



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

March 2018

Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: Mar 17

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S
Strang Line Rd., Olathe, KS, 9:00AM

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Ken
Ludwig (913) 897-0379 by 3:00 PM,
the Wednesday before.

Breakfast price: \$17.00/person

Program: Brooks Lyles on "Milicias and
Militiamen"

COMING EVENTS

03/1-4 Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville

03/14 DXSAR EC meeting, at Oak Park Library,
95th St., Overland Park, KS, 6:00 PM

03/17 Chapter meeting

03/23/-24 State Conference, Junction City

Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

Send news about your ancestor patriots, special
events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may
be included in the *Delaware Crossing Patriot*.

You may reach me at

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(913) 268-4932.



The President's Corner

By Stu Conrad

Huzzah!

This is the last time you'll have to tolerate a diatribe from me as chapter president in this newsletter. My term of office will shortly come to an end (whew!), and there are several folks who contributed significantly to my efforts that I'd like to thank.

Of course I must begin with Compatriot Brian Revard whose wise counsel as my immediate predecessor in this position was most helpful. I have greatly valued his advice as well as his effort to work with our breakfast purveyor to get that work done. That process still goes forward and we all should support his efforts.

I have also been privileged to have the good advice of several prior past chapter presidents who have contributed to my work. These certainly include Compatriots Dennis Nelson, Dick Nelson, Dewey Fry, Tim Peterman, John Forbes and Richard Cox. I'm sure that I've left off some names that I should have included. They all desperately tried to keep me on track and, although I have slipped off the rails more than once, the errors are mine alone and should not be attributed to any lack of effort on their part. Their encouragement has been of great help and value.

Matt Brady also deserves your kudos. He has

done an excellent job of upgrading our programs for our chapter meetings and has relieved me of worrying about what we were going to hear about next. His selection of programs has been informative, interesting and appropriate for our chapter. And let us not forget about our faithful Secretary Ken Ludwig. Ken has worked for all of us behind the scenes in keeping track of our “musings” at often unstructured Executive Committee meetings and in trying to keep track of what is being said and about what it is being said and in setting up our Executive Committee meetings. Neither is a small task.

Let me also extend thanks (as each of you should) to Greg Millican whose efforts as editor of our chapter newsletter are viewed by each of you. He has gently reminded me when I have fallen behind in getting him text for these “articles” and he has also served DX chapter as Webmaster, Essay, and as Rumbaugh Oration Chairman. I have kept him busy with sending me reminders and even though I’ve “tickled” each month ahead, he usually beats me.

Thanks to each of you, my Compatriots, who have been willing to overlook my slips and screwups, and have patiently continued to bear up with your attendance at our chapter meetings and Executive Committee meetings.

I hope that each of you will join me in giving my successor, Kirk Rush, the same level of support and encouragement that I’ve enjoyed these past two years. I’m sure he will do a much better job and I certainly wish him well.

It has been a great privilege to serve you and our DX Chapter for these years as we continue with our objectives of remembering and following in the footsteps of our patriot ancestors and continue

collective focus on education and patriotism for the good of our beloved United States. In that sense, and in humility, let me close with the words of F. S. Key’s poem which became the fourth verse of our National Anthem:

Blessed with victory and peace, may this Heaven-rescued land, praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, and this is our motto: “In God be our Trust.” And that Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall waive, o’er the Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave.

Huzzah!

(End of President’s Corner)

Youth read Winning essays at the DXSAR Chapter meeting.

At the February 17 chapter meeting, the Knight Essay for 2018 contest winner for DXSAR was read by Gabrielle Abrams, a senior student at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy of Overland Park. The title of her essay is “*America’s Belief in Foreign Aid Rooted in the Revolutionary War.*” Also, at the meeting, Michael Abrams was presented a commendation for encouraging Gabrielle in the writing of the essay.



I Gabrielle Abrams reads winning Knight essay.



2 Greg Millican presents prize check to Gabrielle Abrams, Stu Conrad (on right).

The winner of the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest for 2018 is Brian Pendleton. At the chapter meeting, Brian read his winning essay: “The Green Mountain Boys – The first American Scouts?”



3 Brian Pendleton reads his Eagle Scout essay.

Essay contests At the Kansas State level :

The winning essay for the Knight Essay Contest was Helen Krehbiel of Bern, Kansas. Her essay was titled “Courageous Women of the American Revolution”. The King Eagle Scout Scholarship first place award winner was Benjamin Kyle Murdock for the State of Kansas.



4 Kirk Rush and Stu Conrad present Brian Pendleton with a metal.

George Washington Birthday Celebration:

The thirty second annual George Washington Birthday Celebration was held on February 24, 2018 at the Ritz Charles Convention Center. Many members of the Delaware Crossing Chapter were involved in the celebration planning, color guard, silent auction, and luncheon. The main speaker was the Honorable Lawton R. Nuss, Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court. The judges’ speech topic was integrity. The following pictures are of the Celebration.



5 At the George Washington Birthday Celebration.



6 Cynthia Fry and Dennis Strickland help at the Silent Auction table.



7 Guest Speaker: Honorable Lawton R. Nuss.

(End of Patriot News letter)