mormon History Association
- Past president of the Agricultural History Association

Things to be aware of:

Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants New Member Challenge

Whichever current member refers the most new qualifying applicants will win a dinner for two to Ruth's Chris Steak House (gift card value \$200).

- 1. In order to qualify, referrals must have successfully applied for membership to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants by applying via the Utah Society Historian Kevan Barton.**
- 2. The new applicants must have formally submitted their applications to Plymouth by November 8, 2024.**
- 3. Be sure to have your new applicants give your name to Historian Kevan Barton when they start the application process.**

“What Mayflower Membership Means”

The majority of our members are in the “Active Member in Good Standing” category meaning that their dues need to be paid by December each year.

Those members who are seeking to transfer in or out must also be an “Active Member in Good Standing to do so.”

General Board of Assistants Meeting 2024

will be held in Ashville, North Carolina September 5-8, 2024.

If you have a desire to attend as a representative from Utah please let someone on the Utah board know so that we can plan on you representing Utah.

We have many **opportunities to serve** here in the Utah society of Mayflower Descendants. Please if you have any interest let your voice be made known.

Please go to our **Utah Mayflower Descendant website and Facebook** page for more information on the Utah society.

RootsTech 2024

The 2024 Root's Tech event was terrific. Many of Our members volunteered at our Booth, along with a few members from the Mayflower Society in Plymouth. If you have the opportunity to attend Roots Tech next year, you won't regret it!



Berti Loken, Utah DGG Thomas Portlock, Utah Governor Susan McEvoy, Utah Treasurer Eileen Johnson and Jay Ashworth

Dear Cousins,

We will be voting on two proposed amendments to our Society bylaws at the banquet on May 3rd. Reserve your seat for the banquet now and we'll see you there! The proposed amendments can be found below.

Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

<p>Article 1, Section 3 currently reads: "All officers shall be elected for terms of one year and may be re-elected as often as the Society desires except the Governor, who shall not serve more than six years in succession."</p> <p><i>Reason for the changes: To reflect the Society's current practice with regard to term lengths.</i></p>	<p>Proposed Changes to Article 1, Section 3: "All officers shall be elected for terms of three years and may be re-elected as often as the Society desires except the Governor, who shall serve a term of five years. The Governor shall not serve more than one term consecutively. The candidates duly elected shall assume office on the first of January succeeding the annual meeting at which they are elected."</p>
<p>Article 7, Section 2, item F currently reads: "A former member, desiring to be reinstated as a member of the Mayflower Society, may apply for such reinstatement by written application and by paying to the Treasurer of the Descendants of the Mayflower Society of Utah the annual membership fee that accrued during the year their membership expired, together with the membership fee for the year in which the application for reinstatement was requested and also the membership fee for the coming year. If the application for reinstatement is in the same year as the year of expiration, the total reinstatement fee would still be three times the existing annual membership fee. A person's check covering the above mentioned reinstatement fee may be considered as their written application for reinstatement."</p> <p><i>Reason for the changes: To reflect the Society's current practice with regard to reinstatements.</i></p>	<p>Proposed Changes to Article 7, Section 2, item F: "A former member, desiring to be reinstated as a member of the Mayflower Society, may apply for such reinstatement by written application and by paying to the Treasurer of the Descendants of the Mayflower Society of Utah the membership fee for the year in which the application for reinstatement was requested. An email request to the Treasurer or a person's check covering the above-mentioned reinstatement fee may be considered as their written application for reinstatement. The reinstatement fee may also be paid by credit card."</p>