

# Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants

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## Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants will celebrate its Fall 2024 Banquet



Photo by Gardner Village

**Attention** cousins, the Utah Society are meeting for its Fall 2024 Banquet. The Fall Dinner is on **Friday, November 8th** at the **Wheelhouse Restaurant at Gardner Village in West Jordan**. Our program will include stories of our passenger ancestors. The cost for each reservation is \$45.00; please show names of any guests in the description line on the order form. The payment button is on the [utahmayflower.org](https://utahmayflower.org) website. Seating is limited and will fill up soon, so don't procrastinate!

We revealed a **new image** at our Spring banquet which is graphed on merchandise that the Utah society is offering on its website. Please go and get your mugs, medallions, lapel pins, and Hot beverage mugs. <https://utahmayflower.org/utah-mayflower-shopping/>



There is much told about the migration west, the journeys across the plains and mountains to the Great Basin, and the causes of that massive movement out of the United States. Our story for the evening is not to repeat those stories, but to reveal the account of the historical settlement of the Great Basin and the even larger Latter-Day Saint (LDS) area of colonization – from Mexico to southern Canada.

While our pilgrim ancestors never came west, their descendants did! Many of these, our ancestors, didn't end their travels upon arrival in what was to become the Utah Territory! What happened to them? A great many continued for many miles as part of the planned and organized settlement of the Great Basin. No where in American history was there such an ordered methodology employed in the settlement of land. What was that methodology, how was it decided where to send a group of folks, what were the requirements – skills, numbers, demographics, how long did they have to stay in place? Where did our Pilgrim descendants settle? What other Pilgrim descendants came west and became part of the story? Miners, soldiers guarding the Mormon trail at Fort Laramie.... The stories are fascinating and its time their tales are told.

### Scholarships

While our Society focuses on lineage, we are also a non-profit organization and should give back to the community. We now have a payment button on the website where you can contribute towards scholarships for students related to our members.

We urge you to contribute to the scholarship fund. Once it has been adequately funded, we will announce the qualifications for deserving students. Please consider a donation, we need your support.

We thank those members who have contributed to the scholarship fund. Just a reminder that this is tax deductible and a very worthy cause. Please contribute at [utahmayflower.org](http://utahmayflower.org) on the payments page. We will announce the total contributed so far at the November celebration.

### **New Member Challenge**

A reminder about our new member challenge: The member in good standing who refers the most approved new members to Historian Kevan Barton will win a dinner for two at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

Please let Historian Kevan Barton know the names of people you have referred to him so that the Board can determine who the winner of the contest is. New members must have been approved by Plymouth by the November 8th meeting.

We can increase our membership by sharing your pilgrim heritage with those you meet. Many people feel a connection to the Mayflower story. HELP your friends and relatives to get their paperwork started by telling your story. Let's all invite prospective members and help them get started.

### **"What Mayflower Membership Means"**

Many 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."

### **From our Treasurer**

**Cousins:** Please pay your annual dues only when you receive an invoice or after checking with me. Several members have paid dues unnecessarily and are at least two years ahead of schedule. I can refund the overpayment to your credit card within 180 days; I just need the expiration date of the card used. I have emailed the member when the duplicate payments are made but I don't always receive a response. I would appreciate your cooperation with this request.

Thanks.

Eileen Johnson, Treasurer

# The Governor General's Quarter 4 Address

Wednesday, October 23rd at 7pm EST

<https://themayflowersociety.org/members/members-only-events/#>

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

**Also remember** that the General Society Members only web site contains many resources and tools for new members. This includes New Member orientation, Committees and Volunteerism, Member only events, Society resources, Digital Gallery, and much more.

## Open Board and Committee Chair Positions

**Interested in serving our Society?** We would love to hear from you! We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Secretary
- Outreach Committee Chair
- Membership Committee Chair

If you are interested in a position, please email Deputy Governor Vicky Dewsnup at: [deputygovernor@utahmayflower.org](mailto:deputygovernor@utahmayflower.org)

**General Board of Assistants Meeting 2024** was held in Ashville, North Carolina Sept. 5-8, 2024. The GBOA Meeting was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our Mayflower cousins and to be involved in Society business and decision-making. Our Deputy Governor General, Thomas Portlock was able to attend and show our support in the General Society. Please look forward and attend our next GBOA meeting that will be held in San Antonio, Texas September 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All members and family and guests are welcome in San Antonio to enjoy the fantastic tours and to listen to the many speakers. Yearly, this is a way to connect with Mayflower cousins from near and far.

If there are any requests for story submittals or announcements to the Utah Mayflower newsletter, please email: at [DeputyGovernorGeneral@utahmayflower.org](mailto:DeputyGovernorGeneral@utahmayflower.org)

