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President's Message

By KSSSAR President Bryan Wampler



I truly hope that everyone is well and enjoying the exceptionally warm summer! Please let me begin by thanking members of our Color Guard, at the Kansas Society and Chapters, along with other members who have been so active this summer participating throughout our communities representing the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) with a focus on Educating, Supporting, and Connecting. You will read of these many activities in this edition of the Liberty Bell, but there are so many other activities I hope our members will post about on social media, which is part of President General (PG) John Dodd's Communications initiative. In this message, I will provide you with some updates on the activities and outcomes of Congress held this year in Orlando, Florida, and discuss opportunities that

are available to include assisting the Kansas 250th Commission with staffing a booth at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson in September.

The National Society of the SAR held the 133rd Annual Congress at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando Florida from Friday, July 14th through Thursday, July 20, 2023. The Kansas Society was well represented to include Tim Peterman, Jeffrey Winters, Bruce Smith, Vern and Linda Welkner, Bobbie and Deb Hulse, myself and my wife Jennifer Wampler. We also had several secondary members including Brooks Lyles and Diane Ungvarsky, Harry and Carolyn Wilklow, and PG Joseph W. Dooley (2013-2014). It is worth mentioning that Past PG Dooley is planning on attending the KSSSAR 2024 Annual Conference. We truly hope that we can increase the number of KSSSAR members who attend Congress, so please let us know if you have any desire to attend!

Very early in the Congress, Past PG Warren Alter (2018-2019) set the tone by stating that "It is time to focus on the positives and not the

negatives." This act of leadership was grasped, and the Congress was professional, cordial, and extremely efficient. The election was completed via acclamation without a formal vote. The topic of having difficulty across the country to gain access to our public schools was discussed, and suggestions were proffered that we can still achieve our mission to educate those same students in different venues such as other organizations such as 4H, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, and working with our Junior members and the Children of the American Revolution.

You have probably heard that a \$15.00 increase in dues was approved at the 133rd Congress. The justification for the increase included raising dues to maintain current National Level programs and projects. It was mentioned that National has been operating at a deficit for the past three years, but only able to continue because of the PPP loans during the COVID period that have been forgiven. It was also "pointed out" that many of the approved projects have been stalled due to a lack of

funding, to include 250th celebration activities. Believe it was the Register General who said that the lack of funding has also delayed the development of the online application app, which has been requested by almost all societies. There was a valiant effort to keep dues at the current levels, spread the increase over 3 to 5 years, or to reduce the increase, but a majority of the delegates approved of the increase. The increase took effect on August 1. Thanks to the leadership of Jordan Chambers, John Schwartz, and Tim Peterman the Kansas Society has 33 new life members who were able to avoid the increase in cost. Life Membership is still something we encourage members to consider, avoiding having to worry about annual National and State dues.

Some highlights for the Kansas Society at Congress included Compatriot Bobbie Hulse being installed as the South Central District Vice President General, Chaplain General Vern Welkner concluding his year in the position, Historian General Brooks Lyles continuing for one year as Historian General and his successful change of command as the National Color Guard Commander, and the Kansas Society Receiving numerous awards, streamers and recognition that will be distributed at the August 2023

Board of Governors meeting in Emporia.

During the most recent session of the Kansas Legislature, Kansas Statute 74-50 established "The Kansas commission for the United States Semiquincentennial" as a part of the department of commerce to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and to recognize the impact of this event on the people of Kansas and the nation's past, present and future. The KSSSAR President is a named member, and I am serving on what is now called the Kansas 250th Commission with Compatriot Vern Welkner as an alternate. You will soon be hearing of opportunities to support Semiquincentennial activities in Kansas, which will help members earn points towards the SAR Bronze, Silver, and Gold 250th Anniversary Medals. The first event will be the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson from September 9 through September 17. Timeslots are available each day from 8:45 to 1:00, 1:00 to 5:00, and 5:00 to 9:00. We hope to have members of our Color Guard, and other members, staff the booth and tell the story of the Semiquincentennial, but also spread the word about membership in the Kansas Society. I personally plan on volunteering on two separate

days. Please contact Color Guard Commander Bill Marshall if you are interested in volunteering.

In closing, let me once again thank each member of the Kansas Society for being a member and working to foster patriotism and promoting fellowship. I believe we can continue to achieve our goals and objectives by working together and inspiring each other while involving our family members. I look forward to seeing many of you at different events soon!



