



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
September 2020
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

NEXT MEETING:

When: September 19, 2020, 10:00AM to 2:00PM

Where: Shelter House #1, Antioch Park, 6501 Antioch Road, Merriam, KS

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Dewey Fry (913)-897-9502 by 8:00 PM, Sept. 12

Cost: \$12.00/Adults \$6.00/12 & Under

Program: Annual Picnic & Flag Retirement

The President's Corner



CALENDER & COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2020

- 16 DX EC Meeting
- 19 DX Chapter Meeting (Picnic and Flag Retirement)

OCTOBER 2020

- 14 DX EC Meeting
- 17 DX Chapter Meeting

NOVEMBER 2020

- 11 DX EC Meeting
- 14 *DX Chapter Meeting – 60th Anniversary Celebration, Grinter House*

By Ken Ludwig

September brings us Labor Day and the unofficial end of summer. Did you know that Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894, and was created by the labor movement to honor the contributions and achievements of the American worker? So, these days I am always curious about if things today have roots in our colonial past and how have things evolved or changed since that time.

The first census in 1790 revealed that only 202,000 persons out of a population of 3,929,000 lived in towns of 2,500 or more persons, so the country was very agrarian, with various other industries like lumber, fishing, plus other artisan trades.

Labor was in high demand in colonial America. Hacking a homestead out of the forest with a patch of ground to farm took a lot of effort, plus farming was much more of a manual activity than our highly mechanized farm production today. With the growth and expansion of the country, there was a great need for lumber for building, plus the construction of homes and towns. The northeast also required a lot of hands for fishing, and in the south the raising of tobacco and eventually cotton also required a lot of manpower.

So how did they solve their labor shortage problem? First, they tried to use the local indigenous Indian population, but soon found that they were unreliable and not really interested in settling down in one place. They also had large families to help with the labor. But that still was not enough. More labor was needed.

They then went back to England and continental Europe and started a practice of indentured servitude, where for the price of paying for passage to the new world, they would work for 4 to 7 years before regaining their freedom. Still needing more labor, they moved on to West Africa, and the start of the slave trade. Some of the reading I have done indicated that early on the Africans were treated just like the Caucasian indentured servants, where they were granted freedom after a period of time, but unfortunately, it evolved into the institution of perpetual slavery. England also shipped some convicts to America like they did to Australia. Lesser crimes required 7 years of service, with crimes punishable by death requiring 14 years of service.

The availability of land also intensified the labor issues, because as soon as their contracts were completed, instead of converting over and working

for wages, the indentured servants would leave and homestead their own land claim.

Over time with the advent of the Industrial Revolution, our society became much less tied to the land, and the jobs moved into factories. This large concentration of workers and their poor working conditions gave rise to the labor unions, which created our modern Labor Day.

Ken Ludwig

Recap of August, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting

The Chapter was offered an opportunity to purchase two color guard uniforms for \$50 each, so they were purchased.

We are still moving forward with planning for the 60th anniversary.

Still searching for a newsletter editor

Since the state society Board of Governors met on 8/1/20, there are several action items for the Chapter.

1. We were already doing this, but any of our Chapter members who have any contact with youth need to go through the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training.
2. Each Chapter is to submit articles for inclusion in the State newsletter the Liberty Bell by October 15th.
3. Chapters need to do a better job of informing the State of chapter activities, especially for state awards.

The yearly audit of the chapter's books has been completed and the report was presented to the Executive Committee. Books are in good shape, with just some minor modifications to the dollar amounts in the color guard fund and the Veterans fund. In addition, the records of the Kessler Youth Endowment fund were reviewed, with a recommendation to transfer earnings from the fund to the Chapter to cover the youth awards.



Daniel Kenneth Berry receives his membership certificate & pin from Steven Fry.



Jack Wayne Green, Jr., Daniel Joseph Schrock, and John Charles Martin, Jr. take the SAR oath.

Welcome New Members

Four new members were inducted and a fifth was issued his Membership Certificate at our June and August meetings. At the June meeting Daniel Kenneth Berry was inducted and the Membership Certificate of his son, James Alexander Kenneth Berry was presented to Dan to forward to James. James was on duty as a surgeon at a California hospital. Their patriot ancestor was Joshua Fairbanks who participated in the Lexington Alarm. Dan did get to speak about his patriot ancestor; however, he did not get to light a candle in honor of his ancestor as Dewey Fry walked out of his house that morning and left the bag containing it on the floor.

