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Nebraska SAR Society Spring Meeting Held April 21, 2012

Presidents Corner: This is my first communication with the membership of the Nebraska Society as the State President and I want to first say that I appreciate the opportunity to serve and look forward to building on the accomplishments of our past leadership. This year I hope we can promote an increase in both the size and involvement of our two Chapters and perhaps, if interest is there, a third Chapter in the western part of the state. I know the recruiting environment in Nebraska, when most of it's population is in the eastern part of the state is very challenging. Some of the things I feel we could take the initiative on in helping in our recruiting efforts



are placing SAR brochures, with our chapter contact information in the libraries. We have a great web site that could also be publicized along with the SAR brochures. I ask that we all wear our SAR Rosette in our jacket lapel when we are out and about. SAR makes great business cards that we could carry to hand out to prospective applicants. When I first joined the SAR in Omaha, I really enjoyed meeting with the guys, usually about 4 of us, for lunch in west Omaha. Sometimes, one of us would talk about his patriot which was always interesting. We started getting a few more members and Cont'd Page 3, see Pres.



SAR APPLICATIONS

Please mail all new member and supplemental application to our NE SAR State Secretary: **Compatriot Dr. David K. Kentsmith, M.D.**
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Infamous



"Brown Bess"

Nebraska SAR Society Spring Photos



NESSAR Spring Meeting was held April 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President LaVerne Stetson at 2:00 pm. A quorum was certified by the Secretary. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR there was the Invocation by Compatriot Rev. Dr. James Hoke. The Secretary announced all the State officers and members of the Board of Counselors were present except Omaha Vice-President Thomas Conley and past State President John Parsons. The President then introduced the Past Nebraska SAR Presidents. After the introduction of members and guests we had the presentation of awards. Fireman Phil Lopez, of the Omaha Fire Department was presented the SAR Fire Safety Award. Eagle Scout Awardee Micah Hadley

could not be there so the award will be presented to him at the 6 July 2012 Lincoln, Nebraska SAR Chapter meeting. John Parsons, Omaha and John Reinert, Lincoln, State Officer Nominating Committee gave their report: Nominees: Fred Walden President; John Reinert 1st VP; David Kentsmith 2nd VP; William Webb Treasurer; David Kentsmith Secretary; Thomas Masters Registrar; Robert Knott Deputy Registrar; John Parsons Trustee and David Kentsmith Alternate Trustee. Motion to accept and seconded. Passed by Unanimous Consent. Fred Walden was installed as the new SAR State President by outgoing president LaVerne Stetson. The new State President Walden then installed the State Officers and Members of the Board of Counselors. The President then

called for the Officers' reports. Dr. David Kentsmith gave the Secretary's report; Fred Walden gave the report as the National No. Central Vice-President General; Treasurer William Webb gave the financial status of the State Society; Registrar Thomas Masters and Deputy Registrar Robert Knott gave the report on applications and supplementals; National Trustee James Say discussed the SAR Spring Leadership Meeting and John Reinert gave the report on the Board of Counselors. Robert Knott, as Chair of the Awards Committee gave his report. Report from the Committee regarding the new Nebraska SAR Medal was presented by Chairman Fred Walden, Rev. James Hoke, William Webb and Robert Knott to the membership. They will continue work on cost and requirements.

NEBRASKA SOCIETY AWARDS PRESENTED DURING SPRING MEETING AT MAHONEY STATE PARK



The Nebraska Society honored Fireman Phil Lopez of the Omaha Fire Department with the Sons of the American Revolution Fire Safety Commendation Award. This was presented at the Lodge, Mahoney State Park with his family and peers in attendance during our Spring meeting 21 April 2012. Phil took an oath to protect lives and save property. He has lived up to that oath. On Sunday, January 8th of this year Fireman Lopez came upon a house fire early that morning. The fire extended up through the attic. He immediately notified 911 and then checked for occupants.

There was a man asleep on a couch and he was able to wake him up and get him out of the house to safety. A few days later on January 17th Phil was out to dinner with his family at a local restaurant when a woman started coughing and then choking. After confirming she was choking Fireman Lopez performed the "Heimlich Maneuver". As a result, the food was dislodged and the woman was ok. By his actions, both on and off duty, Fireman Lopez exemplifies the best civic traditions of our Nation.