NSSAR South Central District Meeting



**South Central District
2023 Annual Meeting**

25 - 26 August 2023

**DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport
2098 AIRPORT ROAD WICHITA, KS 67209**

Host: Kansas Society

State Societies

Missouri | Oklahoma | Texas | Arkansas | Kansas



Schedule of Events Continued

Friday, August 25, 2023

12:00 PM: Registration -
Outside Salon 1/2
4:00 PM: Candidate's Forum -
Salon 1/2
5:00 PM: Flag Ceremony –
Front of Hotel
6:00 PM: Reception - Salon ½
Call to Order /
Welcome!
Invocation
Presentation of
Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Posting of Colors
SAR Pledge
6:30 PM: Banquet – Salon 1/2
7:15 PM: Guest Speaker – PG
John Dodd
7:30 PM: Elem. History
Teacher Maegan
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7:45 PM: Dist. 97 Rep. Nick
Hoeheisal
8:00 PM: Closing Remarks-
VPG Bobbie Hulse
Benediction
SAR Recessional
Retirement of Colors
Adjourn

Schedule of Events Continued

Saturday August 26, 2023

7:00 AM: Personal Time
7:30 AM: Registration Continues –
Outside Salon 1/2
8:00 AM: Eisenhower Breakfast Buffet –
Salon 1/2
9:00 AM: Business Meeting - Salon 1/2
Call to Order / Welcome!
Invocation
Presentation of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Posting of Colors
SAR Pledge
State President reports
11:45 AM: Closing Remarks
Benediction
SAR Recessional
Retirement of Colors
12:00 PM: Adjourn

Ladies Auxiliary – Saturday, August 26, 2023

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
9:30 a.m. Depart for TBD
12:00 p.m. Adjourn

All schedules are subject to change.



2023 South Central District Annual Meeting Registration 25 – 26 August 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport

2098 AIRPORT ROAD WICHITA, KS 67209

PHONE: (316) 945-5272 | Code: SAR South Central District | Rate: \$115 | NLT July 25, 2023

Name			State/Chapter		
Title/Office		Phone			
Address			Email		
City, State, ZIP					
Guest Name			Title		
Dinner			Cost	Number	Total
Compatriot Registration Fee (Members Only)			\$20		
Dinner			Cost	Number	Total
Friday Evening	DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport – Salon 1/2 Dinner Buffet: Entrée: Chicken Piccata & Medallions of Beef. Sides: Herb Roasted Lemon Potatoes, Wild Rice Pilaf, Chef's choice vegetable and Dessert Selection. Drinks: Tea, Water, Coffee		\$60		
Breakfast			Cost	Number	Total
Saturday Morning	DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport – Salon 1/2 Break Buffet: Chilled Juices, Sliced Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Blueberry and Banana Nut Muffins, Scones, Butter, Preserves, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Applewood Smoked Bacon, Country Sausage Links, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Potatoes O'Brien, Coffee, Regular and Decaffeinated, Assorted Herbal Teas		\$35		
Ladies Auxiliary Trip			Cost	Attending	Total
Saturday Ladies Outing	Wichita Art Museum 1400 W Museum Blvd Wichita, KS 67203		Free		\$0
			TOTAL		

Please register online by **August 5, 2023**, at: <https://kssar.org/scd2023>
If paying by check, make checks payable to KSSAR postdated by the above date.
Send to: John Schwartz, 15236 East Castle Circle, Wichita, KS 67230
Email: jbschwartz51@gmail.com - Phone: (316) 239-1116

Patriot Memorial Marking

Washington Chapter hosted a Patriot Memorial marking ceremony in South Haven, Kansas following the May 6 BOG meeting which was held at the South Haven Senior Center.



KSSAR Chaplin Randy Colby researched his ancestor Colby Creed and found that he did not have a grave marker. Colby worked with the VA and the staff at Rose Hill Cemetery in South Haven to obtain and place an official memorial marker for his Mr. Creed who served in the North Carolina Line during the Revolution.



Several members across multiple generations for Creed descendants were on hand to help with the ceremony.



Val Bothll Regent of Mary Draper, DAR placed a wreath representing the DAR. KSSAR President Bryan Wampler provided the program for the ceremony.



Colorguard member from across the state of Kansas were joined by members from Missouri and Oklahoma to provide the honor guard for Mr. Creed's memorial marking.



Several members of the Creed family participated in the ceremony by reading biographical notes about Mr. Creed and his service in the Revolution.