At our August meeting three new members were inducted. They were Jack Wayne Green, Jr., Daniel Joseph Schrock and John Charles Martin, Jr. left to right in the photo of the administration of the oath. Individual photos of them lighting their candle in honor to their patriot ancestor.

Additionally, we have added three new Junior Members. They are Jaxson Gage, Gregg, Noah Aaron Purvis-Montoya, and Calvin Gray Smith. All are grandsons of Patrick Purvis and each live in a State west of Kansas. Their Membership Certificates were delivered to Pat who will hand deliver the certificates to each of his grandsons.

A hardy welcome to the SAR, the Delaware Crossing Chapter and the Kansas Society SAR to each one.



Daniel Joseph Schrock lights a candle in honor of his ancestor.



John Charles Martin, Jr. lights a candle in honor of his ancestor.



Jack Wayne Green, Jr. lights a candle in honor of his ancestor.



Daniel Kenneth Berry takes the SAR oath, given by Chapter President Ken Ludwig



Ken Ludwig presents membership certificates for Daniel Kenneth Berry and his son James Alexander Kenneth Berry.



CJ Pfanstiel presents his award-winning Rumbaugh Oration

Rumbaugh Oration

Carl “CJ” Pfanstiel, winner of the Delaware Crossing Chapter Rumbaugh Oration Contest and 3rd Place Winner of the KSSSAR contest presented his oration at the June chapter meeting. Normally he would have presented it at the March chapter meeting, however, COVID-19 caused cancellation of that meeting. It was impressive to see how this young man progressed in his presentation from the chapter contest to the state contest and then in the relaxed atmosphere of our chapter meeting.

CJ is was student at Blue Valley West High School. His presentation about the patriotic actions of Charles Carroll of Carrollton was quite inspirational. The text of it will not be published within this newsletter as he should attempt to obtain a copywrite on the article.

From all the academic awards earned by CJ, there is little doubt he will do well in college and life.



Jille Labelle is presented a Medal of Appreciation by Dewey Fry

DAR Recognition

The Kansas Society SAR recognizes DAR members who refer new members to the SAR through the chapters of the Kansas Society. On August 15, Jille Labelle of the Shawnee Mission Chapter DAR was presented a Medal of Appreciation by the chapter DAR Liaison, Dewey Fry, at a Shawnee Mission Chapter function for her referral of William Herrman. We are pleased to announce Bill’s application was approved and registered. He plans to be inducted at the Annual Picnic in September.

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DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2020
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**At Shelter House No. 1, Antioch Park,
6501 Antioch Rd, Merriam, KS**

(See accompanying map, use the South Entrance)



Food Served at Noon



The menu will be smoked beef brisket, smoked pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad and coleslaw. There will be bottled water, lemonade and iced tea to drink and cookies for desert.

Come and enjoy the fellowship, food, patriotism. Restrooms are nearby. Hand sanitizer will be at the shelter and buffet line. Social distancing will be practiced in the buffet line. Please plan to wear a mask in the buffet line. We will practice social distancing as the shelter permits. There are paved paths on which to stroll and a lake to view. Invite family members and the prospective members who are actively working with you on their applications.

There is a moderate distance walk from the shelter to the Fire Circle for the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Food planning is more critical than for a normal meeting as it is being prepared by Dewey and Pat Fry, so please make your reservations in a soon as possible. We want to make sure there is enough food. To make reservations for the picnic, email secretary@dxcrossing.com or call Dewey Fry at 913-897-9502 by 8:00 PM Saturday September 12, 2020. The fee is \$12.00 for those 13 and older, \$6.00 for children 6 through 12 and free to those under 6. In making your reservations please indicate the number in each age group.

In
Memory
of

1:00 PM: Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony



At 1:00 PM at the Fire Circle, a brief Memorial Service for recently deceased chapter members will be conducted; immediately thereafter the Color Guard will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony with participation of members of the Boy Scouts of America. An adequate number of flags have been acquired for the ceremony; however, if you wish to retire a flag please prepare it by cutting the eyelets from it, then cut the blue field from it, then cut each stripe from it.