Dr. David Kentsmith being presented the State Medal of Distinguished Service by State President LaVerne Stetson. It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the State Society on the state level during a State Society President's

term of office. The medal is diamond in shape and struck in sterling silver. It has a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enameled background. The ribbon is solid maroon.



John Reinert being presented the Patriot Medal by State President LaVerne Stetson. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse with the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. The design for the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur just prior to his death.

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I began to become more active. Everywhere the meetings were, whether they were in Nebraska for our Chapter or State meetings, Leadership meetings in Louisville or National meetings on the east coast, I have met my new compatriot brothers who are among the finest people I have known. My wife Jan accompanies me on all my trips which we both enjoy and the SAR has become a big part of our lives. I would like to invite every member of the Nebraska Society to re-dedicate yourself to your Chapter. Run for an officer position, volunteer to serve on a Committee. Invite your family, sons or grandsons to join you at your local Chapter meetings, talk about the SAR with your neighbors and co-workers. Once more, I want to thank all of you for your support and confidence and I promise you I will do all I can to ensure the Nebraska Society continues to move forward. Fred Walden

Nebraska Society Welcomes New President Fred Walden: Fred was born in Omaha, Nebraska. After High School he was employed by the Chicago Burlington and Quincy railroad. In 1951 he joined the United States Navy serving aboard the USS Hancock CVA 19 in the Pacific. After his discharge in March 1955 he returned to the train service working as a switchman, yard-conductor, extra yardmaster, extra night-trainmaster, brakeman and railroad conductor. Early in this period, he met and married Janet Ray Thompson and from this union they raised three sons who then produced two grandsons, five granddaughters, then one great-grandson and six great-granddaughters to date. Fred also runs a small local business specializing in Irish gifts and jewelry. Fred has been a member of the SAR for about eight years, serving as the Omaha Chapter Vice President, Omaha Chapter President, Omaha Chapter Secretary, Vice President, Nebraska Society and now the Nebraska Society President. Fred is also the current Vice President General of the North Central Region and has served as National Trustee. He has also served as Chairman of the Nebraska Society Audit Committee. Fred's ancestors came over on the ship, The Little James to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1623. William Bridge and Mary Oldham and their families lived in the Boston area for many years and down through the years family members served in the American Revolution under General George Washington. Fred is a 12th generation American and proud of it.



The top picture shows Robert Knott and Thomas Masters being presented the Meritorious Service Medal by State President LaVerne Stetson at our Spring Meeting. Below that shows John Parsons being presented his Meritorious Service Medals by Incoming State President Fred Walden at the Omaha Chapter's May Meeting. Merle Rudebusch will be presented his Meritorious Service Medal at the next Lincoln Chapter Meeting. This medal is presented for long, faithful and meritorious service to the Chapter, State Society, District or National Society. The medal has a silver finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson.

2012 Meetings and Events

- Jul 6, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**
- Aug 3, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**
- Sep 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**
- Sep 11, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**
- Oct 5, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**
- Oct 9, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 am Venice Inn**
- Oct 14, NE Society Fall Meeting, 1:00 pm The Lodge, Mahoney State Park**
- Nov 2, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**
- Nov 13, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**
- Dec 7, Lincoln Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am Eastmont Towers**
- Dec 11, Omaha Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm Venice Inn**

Trivia- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thompson. Most of the rest signed on August 2nd, but the last signature wasn't added until five years later.



Omaha Chapter Secretary Richard Ewing presented the JROTC Award to Papio South Cadet Anthony Alabata. The photo was taken by Richard's daughter Elizabeth who is a member of the DAR. Compatriot Ewing also noted that last years SAR Awardee Arrissa Benham was given the honor of being named the Cadet Company Commanding Officer for next year.