Creed family members Dawn Creed Paschke and Randy Colby

Wreaths were placed by KSSAR, Mary Draper, chapter DAR, General Society of the War of 1812, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Sons of the Plains and Washington chapters SAR.

Melanie Cox closed the ceremony with Taps.



Colorguard Activities

DAR Grave Marking Mrs. Eisenhower

On June 3, 2023 the Kansas State society colorguard let by Colorguard commander Bill Marshall, presented the colors for the Kansas State Society DAR grave marking ceremony for Frist Lady Mamie Dowd Eisenhower at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abeline, Kansas.



Mary Jean Eisenhower, granddaughter of Mrs. and President Eisenhower gave the keynote address during the public ceremony. Ms. Eisenhower reminisced growing up with her famous grandparents and told a personal story about the charm and how she maintained her down home attitude even while traveling the world as First Lady. Ms. Eisenhower told the audience that First Lady Eisenhower was a very strong supporter of the DAR and other organization dedicated to the preservation of history and that she would be proud to know that the DAR was there to mark her gravesite as a DAR member.



Independence Day 2023

For the second year Washington chapter's float was awarded second place in the Independence Day Parade in Mulvane, Kansas. Earlier in the day Washington chapter also participated in the parade in Derby, Kansas.



Sons of the Plains chapter enjoyed a fine morning in Celebration of our grandfather's. We were at the beginning of the Hutchinson 4th of July Parade sharing their colors as well as ours built over nearly 250 years. Our color Guard lead our chapter including members, a new applicant and a prospective member marching in honor of his father who passed earlier this year. I have no doubt our patriot ancestors smiled on us all around this nation today as we give thanks to them in Celebration.



McLouth Patriots Day Parade

Although McLouth is a small town, their appreciation of the Kansas Society Color Guard was overwhelming. The Main Street was lined with McLouth residents, cheering on each of the units in the parade. There were antique cars and trucks, a mounted calvary, farm equipment, a parade marshal, and local dignitaries. Afterwards, they treated us with a BBQ lunch that was the best.



Alan Martin (Monticello), Dewey Fry (Delaware Crossing), Tom Chychota (Henry Leavenworth), Jeff Winters (Monticello), Larry Tatum (Delaware Crossing), and Brian Vasquez (Thomas Jefferson)

Johnson County Kansas Naturalization

Larry Tatum, Dewey Fry and Steve French represented the Delaware Crossing Chapter at the Naturalization Ceremony at Johnson County Community College on May 24 Presenting the Colors during the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem before 247 new citizens. We were joined by US Kansas District Magistrate Judge Angel D. Mitchell after the ceremony for a photo session with many of the new citizens and their family members.



Judge Angel D. Mitchell, a new US Citizen, Dewey Fry, Larry Tatum, and Steven French.

Join The Colorguard



For more information contact Colorguard Commander Bill Marshall at:

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CHAPTER NEWS

SONS OF THE PLAINS CHAPTER (Hutchinson) Bit Roberts President *Pizaacos Restaurant in Hutchinson, 112 So. Main St. 9AM 2nd Sat. Sept-May*



Sons of the Plains member Dean Bruns, Bit Roberts and Bobbie Hulse participated in the Abbyville Armed Forces Day parade, they also visited the Reno County Veterans memorial.

PRAIRIE MINUTEMEN CHAPTER (Ellsworth Area) Ron Svaty President

BENNINGTON CHAPTER (Salina Area) Joe Black , President *Meets 9:30 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month Sep to May at location to be announced. .*

CHARLES ROBINSON CHAPTER (Lawrence) Jim Cooper, President *Meets 3rd Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May, 6:00 PM , Perkins Restaurant, 1711 23rd St, Lawrence*

Col. JOHN SEWARD CHAPTER (Liberal)

Larry Phillips, President *"Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month (except December) at 7:00 PM at the Leader and Times Newspaper Office, 16 S. Kansas Avenue, Liberal, Kansas*

DELAWARE CROSSING CHAPTER (Kansas City & Johnson County)

Larry Tatum, President *Meets 3rd Saturday monthly for 9:00 AM Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn 119th St. Overland Park, KS*

Col. Kent Thomas Program by Kent D. Thomas, a Short Review Kent D. Thomas, a retired Colonel with very significant experience presented a great program at our May 20, DX Chapter meeting. We who were there received a great education on the comparison of weaponry and combat tactics comparing the USA with other countries, especially Russia. One could only sit in awe of the presentation by Col. Kent D. Thomas listening to his personal military experience and his maintaining the knowledge of the military capability of the USA.



