



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

**NEXT MEETING:**

When: August 15, 2020

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 3:00 PM, the Wednesday before

Breakfast Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: Fire Safety Award

**CALENDER & COMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST 2020**

- 8/01 BOG Meeting – Emporia, KS
- 8/12 DX EC Meeting
- 8/15 DX Chapter Meeting

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

- 9/16 DX EC Meeting
- 9/19 DX Chapter Meeting

**The President's Corner**



By Ken Ludwig

As I write this month's article, I am personally struggling as to who to vote for in the primary coming up on August 4th. Since our ancestor's battle cry of "Taxation without Representation", I feel I must thoughtfully consider and vote in every election.

I am sure that the founders of our nation did not envision the rise of the "Political Class" that we have today, where people spend their whole career getting re-elected and / or pursuing the next higher

office, where they just gather more and more power. I lament that we seem to have lost the "Citizen Statesman" who was recognized by their community as having the character and qualities needed to justly govern, and was raised up and encouraged by his / her fellow citizens to run for office. They serve out of civic duty and come back to their farms and business when their legislative body is not in session. They vote based on what is the best for everyone, not based on a political party or who has contributed the most to my campaign, or to fulfill a campaign promise made to buy votes.

There are many things to consider. We are still dealing with the Covid Pandemic, which is affecting the economy and changing much in our daily lives, along with mortgaging our future with the high amounts of debt that the government is taking to stimulate the economy. Other issues include protesting in the streets because of race relations, calls to defund the police, and immigration issues. My young co-worker constantly reminds me that the American Dream is dead, as he says his generation is the first where they will not be better off than their parents' generation. He also says that there is a widening in the economic gap between the richest and poorest people in this country, where the rich keep getting richer and the poor keep getting poorer. Bottom line is that I have not seen this level of general unrest in the country in my lifetime. On the other hand, I read about how hard things were during the Revolutionary War, I talked with my parents about how things were during the great depression and WWII, and I realize that these times are not the worst that this country has seen. We are a very resilient and enterprising nation and we have proven time and time again that we can overcome great obstacles. I carry the hope that we will overcome these current issues. We will need great leaders to help us through these events. I encourage you to research the candidates on your ballot and make a wise

decision on who you vote for, plus .make sure your vote is cast this election.

Ken Ludwig

### **Recap of July, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting**

The 60th Birthday committee is still working on details for the November celebration.

We are still in need of a VP of Programs. Any members interested in volunteering?

Anyone who has an idea for a program contact Ken Ludwig

At the August meeting we will be awarding the Fire Safety Award to Michael Berndt of the Olathe Fire Department

Steve French, Secretary



### **This Month in the Revolutionary War** **August 1775**

On August 21, 1775, the Americans were trying to find a solution to having their grievances resolved and remaining loyal subjects to the King. A petition to keep the peace, the Olive Branch Petition, was presented by American representatives Richard Penn and Arthur Lee to the Secretary of State for the American colonies, Lord Dartmouth.

But two days later on August 23, 1775, King George III officially declared the colonies to be in rebellion. This action contributed to the belief that King George was endeavoring to deny the Americans their God-given rights, leading to the Declaration of Independence.

I have printed the entire Proclamation which underscores the total danger to their lives, property, and freedom our patriots faced to establish the United States of America.

## **King George's Rebellion Proclamation:**

"Whereas many of our subjects in divers parts of our Colonies and Plantations in North America, misled by dangerous and ill designing men, and forgetting the allegiance which they owe to the power that has protected and supported them; after various disorderly acts committed in disturbance of the publick peace, to the obstruction of lawful commerce, and to the oppression of our loyal subjects carrying on the same; have at length proceeded to open and avowed rebellion, by arraying themselves in a hostile manner, to withstand the execution of the law, and traitorously preparing, ordering and levying war against us: And whereas, there is reason to apprehend that such rebellion hath been much promoted and encouraged by the traitorous correspondence, counsels and comfort of divers wicked and desperate persons within this realm: To the end therefore, that none of our subjects may neglect or violate their duty through ignorance thereof, or through any doubt of the protection which the law will afford to their loyalty and zeal, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, to issue our Royal Proclamation, hereby declaring, that not only all our Officers, civil and military, are obliged to exert their utmost endeavors to suppress such rebellion, and to bring the traitors to justice, but that all our subjects of this Realm, and the dominions thereunto belonging, are bound by law to be aiding and assisting in the suppression of such rebellion, and to disclose and make known all traitorous conspiracies and attempts against us, our crown and dignity; and we do accordingly strictly charge and command all our Officers, as well civil as military, and all others our obedient and loyal subjects, to use their utmost endeavors to

withstand and suppress such rebellion, and to disclose and make known all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which they shall know to be against us, our crown and dignity; and for that purpose, that they transmit to one of our principal Secretaries of State, or other proper officer, due and full information of all persons who shall be found carrying on correspondence with, or in any manner or degree aiding or abetting the persons now in open arms and rebellion against our Government, within any of our Colonies and Plantations in North America, in order to bring to condign punishment the authors, perpetrators, and abettors of such traitorous designs.

Given at our Court at St. James's the twenty-third day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, in the fifteenth year of our reign.

God save the King.