Members Corner

We are looking for articles for our Newsletter about our members Patriots. Would you be willing to put together an article about your Patriot? It could be one or two pages long or even a paragraph. If you go up to four or five pages we could have a continuation into the next Quarter's Newsletter. These articles would then be available for all of our members to enjoy. If we can assist you in any way with putting something together just let us know. An article would be such a great way to pass down to our future generations what our Patriot did for our country. We're only an email away.

We now have seven Newsletters published and distributed to our members. I would like to ask you to again take a good look at these Newsletters and let me know what you would like to see in future editions. We did receive several votes of confidence on the outline and direction the newsletter is moving, however, we do need more input from fellow compatriots in our chapter news and general submissions. Are there areas of interest that you would like included? How well are we meeting your needs? If you have any stories and/or pictures you take at any of our events that you can share, please contact the Newsletter Editor Bob Knott at chiefknott@aol.com or the Publisher Bill Webb at webb.w@q.com. This is your Newsletter and we want it to be as informative and interesting as we can make it. That's where you can help.



MEET MY PATRIOT "The Knott Family in America" (The Heritage of Francis)

By CMSgt (Ret'd) Robert L. Knott, Jr.
Part Two of Two



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Zachariah Knott, son of William Knott, Jr. was born about 1757 in St. Mary's County and died 23 November 1820 in Barnesville, Montgomery County, Maryland. He married Jane Spaulding in Montgomery County. Jane died before 23 November 1820. They had eight children.

In 1771, he moved to Montgomery County, and settled in the vicinity of Barnesville. He became a successful tobacco planter, acquiring large landed properties. During the Revolutionary War he served as a private in the Sixth Company, Upper Battalion, Montgomery County Militia.

In Chancery papers in the Land Record Office, Annapolis, Maryland, a codicil dated November 3, 1820, was attached to his will. In substance: "Jane Knott died before her husband Zachariah, and in the codicil he named his son Stanislaus as his executor in her place." It was filed in the March term of the Court, 1823. Outstanding among the earlier descendants of Zachariah Knott, were the Hon. A. Leo Knott, son of Edward Knott, Attorney General of the United States, and F. Columbus Knott, son of Francis A. and Ruth Slagle Knott, and grandson of Caleb Knott, wealthy merchant of Fredrick, Maryland. Spoons were passed down to Zachariah by his father as noted in William, Jr.'s will. "I have the two silver spoons with the letter "K" engraved on the back."

St. Mary's roots go back to 1741 when a small mission chapel was established in "Barnstown" under the guidance of the Jesuit missionaries who served St. John's Parish in Frederick, Maryland. After fleeing France during the French Revolution, Father John Dubois became the pastor of St. John's Parish. In 1807, Father Dubois recognized the growth of the mission and proposed to Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore that a Catholic Church be built in upper Montgomery County. "Barnstown" was renamed "Barnesville" and became the site for the new parish. The church immediately enjoyed community involvement with Zachariah Knott donating 8 acres of land and another local parishioner donating nearby timber for its construction. Fr. Dubois moved on to Emmitsburg where he established Mount St. Mary's and was also spiritual director to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Later, as bishop of New York City, he ordained Saint John Neumann to the priesthood. Because these two American saints were directly influenced by Fr. Dubois, they are depicted with him over the entrance to the present church. Behind the church, St. Mary's cemetery is the site of mass burials of those C & O Railroad builders who succumbed to the Cholera epidemic. The cemetery also became the final resting place of many Civil War soldiers. Barnesville saw action during the

Civil War as it changed hands between Confederate and Union soldiers at least three times.

Military service: August 30, 1777 Upper Barnesville Militia with brother Thomas. Luckily for his descendants, Robert Cole appears in many extant records on both sides of the Atlantic. On his father's side he was descended from yeoman stock that teetered on the cusp of gentry status; individuals in his family's past appeared as one, then another, and sometimes back to the former again. His mother though was clearly from a gentry family, albeit a Catholic one. She was dignified with the epithet "Mrs" despite her convictions for recusancy. By 1651 Robert Cole had married Rebecca, widow of Francis Knott of St. Olaves, Southwark, Surrey; and they resided at Heston, Middlesex, where their first child Robert was born on 15 Oct. 1651. Hugh Gore, Gent., of Heston requested his uncle Robert Cole to be an overseer to his 19 May 1651 will which was recorded on 13 Aug. 1651. A letter dated 2 Aug. 1658 arrived in Maryland later that year from James Neale, Gent., stating "I heare tht Robin Cole hath layd some claime to my ffathers & my Estate, wch I conceiue hee did, supposing I & my Wife had bene dead. But god be praysed wee are both aliue, & in health, & haue Three Children lyuing; Soe hee now may excuse the clayming any thing & deliuer all ouer to you [William Bretton] for my Cont'd on Page 5, column 1