Col. Kent Thomas

Prior to the meeting, President Larry Tatum greeted him and was extremely surprised as he recognized Mrs. Thomas as a former classmate of his at Central High School in St. Joseph, MO. He then recognized Kent Thomas. The world kept getting smaller as we learned the Mrs. Thomas is the sister of Marty Conrad the wife of DX Chapter member Stu Conrad. In arranging for the presentation, Stu never mentioned Kent was his brother-in-law.

It is very believable that Kent Thomas could also present a very good program about his second carrier at Missouri State University which included being Chancellor and Assistant to the President. If you ever meet Kent Thomas, thank him for his great service to our country



Chief Mark S. Wassom is presented the SAR Fire Safety Medal by Larry Tatum.

Assistant Chief-Community Risk Reduction Section - Olathe Fire Department Mark S. Wassom was presented the SAR Fire Safety Medal for his outstanding achievement changing the building codes to promote fire safety.

Following a near miss where a residential basement staircase collapsed trapping firefighters in the basement, Chief Wasson was successful in changing the City of Olathe building code to require gypsum board under all stairwells.

This amendment championed by Chief Wassom is sure to prevent many future fire related tragedie

FORT SCOTT CHAPTER (Ft. Scott)

Jim Gilpin, President Meets second Saturday in February, April, June, August, October and December at Lucci's Cafe at 11 am

Steve Robb – Fort Scott ROTC Chairman, is making plaques for the graduates at PSU going into the military, in addition to presenting the Medal at the recognition dinner.



Pictured are the Laser-engraved wooden plaques with the SAR logo on one side and the PSU logo/mascot on the other

FORT HAYS CHAPTER (Hays)

Garry Baxter, President, Meeting Dates and Location- Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of Jan, May, July, Sept, Nov. at 7:pm (March is the State SAR Meeting) at the Rooks County Museum, 921 S. Cedar St, Stockton, KS.

HENRY LEAVENWORTH CHAPTER (Leavenworth)

Jerry Gross, President Meets 4th Thursday monthly at June's Northland, 614 Pottawatomie St, Leavenworth, KS 66048

SAR Chaplain General John "Vern" Welkner presided over Compatriot Andrew "Drew" S. Lyngar and his wife's (Portia) funeral service at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery. Drew was a member of the Gadsden Chapter of New Mexico where he held various local, State, and National positions (Chapter

President, State President, National Trustee, Vice President General of the Rocky Mountain District, and New Mexico Registrar). Drew retired from the Marine Corps as a Master Gunnery Sergeant (E-9). The local Marine Corps Command presented Military Honors for Drew. Pictured in Marine Corps Revolutionary War Uniform is Robert E. Vance, President Gadsden Chapter, Registrar, and Color Guard Commander-NMSSAR. In attendance was the family of Drew and Portia.



Henry Leavenworth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented the Service to Veterans SAR Medal to Compatriots Doug Darling and Neal Hanley. Both Darling and Hanley have given long and exemplary service to veterans in the Leavenworth and Kansas City area, while serving as representatives of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution



Past Chapter President Darren Hasse presented the Henry Leavenworth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Memorial Day Wreath at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.



Henry Leavenworth Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Chapter inducted Dr. Christopher Shingledecker as its newest member. Dr. Shingledecker is a professor at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS.



KONZA PRAIRIE CHAPTER (Manhattan) **Mark Naughton, President Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM, Meeting location TBD**

MONTICELLO CHAPTER (Shawnee)
Jeffery Winters, President Meets 3rd Thursday monthly, 6:00 PM at Pegah's Restaurant 12122 W 87th St, Lenexa, KS 66215

THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER (Topeka)
Brian Vazquez, President Topeka Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. – 9:00 a.m. (3rd Saturday of month during September to November and February to June) HyVee. 29th & Wanamaker, Topeka, KS 3rd Saturday of July, Aug, Dec, and Jan, @ 9:00 am.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER (Wichita Area) John Schwartz, President *Meets 3rd Friday except January & July at 6:30 pm at Spear restraint, 4323 W Maple St, Wichita, KS*

Washington Chapter inducted new members Bradley Johnson, and David Starkey.



