



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot*  
*Kansas Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
 February 2022  
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** February 12, 2022

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

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email [Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

**Cost:** \$17.00/person

**Program:** Music of the Revolutionary War Era by Ken Shoemaker

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**February 2022**

- 5 BOG Emporia, KS
- 9 DX EC Meeting
- 12 DX Chapter Meeting
- 19 George Washington Birthday Celebration

**March 2022**

- 9 DX EC Meeting
- 12 DX Chapter Meeting
- 18-19 State Conference – Abilene

**April 2022**

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting

**The President's Corner**



By Ken Ludwig

February brings us Valentine's Day, but I am not going to admonish you to go out and get the candy and flowers for your special lady. Instead, I want to focus on another celebration this month – George Washington's Birthday.

It was recently recommended to me to read George's farewell address as he was leaving office after his second term. You can easily find the

complete address just by searching for it on the Internet, so I will not duplicate it in its entirety here in this space. I will pull some excerpts about warnings he had for our country.

*“The unity of government which constitutes you one people is also now dear to you. It is justly so, for it is a main pillar in the edifice of your real independence, the support of your tranquility at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize. But as it is easy to foresee that, from different causes and from different quarters, much pains will be taken, many artifices employed to weaken in your minds the conviction of this truth; as this is the point in your political fortress against which the batteries of internal and external enemies will be most constantly and actively (though often covertly and insidiously) directed, it is of infinite moment that you should properly estimate the immense value of your national union to your collective and individual happiness; that you should cherish a cordial, habitual, and immovable attachment to it; accustoming yourselves to think and speak of it as of the palladium of your political safety and prosperity; watching for its preservation with jealous anxiety; discountenancing whatever may suggest even a suspicion that it can in any event be abandoned; and indignantly frowning upon the first dawning of every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest, or to enfeeble the sacred ties which now link together the various parts.*

*For this you have every inducement of sympathy and interest. Citizens, by birth or choice, of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of*

*patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles. You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together; the independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint counsels, and joint efforts of common dangers, sufferings, and successes.”*

*“Towards the preservation of your government, and the permanency of your present happy state, it is requisite, not only that you steadily discountenance irregular oppositions to its acknowledged authority, but also that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts. One method of assault may be to effect, in the forms of the Constitution, alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus to undermine what cannot be directly overthrown. In all the changes to which you may be invited, remember that time and habit are at least as necessary to fix the true character of governments as of other human institutions; that experience is the surest standard by which to test the real tendency of the existing constitution of a country; that facility in changes, upon the credit of mere hypothesis and opinion, exposes to perpetual change, from the endless variety of hypothesis and opinion; and remember, especially, that for the efficient management of your common interests, in a country so extensive as ours, a government of as much vigor as is consistent with the perfect security of liberty is indispensable. Liberty itself will find in such a government, with powers properly distributed and adjusted, its surest guardian. It is, indeed, little else than a name, where the government is too feeble to withstand the enterprises of faction, to confine each member of the society within the limits prescribed by the laws, and to maintain all*

*in the secure and tranquil enjoyment of the rights of person and property.*

*I have already intimated to you the danger of parties in the State, with particular reference to the founding of them on geographical discriminations. Let me now take a more comprehensive view and warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party generally.*

*This spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists under different shapes in all governments, more or less stifled, controlled, or repressed; but, in those of the popular form, it is seen in its greatest rankness, and is truly their worst enemy.*

*The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism. The disorders and miseries which result gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual; and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of public liberty.*

*Without looking forward to an extremity of this kind (which nevertheless ought not to be entirely out of sight), the common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it.*

*It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which finds a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus the policy and the will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another.'*

In the spirit of our essay and oration contests, we always ask our youth contestants to take the lessons of the past and apply them to today. My takeaway from the above is that our current splits along party and cultural lines is putting us at a great risk of losing our constitutional republic.

*“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens? The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked: Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”*

I do not feel like I am that old, but it sure feels like we are a much less of a moral society today than when I was a child. We keep passing laws and allowing cultural practices that weaken the moral fabric of our country.