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use". Preparing for a return voyage to England, Robert Cole wrote his will on 2 Apr. 1662, mentioning his mother Mrs. Jane Cole of Heston, Middlesex, and left an accounting of the ages of his children [since his wife Rebecca had died recently. Robert died while on this visit to England.

From Side-lights on Maryland history- James Knott, founder of the family of this name in Maryland and Virginia, came out of England about seventeen years before Leonard Calvert planted his first settlement in Maryland in 1634. In "Hotten's Lists of Persons of Quality who Emigrated to Virginia" is the following: "Mr. James Knott, age 23, came from England to Virginia in the ship George and settled in Accomack County on the Eastern Shore in 1617." One will look in vain for traces of James Knott in the records of the present Accomack County, for it was not cut off from Northampton County, where the ancient records are kept (dating from 1632), until about 1660-02. As James Knott's interests on the Eastern Shore were in Northampton County, it is there we find him, in Liber No. 1, folio 10, of these old records, as owner of land in 1632, situated "on the other side of King's Creek." Again we find mention of James Knott and his wife, Elinor, June 11, 1631, in Court Order Book No. 1, folio 37, Northampton County Records. After this he appears to have removed to Nansemond County Virginia, for he is recorded as a land owner in that county in 1635, in volume 3, p. 188, of the Virginia Magazine. Also in volume 2, of the same magazine, p. 308, it is stated that James Knott, of Accomack, was granted 50 acres of land in Virginia City County, March 12, 1632.

Mr. Knott appears to have been a close friend of Governor Leonard Calvert, of Maryland. Kilty mentions the fact that Governor Leonard Calvert admonishes the people not to encroach upon lands of "my friend Mr. Knott." James Knott was evidently a man of restless activity, and is a very interesting personality to the delver in our ancient records. While he is known to have been an extensive land owner in Nansemond County, Virginia, he demands and receives 200 acres of land in St. Marys, County, Maryland in 1651 for transporting himself and his

minor son Nathaniel into the Province (Liber A B H, folio 237, Annapolis Land Records.) In Liber No. 1, folio 402, Annapolis Land Records, Thomas Warr in 1651, sells to James Knott, Gent., of Virginia, 200 acres of land which he describes as "the equal half of my plantation which I now live upon at Mattapony, . . . St. Mary's County.' Consideration, 1390 pounds of tobacco.

Following is his will, in which, however, he does not mention all his sons. Liber No. 1, folio 51, Annapolis Wills; James Knott of Nansemond, in Virginia: will dated September 4, 1651, proved May 13, 1635. Witness: George White, Devises:- To my three sonnes Bernard Knott, Nathaniel Knott and William Knott, four coves (mentions Bernard as his eldest son and stipulates that the "coves" shall be kept together until he comes to the full age of 20 years); to my dau. Mary 6 coves to be delivered by 25th of Dec. next, also a negro man to dau. Mary to be delivered her in Oct. 1654; to son Bernard Knott 600 acres of land, "plantation whereon I now live, with reversion to his other children;" to sons Nathaniel & William Knott 600 acres of land, equally divided between them, "being the upper part of this division now in my possession, with reversion in case of death of either;" "I give to my sister E. M. Colins, Anna Young or any of her children 2 coves that shall come here to demand them: I give to my dau. Elizabeth Thomas, one cove;" balance of estate divided into five parts, viz.: "one part to my wife & four parts to my four children, Bernard, Nathaniel, William and Mary Knott; my loving friend John Ascumb to be over-seers of this my last will and testament." The lands of James Knott in St. Mary's County were conveyed to **his son Francis**, who conveyed some of them while living, and devised them in his will, proved in St. Mary's County, May 14, 1705, in his old age (Liber B No. 2, folio 500, Annapolis Wills).

