



The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 December 2021
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

CALENDER & COMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING:

When: December 18, 2021

Where: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, Happy Hour Starting at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

Cost: \$35.00/person

Program: Christmas Party



December 2021

- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 Wreaths Across America – Johnson County Memorial Gardens
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting (Evening) – Christmas Party

January 2022

- 12 DX EC Meeting
- 15 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner



By Ken Ludwig

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

First off, I just want to say that our Covid delayed 60th celebration was in my opinion a fantastic success. There were over 40 people that attended (what a difference one year and vaccines make). The program was presented by Bill Nicks, the site administrator for the Grinter house. He presented in character as Moses Grinter, and talked about the ferry and a little bit about his life at the time. The program was followed by tours of the Grinter House, which is where the chartering documents for our chapter were signed in 1960.

Tim Peterman shared some chapter history which I found fascinating! I learned that our chapter has had an outsized impact on the national society with members being part of moving the headquarters to Louisville and the establishment of the Eagle Scout award.

On to another topic. It is the end of the year. I would like to remind you that if you are planning some end of the year charitable donations, please consider donating to our Kessler Youth Fund. Just as a reminder, this is a fund the chapter has set up where the earnings are used to fund the youth awards that we hand out every year. That means that the more principal that we can accumulate in the fund will allow us to award more money to the youth through our programs. If you are interested in donating, you can contact our treasurer, Shawn Cowing, or me.

As 2021 closes, if your family is like mine, December is a very hectic month, with extra church services, making all the preparations for the Christmas holidays, doing end of year of the year tax planning, plus all of the social events. It can be overwhelming and exhausting. I encourage you to take a minute, sit back and relax and remember the reason for the season.

If at all possible, I encourage you to join the chapter on December 18th at the Johnson County Memorial Gardens as we participate in the Wreaths Across America event. This is a tremendous opportunity to honor the veterans who have served this country at a very local level. Later that evening we are having our annual Christmas party at the Hilton Garden Inn.

I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, and hope that you get to spend some quality time with your families over this month.



Grinter Place Site Director, Bill Nicks.

Chapter's 60th Anniversary Celebration

Those members and guests who did attend the chapter's 60th Anniversary Celebration at Grinter Place enjoyed a good program presented by Mr. Bill Nicks, Site Director, who portrayed Moses Grinter and told a brief life story of Moses and his life in Kansas, see accompanying photo.

Mr. Nicks also presented additional information about the Grinter House which became the Kansas Historical Site, Grinter Place. Several toured the house and got to view the living room in which Delaware Crossing Chapter was organized and founded in November 1960 as well as other rooms in the house. Bill Nicks was present in the house to answer any questions people had about it. When our chapter was founded, the living room was a meeting room and the dining room was set up like a restaurant with several tables. as that is what was for several years.

It was a Fried Chicken Restaurant owned and operated by the Hanson family when our chapter founders met there.

Now the house is decorated as it would have been as a residence. (Two photos show the living room, one the dining room and one an upstairs bedroom) each of these rooms had a fireplace as that was the only means of heating a home in 1857 when the house was built 164 years ago.

After the tour of the Grinter House, we enjoyed a nice meal, inducted new member Jeremy Parris and heard of our chapter history from Tim Peterman.

Some of us even spent money on items in the silent auction.



Induction of New Member Jeremy Parris

Jeremy James Parris was inducted at the 60 Anniversary Celebration of our Delaware Crossing Chapter at Grinter Place on November 13, 2021. We had to delay the celebration by one year. Seemed fitting for Jeremy to be inducted then, as his application approval had been pending for nearly a year. It took significantly more research by Jeremy and his Sponsor, Dewey Fry, to put together 13 additional documents to submit a Preponderance of Evidence to link the Patriot Ancestor, William Humphries, to his son William Humphries Jr. Tim Peterman was even admonished by the NSSAR genealogist processing the application; but in the end she had to relent and approve the application which was very quickly Registered thereafter.

The documents possessing the most weight were land grants and deeds in an area where the border of North Carolina and South Carolina was so blurred that Governors from both states were issuing land grants of land of the other state.

Congratulations Jeremy.



Jeremy Parris takes the SAR Oath.



President Ken Ludwig presents Jeremy Parris his membership certificate.



Dewey Fry attaches the SAR Rosette to Jeremy Parris's lapel.



Dewey Fry explains the challenge coin to Jeremy Parris.

Delaware Crossing 60th Anniversary Celebration Photos

Delaware Crossing Members Present



Standing -Mike Reed, Tim Peterman, John Forbes, Ken Ludwig, Dan Dyer, Dewey Fry, Steve French, Rick Alley, Jim Mozena, Gary Hicks, and Cam Barnds.

Seated-Tom Bedient, Stu Conrad, Kirk Rush, Dick Nelson, Bruce Smith, Dennis, Nelson, Jeremy Parris

Delaware Crossing Presidents Present



Standing-Timothy Peterman, John Forbes, Kenneth Ludwig, Dewey Fry, Peter Grassl.

Seated- Stuart Conrad, Kirk Rush, Richard "Dick" Nelson, Dennis Nelson



Ken Ludwig presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Grinter Place Site Director, Bill Nicks.



DX President Ken Ludwig.



Program for December 18, 2021 Christmas Party

The program for the December Dinner Party will be a 5 piece string ensemble from Blue Valley North West High School. They will play during dinner beginning just before 7:00 PM to about 7:30 PM, or perhaps longer if they are having fun.

The holiday dinner menu will be the “Some Like It Hot” Buffet served with:

- House salad and fresh baked bread
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Seasonal fresh vegetables
- Cedar planked salmon
- Smothered beef steak tips

Cash Bar



Bidding at the Silent Auction