



The Delaware Crossing Patriot
Kansas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
 March 2022
 Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

The Revolution is coming!
Four Years - Four Months - Four Days

NEXT MEETING:

When: March 12, 2022

Where: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Steven French (913)-832-6034 by 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Cost: \$17.00/person

Program: Chapter Awards, Poster Contest Winner

CALENDER & COMING EVENTS

March 2022

- 9 DX EC Meeting
- 12 DX Chapter Meeting
- 18-19 State Conference – Abilene (Please plan to attend and support our member David Comer for Vice President General)

April 2022

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Chapter Meeting

May 2022

- 18 DX EC Meeting
- 21 DX Chapter Meeting

The President's Corner



By Ken Ludwig

Compatriots – My two allotted terms as chapter president come to an end this month.

I will have to admit that when I agreed to run for chapter president that I never expected to have to deal with Corona virus as part of the duties of the chapter. I can't say that it was easy, but we made it through – mostly because this chapter is fortunate to have a dedicated group of men that serve as the executive committee.

Their help and support during the past two years really kept our chapter viable and I want to thank each and every one of them for their service to the chapter.

Back in 2020, in my first article, I laid out what I hoped to accomplish during my time as president. To refresh you, here is what I wrote:

1. My first goal is to keep the chapter strong and vibrant as we can through this Coronavirus event, so that when it is over, we can emerge stronger than ever.
2. I understand that this fall the Chapter will celebrate its 60th birthday. This is a milestone, and I feel we should celebrate it. I will be working with the executive committee to determine if this is something we want to pursue as a chapter. If you have any ideas, please let me know.
3. Support our chapter long term goals of increasing our membership, and support of our youth and community awards.
4. Encourage our membership to donate and build up our Youth Fund. The investment returns on this fund are what supplies the cash for all of our youth awards, so the more money we can get invested in this fund, the larger and more (in quantity) awards we can make. (As a side note, did you notice stocks are on sale at the moment? Great time to make a charitable contribution to the fund.)

Well, how did I do?

I believe we survived as well as we could through the pandemic.

We did celebrate our chapters 60th anniversary, although it was one year late.

The pandemic made it very difficult to recruit new members, and it seemed like we lost more than normal number of members due to death, so we probably held pretty steady over the past two years.

Our Youth Fund has grown – but that primarily has been because of the overall increase in the market. We do have a few members that donate some money to the fund every year when they pay their dues. I believe as a chapter we could improve the growth of this fund.

Hopefully, you found my performance satisfactory.

I would like to encourage you to attend the state conference on March 18th and 19th in Abilene, KS. We have a once in every 5-year opportunity to elect the Vice President General for the South-Central District of the SAR. Our member, David Comer, is running for this position, and could use your support at the state meeting to get him elected to this position.

Well, it is time that I sign off for the last time as your president. It has been a pleasure serving you over the past two years, and I am looking forward to continue to serve the chapter in other capacities going forward.

Please join me in welcoming Larry Tatum as the next president, and please give him the same level of support that you have provide me!



Eagle Scout Benjamin Alan Phillips

Benjamin Alan Phillips Wins Eagle Scout Contest

The winner of the Delaware Crossing Chapter Arthur M. and Berdena M. King Eagle Scout Contest for 2022 is Benjamin Alan Phillips.

Benjamin is an Eagle Scout in Troop 123 and a Senior at Shawnee Mission West High School and plans to attend KU. He presented his essay at the chapter meeting, then received a certificate and a check for \$500.00. One can tell which got a greater degree of his attention.

He posed for the photo with the certificate but had to take a close look at the check.

Kirk Rush announced that Benjamin also won the KSSSAR Contest and will be recognized at the KSSSAR Annual Conference on March 19. His application with the essay will be submitted to the NSSAR contest.



Arthur M. and Berdena M. King Eagle Scout Contest Chairman, Kirk Rush presents Benjamin Alan Phillips with the Eagle Scout Contest Certificate



Chairman Kirk Rush presents the winner's check to Benjamin Alan Phillips.



Mr. Ken Shoemaker and the hammer dulcimer.

Ever Heard a Hammer Dulcimer?

We were well entertained and learned several things about the hammer dulcimer by Mr. Ken Shoemaker, including its popularity during the Revolutionary War era.

He explained the instrument and played Yankee Doodle and Washington's Cotillion on it. Yankee Doodle was more like he went to town riding on a racehorse rather than a pony; Mr. Shoemaker did explain he often plays it too fast. However, it was recognizable and made several amazed at how fast Mr. Shoemaker could play with two hammers. Washington's Cotillion was written in honor of George Washington and his passion for dancing.

That was timely as just a week later many of us gathered and celebrated the birthday of George Washington.

Mr. Shoemaker purchased a kit, his uncle assembled it and shipped it to him in Canada where he learned to play it during his 25 years of church service in Canada. His playing of the hammer dulcimer increased when he moved to the Kansas City area and found a Mecca of hammer dulcimer players.

We were further entertained by Mr. Shoemaker playing another very early instrument, the guitar.



Mr. Ken Shoemaker entertains the Chapter with his accomplished Dulcimer playing skills.



Ken Shoemaker's impressive vocal & guitar playing abilities were on display.

The George Washington Birthday Celebration

The 2022 George Washington Birthday Celebration was held on Saturday, February 19, to an enthusiastic crowd that exceeded 220 in number.

Those that had attended thru the years were happy once again to celebrate in a pre-covid manner and the new attendees were extremely impressed with time honored traditions that the leadership of the GWB Committee had perfected to provide the best event possible.



Guest Speaker Craig Bruce Smith, PH.D. and Master of Ceremony Greg Beck.



The Color Guard prepares for the opening ceremony.



The George Washington Birthday Celebration Color Guard.



The 2022 George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.



Family and friends of Officers Blaize Madrid-Evans and Michael Shaun Mosher receive the posthumously awarded Heroism Medals.



The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Gold Medal Recipients.



Bryon Wampler presents Kirk Rush with the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Gold Medal.



The silent auction received heavy participation.