Compatriot Eldon Younce received his Life Member certificate



The Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary Jennifer Wampler, President *Meets at the Quarterly Board of Governors*

New Members

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Stevens	Jonathan	Paul	226129	3970		DX	Schatzel, JA	04/21/23	Samuel Drake
Stewart	Michael	David	226130	3971		MC	Schatzel, JA	04/21/23	Alexander Stewart
Hammer	Berger	Eugene	226131	3972		HL	Schatzel, JA	04/21/23	Peter Whitmore, Sr.+
Hammer	Robert	Emanul	226132	3973		HL	Schatzel, JA	04/21/23	Peter Whitmore, Sr.+
Hammer	Jerry	Lavern	226133	3974		HL	Schatzel, JA	04/21/23	Peter Whitmore, Sr.
Love	David	Harvey	226259	3975		SP	Hulse, BA	04/28/23	Hans Wagner
Shultz	Jacque	Duryea	226469	3976		FS	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	Cottrell Lively+
Snyder	Rolf	Dieringer	226470	3977		MC	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	Roger Kirk
Snyder	Torsten	Willard	226471	3978		MCJ	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	Roger Kirk
Snyder	Heinrich	Dennis	226472	3979		MCJ	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	Roger Kirk
Wilson	Lloyd	Lee, III	226473	3980		MC	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	William Blount
Wilson	Tristan	Lloyd	226474	3981		MC	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	William Blount
Randle	Aidan	Michael	226475	3982		WA	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	Azariah Denny
Bolinger	Verlyn	W Jr.	226476	3983		FS	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	John Longstreth
Sullivan	Luca	James	226477	3984		HLJ	Schatzel, JA	05/12/23	William Hough
King	Jackson	Knox	226607	3985		TJJ	McReynolds, RL	05/19/23	David Woodruff
King	Jefferson	Floyd	226608	398/6		TJJ	McReynolds, RL	05/19/23	David Woodruff
King	Lincoln	Eric	226609	3987		TJJ	McReynolds, RL	05/19/23	David Woodruff
Billington	Jason	Kelly	226610	3988		HL	Dickson, DB	05/19/23	Ezekiel Billington
James	Thomas	Leroy	226685	3989		FH	Schatzel, JA	05/26/23	Jacob Fisler, Jr.
Hassell	Eric	Wayne	226686	3990		JS	Hulse, BA	05/26/23	John Moore
Manes	Clay	Curtis	226687	3991		PM	Svaty, RL	05/26/23	Giles Davidson
Tully	Michael	John	226811	3992		KP	Hulse, BA	06/02/23	Belcher Starkweather
Crist	Mark	J	226812	3993		SP	Hulse, BA	06/02/23	Warham Gibbs
O'Brien	Dennis	Jahn	226901	3994		HL	Schatzel, JA	06/09/23	Matthew McLaughry
Adcock	Thomas	Joel	226902	3995		KP	Schatzel, JA	06/09/23	John Laughter
Baker	Bradford	Eugene	227017	3996		CR	Sayler, JG	06/23/23	Robert Lemon
Montes	Jonas	Sebastian	227018	3997		PMJ	Schneider, TT	06/23/23	Stephen Ferryman
Ethridge	Benjamin	Randal	227019	3998		PMJ	Davis, MA	06/23/23	John Duncan

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Salute to Our Departed Comrades

<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>NSSAR</i>	<i>Ks</i>	<i>Ch</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Died</i>
Hammer	Berger	Eugene	226131	3972	HL	2023	05/21/29+
Hammer	Robert	Emanuel	226132	3973	HL	2023	02/16/04+
Shultz	Jacque	Duryea	226470	3977	FS	2023	03/21/22+
Morse	Paul	Alfred	118514	1372		1981	12/11/22*
Cole	Claron	Mark	150633	2151	DX	1998	01/23/23
Ellis	James	Mayo	180292	2827		2011	02/05/23^
Bichet	Frederick	Arthur	152572	2184		1999	03/11/23*
Louk	Frank	Tilden, Jr.	106038	1037	MAL	1974	03/18/23
Nixon	Cole	Jay	183553	2895		2012	04/01/23*
Countryman	Millard	Eugene	125785	1649	WA	1985	04/12/23
Jameson	Archie	David	139990	1975	CR	1993	04/18/23
Carpenter	Harry	Jay	213424	3563	TJ	2019	04/21/23
Manes	Larry	Dennis	212202	3526	FS	2019	05/02/23
Propps	Thomas	Bascom	106036	1035		1974	05/06/23*
Goetz	Lewis	Worthington	159599	2340	DX	2002	05/13/23
Munger	Murl	DeLou	100353	952		1970	06/07/23^

