



The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 May 2021
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

NEXT MEETING:

When: May 15, 2021

Where: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: Founders Keep - Constitution

CALENDER & COMING EVENTS

May 2021

- 1 Board of Governors
- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting – Founders Keep - Constitution

June 2021

- 16 DX EC Meeting
- 19 DX Chapter Meeting

July 2021

- 12 – 15 National Congress, Seattle, WA
- 14 DX EC Meeting
- 17 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner



By Ken Ludwig

I'm going to start this month's Presidents Article by asking a question. **ARE WE AS A CHAPTER FRIENDLY?**

My response to that is yes, I would say we have a bunch of friendly people as members, and I certainly see many people engrossed in discussions with smiles on their faces when they are at a chapter meeting.

Every month we have visitors with our speakers, youth contest participants and their families, prospective members, and new members.

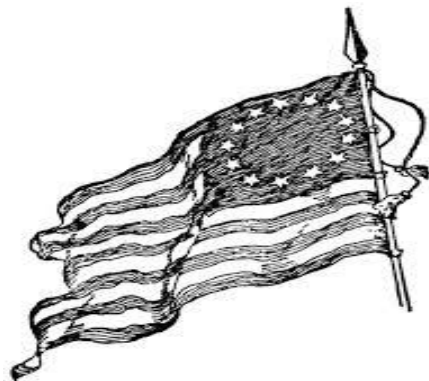
It seems to me that we have a very low retention rate (new members that become active in our chapter). But this begs to ask a second question. **ARE WE AS A CHAPTER WELCOMING?**

Every month in the Executive Committee meeting we go over the reservations for the upcoming chapter meeting. As we go through the list, I can almost tell you which table everyone named will sit. That is great that the people at those tables have found a group that they enjoy being with. What it does do though is create almost impenetrable islands that to someone coming in as a new member can be very daunting.

I still classify myself as a new member since I joined in 2016. I can vividly remember the first few meetings that I attended; feeling like no one really cared to talk to me. It takes a lot of self-confidence, a huge desire to be part of the SAR, or just plain persistence to overcome that barrier. So, what do we do about this? I am asking each of you to get out of your comfort zone and when you see someone you do not recognize, walk up to them, extend your hand, and say "Hi, I don't believe I know you. My name is _____ and you are _____?"

If they are new members or prospective members, please take ownership of them. Invite them to sit with you at your table. Put our program into their hands and show them where the Pledge of the SAR is and the Recessional. Walk them around and introduce them to other members. Bring them up and introduce them to the president. Talk to them. Make them feel welcome!

I would also recommend that you mix it up from time to time. Sit at a table with people you normally do not sit by. You may find that you make a new friend.



Shawn Cowing, Bruce Smith, Vernon Welkner, and Ken Ludwig



KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner swears in Shawn Cowing, Bruce Smith, and Ken Ludwig

Delaware Crossing Officers Sworn In

It is customary for newly elected State Society and Chapter Officers to be sworn in at the KSSSAR Annual Conference. Optionally, they can be sworn in by the State Society President on another occasion if for some reason they could not attend the Annual Conference. That was the case at our April 17, 2021 Chapter Meeting. The very first chapter visited by KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner since taking office on March 20 was Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Sworn in from left to right was Shawn Cowing (Treasurer), Bruce Smith (Vice President) and Ken Ludwig (President). After the swearing in, the officers were directed to pledge their support to the Chapter Officers, Chapter and SAR.



President Ken Ludwig administers the SAR Oath to John Michael Reed and Burton Randal Cummings.



Burton Randal Cummings lights a candle to honor his Patriot Ancestor.



John Michael Reed lights a candle to honor his Patriot Ancestor.

New Members take Oath

John Michael Reed and Burton Randal Cummings (Left to Right) took the Oath as new members of the SAR and Delaware Crossing Chapter administered by President Ken Ludwig at the April 17, 2021 Chapter Meeting. That was followed by Mike receiving his Membership Rosette from his Sponsor Dewey Fry and Burton receiving his Rosette from Co-Sponsor Tim Peterman.

Then each new member lite a candle in honor of their Patriot Ancestor and were invited to say a few words about their Patriot Ancestor.

Mike became NSSAR Member No. 217665 and Burton NSSAR Member No. 218054 on January 29, 2021. That could not be more fitting as it was the 160th Anniversary of Kansas becoming a State.

Mike and Burton, congratulations and welcome to the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution and National Society Sons of the American Revolution.



Dewey Fry presents Summer Justice with a check and certificate.

Winning Poster Returned to Summer Justice

Summer Justice was presented a Certificate and a check for \$50.00 on April 17, 2021 following the Delaware Crossing Chapter Meeting. The presentation had to take place at her home as Pioneer Ridge Middle School is still closed to visitors prohibiting the presentation being made to her there.

As her poster placed 2nd in the KSSAR contest, it was returned to her. She was very pleased at having received \$100.00 in prize money, three certificate and the return of her poster. Her poster will be framed and hung in the Justice home. She said it went much farther than she had imagined while creating it.