*“Promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.”*

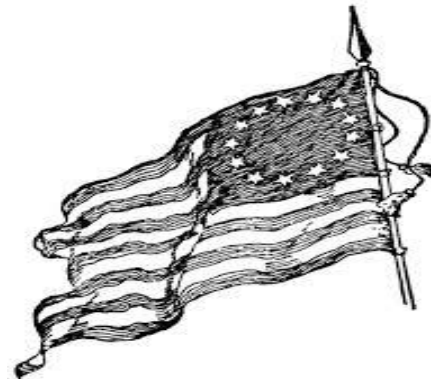
We are spending tons on our schools, but are they effective, and are teaching what they should? I believe that we have whole swaths of our populace that do not value education and squander this resource that we are providing them.

*“As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit. One method of preserving it is to use it as sparingly as possible, avoiding occasions of expense by cultivating peace, but remembering also that timely disbursements to prepare for danger frequently prevent much greater disbursements to repel it, avoiding likewise the accumulation of debt, not only by shunning occasions of expense, but by vigorous exertion in time of peace to discharge the debts which unavoidable wars may have occasioned, not ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burden which we ourselves ought to bear. The execution of these maxims belongs to your representatives, but it is necessary that public opinion should co-operate. To facilitate to them the performance of their duty, it is essential that you should practically bear in mind that towards the payment of debts there must be revenue; that to have revenue there must be taxes; that no taxes can be devised which are not more or less inconvenient and unpleasant; that the*

*intrinsic embarrassment, inseparable from the selection of the proper objects (which is always a choice of difficulties), ought to be a decisive motive for a candid construction of the conduct of the government in making it, and for a spirit of acquiescence in the measures for obtaining revenue, which the public exigencies may at any time dictate.”*

Wow – Use credit sparingly? Shun expense and pay down the debt? I wish our current congress would listen to good old George.

I am sorry that this is so long, but I felt you needed to read things as George wrote them so you can form your own interpretation. I encourage you to go read the whole text as he has several other valid warnings that we are ignoring to our own peril.





John Forbes

### **Shawnee Indian Mission History Program**

by John Forbes

Compatriot John Forbes presented another interesting program at our January chapter meeting. What was to be a 30-minute presentation turned into one significantly longer as the interest in the subject from the audience commanded it.

For those of you who did not attend the meeting, you missed a very informative program in which time passed quickly. He covered the history of the Shawnee Indian Mission from its creation near the Turner, Kansas community in KCK to the

acquisition by the Kansas Historical Society, to current day.

We even managed to acquire information from John on the current status of the Shawnee Tribe's inquiry into the possible burial of Shawnee children in the Shawnee Indian Mission Cemetery where we marked the grave of Sarah Ruddell a few months ago. Although several of us concur with John's opinion as stated during the discussion in the meeting, it is best you get it from John and not this newsletter, if you have an interest as this is an ongoing project.

Dewey Fry



### **2021 Election of DXSAR Officers**

The Nominating Committee's slate of officers was elected as presented by Chairman Kirk Rush:

President – Larry Tatum  
VP Programs – John Martin  
Secretary - Steven French  
Treasurer - Shawn Cowing  
Asst. Treasurer - Dick Nelson  
Registrar/Genealogist - Tim Peterman  
Kesler Youth Fund Trustee – Ken Ludwig



Rumbaugh Oration presentation by James Schultz.

### **2022 Rumbaugh Oration**

With remarkable confidence and poise, Mr. James Schultz gave the Delaware Crossing Chapter's winning 2022 Rumbaugh Oration presentation, *Nathanael Greene and the Legacy of the "Fighting Quaker"*.

Many in the audience were certain that James was an experienced debate team member by the expert delivery of his well-written speech.

James was also the winner of the Knight Essay contest, which explains the smiles of both he and Ken Ludwig when presented with the awards check.

The Delaware Crossing Chapter is extremely fortunate to be represented by James in the upcoming State Competition.



President Ken Ludwig presents James Schultz with a check for winning the Knight Essay and Rumbaugh Oration contests.



President Ken Ludwig present James Schultz with the Rumbaugh Award Certificate.