



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

November 2017

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

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: Nov 18

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: Beth Foulk on Military Genealogy

COMING EVENTS

11/4 Board of Governors, Salina

11/15 DXSAR EC meeting, at J.C. Central
Resource Library, 9875 W 87th St., Overland Park,
KS; Pickard Room

11/23 Thanksgiving

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*.

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The President's Corner

By Stu Conrad

Thanksgiving.

Traditionally, a time for festivities, for family and for
good food. But let's not lose sight of the many things
for which we should give thanks.

Your list would doubtless differ from that of every
other compatriot's. Family would surely be included,
as would friends and good food and drink. But there
are some special things that a compatriot might
include.

Not the least is freedom. Gifted to us without our own
merit are the contributions of our patriot ancestors.
They bought us (in Lincoln's immortal words) "a new
nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the
proposition that all men are created equal." But think
for a moment of the price – the price that they took:
All they had, all their life's work, even their lives, was
risked. They looked forward to generations yet unborn
and laid their gift upon the altar of freedom in full
recognition that they might not enjoy the benefits of
their gift, but that their progeny would. The only word
to describe that action was courageous. And they
trusted those unknown generations to not fritter away
their priceless gift.

They should thank them for a Constitution joined with
its first ten amendments that have stood as a defender
of liberty for those unknown generations. Think, just
for a moment, at the trust they placed in us. As the
Redcoats' musket balls ripped through their tunics,

their thoughts may have well been on their sons, daughters and generations yet unborn, they trusted that their precious gift would not go to the grave with them but would survive.

But what then should be our response? We must keep the torch held high, must keep the flame well trimmed and fueled. For it is ours to hold only for a short time, and then we too must pass on that flame of liberty to generations yet unborn. That's a noble idea but we must breathe life into it. Our responsibility is to bring forward youth and equip them to cherish the principles of liberty as we do and our patriot ancestors did.

My deep concern is that we, as a generation, are failing in that responsibility. When I read that dedicatory plaques honoring George Washington are being removed from churches in Alexandria, Virginia, and memorials to Thomas Jefferson are being vandalized even in Charlottesville, Virginia at the very university he founded my concern rises. Are we failing in that responsibility? Have the lessons of history been lost?

I am old, as are most of you. The day is gone that we could effectively bear arms in defense of the principles of liberty, but we can still do what we can, and what we must, to raise up dedicated youth and equip them with knowledge of those principles as best we can. Sadly, many of them do not value what they do not know. And they do not care what we know; they will only come to know when we show them that we care. We may do that by communicating to youth the inestimable value that has been passed to us in these principles and the inheritance that we have received from our patriot ancestors. What should be our vehicle? History. Do you know a better one?

In our church we occasionally sing: "May all who come behind us find us faithful. May the fire of our devotion light their way." May we pass on by action the example that we verbalize in our SAR pledge to those future generations, while God chooses to give us time and opportunity to carry the message. And oh, by the way, give Him thanks for giving us that time and opportunity.

(End of President's Corner)

Special DX Chapter Vote after 1st of year:

During the Delaware Crossing January chapter meeting, there will be a vote to raise chapter dues from the current level of \$15/year to \$20/year.

The October program began with the induction of two new members:

The induction of two members included a meaningful candle lighting ceremony as seen in the following picture. Geoffrey William's primary patriot is Jacob Gooshorn and John Bouck's primary patriot is Jabez Handcock. You may recall that John's son, Chris Bouck, joined the chapter in September of this year.



1 Pictured: Stu Conrad, John Bouck, Dewey Fry(Sponsor), Geoffrey Williams, and Tim Peterman(Sponsor). Inductees raised hands while reciting SAR pledge.



2 Geoffrey (facing) and John(back) light candles during ceremony.



3 Keith Nelson receives commendation from Stu Conrad for presentation.



4 Artifacts on display during Chouteau Family presentation.



5 Dewey Fry holds up ribbon prize for work done during children's programs.

Summary of October 21 program (Chouteau Family):

Chouteau Family's Impact on Missouri and the Francois Chouteau & Native American Heritage Fountain

The history presentation covered the early years of the Chouteau family who were the most prominent Fur Traders in Missouri. The presentation by Keith Nelson touched on the Chouteau's connection to the Revolutionary War battle in St. Louis, their involvement in the Lewis & Clark Expedition, treaties with the Native Americans, and Francois Chouteau's trading posts in Kansas City area. The program followed-up with an introduction of the Francois Chouteau and Native American Heritage Fountain project to be constructed near Chouteau's first trading post in Clay County, Missouri.

Upcoming November 18 program:

Beth Foulk will be the speaker and present a program on Military Genealogy.

(End of Patriot News letter)