



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

January 2017

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

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: January 21

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

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Kirk
Rush (913)789-0975 by 3:00 PM, the
Wednesday before.

NEW BREAKFAST PRICE: \$17.00

Program: Annual Officer Elections

COMING EVENTS

- 1/18 DX Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/04 BOG Meeting – Emporia
- 2/07 DX Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/11 DX Chapter meeting
- 2/18 George Washington Birthday Celebration

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 Gregory.millican@gmail.com, and phone number (913) 268-4932.



The President's Corner

Stu Conrad, President, DX

Whew! Glad the holidays are over! Now we can get back to the business of making resolutions, seeing how long they last, and commiserating our failure to keep them. Well, here's at least one I hope we can keep:

We each should resolve to do our part to bring forward the American Message. That involves at least two further questions: What is "our part," and what is the American Message.

The last one is easy. The American Message is one of exceptionalism; what is it about America that distinguishes it from so many other nations. Look at the back of your dollar bill. You will find the two sides of the Great Seal of the United States. One is probably familiar; the obverse of the Seal is less so, but it still holds great meaning. The prominent Latin phrase: "Novus Ordo Seclorum" translates: "A New Order for the Ages." Think briefly of the context: Since 1066 and the Battle of Hastings, English kings were considered the source of all power, authority and justice. William gained that by defeating Harold, the Anglo-Saxon king, by force of arms. At least until 1215, English kings held all power and all rights came from the Crown. There were no Creator-given rights. This was occasionally described as "rule by divine right." There was simply no room for "rights" for the common man. Indeed, even Magna Carta, if

you can slog through the old English, established the “rights of Englishmen,” but only for the Barons. Even today, the seal of the English Queen carries the Latin phrase: “Dei Gratia Regium, Angelorum” translating to “by the Grace of God, Queen of England.” Well, gratefully, that’s not the American story.

Contrast the American Message from the Declaration of Independence: “...all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.” This was the first time that “rights” were stated to have been sourced, not from the earthly sovereign, the king, but rather the eternal and truly all powerful divine sovereign. These rights are described as “unalienable,” that is, they cannot be sold, bartered, or given away. Compatriots, this was truly a new idea, a “new order for the ages.” The idea – the concept – of freedom. Along with that came the equally new idea that governments were established *by the consent of the governed* to protect those rights from erosion.

Now certainly this American Message had to be forcefully put forward through force of arms. Hence the Revolutionary War in which our ancestors fought, or supported and which service we proudly cite.

What, then, is “our part” of the resolution. One part is to honor our patriot ancestors. This we do each time we meet, but our obligation does not stop there. It goes forward to reach out and to teach those younger and weaker to instill within them the American Message of the source of our rights as being from God and not from the government or some other human and the value of freedom.

May God help us keep this resolution.

(End of President’s Corner)

December 10 Christmas Party - meeting

The Christmas Party for the chapter was held on December 10 the Hilton Garden Inn. The December chapter meeting was held in conjunction with the Christmas Party. The American Legion Band (ensemble) played various patriotic and Christmas songs at the party.

Also as part of the meeting, Charles Hillesheim was inducted as a new member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.



1 Ensemble of the American Legion Band, Missouri



2 Christmas Dinner party

Nominations for the chapter year of April 2017 to March 2018

Article IV of our Chapter Constitution cites the 7 officers that are to be elected at our Annual Meeting which is in January of each year. In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws a Nominating Committee is appointed to nominate persons for each of the 7 offices, if possible. Brian Revard, our immediate Past President was named as chairman of the Nominating Committee. In his absence, Dewey Fry presented the slate of nominees of the Nominating Committee at the December Chapter Meeting; in compliance with our Constitution and By-Laws. This slate is published in the Patriot, our newsletter, at least 2 weeks in advance of the Annual meeting.

Nominees:

President: Stuart W. Conrad

Executive Vice-President: Kirk D. Rush

Vice-President for Programs: Matthew S. Brady

Secretary: Kenneth W. Ludwig

Treasurer: Shawn R. Cowing

Assistant Treasurer: Richard A. "Dick" Nelson

Registrar/Genealogist: Timothy E. Peterman

Additionally, a Trustee of the Kesler Youth Endowment Fund is to be elected each year at Annual Meeting. Recent policy has been to nominate the immediate Past President to be the newest Trustee for a 3 year term; if that person is unavailable then the next Past President is selected. Brian Revard, Richard Cox and Dennis Nelson are the current Trustees through March 2017. The nominee for the next 3 year term of April 2017 through March 2020 is Dennis Nelson.

Induction of Charles Hillesheim

At the December Christmas Dinner Party and meeting, Charles Hillesheim was inducted as a new member. Charles indicated that he is a veteran, having spent 9 ½ years in the Navy. His documented patriot is Thomas Guthiey Moore.



3 *Left to Right, Stu Conrad, Charles Hillesheim and Dewey Fry at induction ceremony.*

Wreaths Across America, December 17, 2016

On a bitter cold morning in December, at the Leavenworth National Cemetery, Delaware Crossing Chapter participated in the ceremony, and the public laying of wreaths on graves of veterans.



4 *Wreaths Across America ceremony*



5 Wreaths Across America color guard



6 Laying of the wreaths



7 Wreath for an Unknown U.S Soldier at Leavenworth National Cemetery

Delaware Crossing Chapter Challenge Coin

The DXSAR challenge coin is pictured here, for reference. It is usually given as an induction ceremony gift for new inductees. Challenge coins are used to spread team spirit and camaraderie. (Vendor information: www.pincenter.com).



8 DXSAR challenge coin