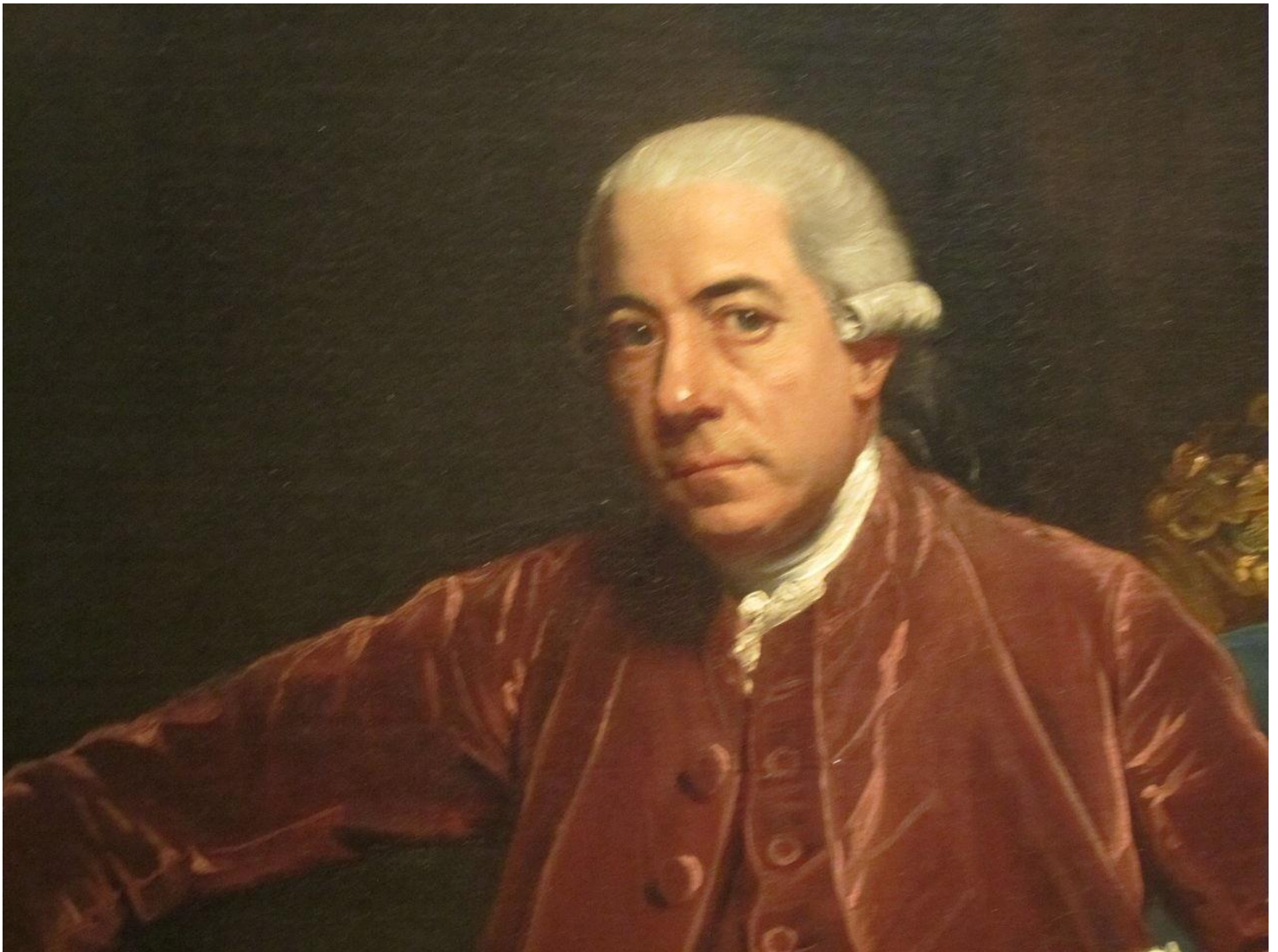
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*inactive

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Final Thought



“The day I hope is approaching when, from principles of gratitude as well as justice, every man will strive to be foremost in showing his readiness to comply with the Golden Rule.
— Henry Laurens

The Editor of the Liberty Bell is Steve Hamlin of Washington Chapter. The Publisher is Bryan Wampler of the Monticello Chapter, President of the Kansas SAR. You can reach the Editor at unclehammy@sbcglobal.net This is your Society News Letter, if there is something you want to see in it please contact me or Vernon and we will see what we can do!