So, this is my dilemma and what I am working on. Is Francis the son of James Knott or is he the son of John or maybe he is the son of a Francis, Sr. whose widow Rebecca married Robert Cole. Perhaps I should just be satisfied that Francis ended up in the American colonies, hmmm.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—2012

At Large — Harry Merrihew
At Large — Roger A. Radamacher
At Large —Randy D. Radamacher
Omaha Chapter — Fred Strider

EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES

Kudos to Chaplain James Hoke for presenting Eagle Scout Certificates to the following during 2012:

Luke Beran - Gretna
David Beran -Gretna
Hayden Morrison - Gretna
Erek Morrison - Gretna
Lucas Sawyer - Gretna
Anthony DeBates - Gretna
Joseph Preston - Valparaiso
Braden Yoder - Friend
Brandon Yoder - Friend
Dallas Drapal - Lincoln

ROTC & JROTC AWARDS

A SPECIAL THANKS to all those Compatriots who presented during the ROTC and JROTC Awards ceremony at the various schools:

Dr. David Kentsmith
Dr. Judd Patton
John Reinert
Chester Harris
William Webb
Robert Knott
Richard Ewing
John Parsons
Rev James Hoke

The following are the ROTC and JROTC Cadets who received Awards:

Lucas Goldsmith-Creighton Univ
Erika Schwanke-Univ of NE Omaha
Tim Durkin Univ-of NE Omaha
Matthew Chanlynn-Univ of NE Lincoln
William Schimmel-Univ of NE Lincoln
Amber Ueding-Lincoln Northeast
Breana Sharniah-Grand Island HS
Ryan Newman-Bellevue East
Connor Joyce-Bellevue West
Victor Neumann-Benson HS
Chad Miller-Bryan HS
Jamie Bond-Burke HS
Terrel Dunn-Central HS
Jonathan Goombi-North HS
Jonmar Teachman-Northwest HS
Ulises Gonzalez-Omaha South HS
Anthony Alabata-Papillion-LaVista South
Douglas Slattery-Plattsmouth HS

MORE PICTURES AND STORIES

PROPOSED NEBRASKA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEDAL



The obverse of the medal is a depiction of the State of Nebraska alongside a Patriot with "Nebraska Society" curved along the bottom of the face and "Sons of the American Revolution" curved along the top. Under the depiction of the State of Nebraska it reads: "Est. 1890". Within the depiction it shows the NSSAR logo. The reverse of the medal is left plain for engraving of the recipient's name, and if applicable, NSSAR number. The drape is royal blue with a narrow gold stripe centered matching the colors of the Nebraska State Flag.

The Committee presented their findings and recommendations to the membership at the Spring Meeting at Mahoney State Park April 21, 2012. After much discussion the Committee was requested to further look into ways for cost savings. The Committee was to also submit the medal descriptions and requirements to National as required. The Committee would like to get a count of those members who would pre-order the bronze medal. The pre-order cost will be \$20.00. After that the cost will be \$25.00. Please email Committee Chairman Fred Walden at "fred.walden@cox.net" or phone nr: 402-558-9394 and let him know you will be pre-ordering the bronze medal when it becomes available.



The above photo is of the officers of the Deborah Avery Chapter of the DAR in Lincoln, Nebraska during their meeting on 6 April 2012 in the Fireside Room at The Legacy Estates. Dr. David Kentsmith, from the Omaha Chapter of the SAR presented a slide show on George Washington's Continental Army Encampment at Valley Forge during the winter of 1776-77 and the Making Of An Army. From the left is Catherine Witt; Sharon Fitts; Ann Reinert; Dr. Kentsmith; Judith Moore; Emily Corkill; Shirley Johnson; Pat Bolte; and Sharon Savidge.

James K. Say 1954—2012

We are all saddened by the loss of Com-patriot Say who departed this life May 5, 2012. Jim was a member of the SAR, where he was past chancellor general and current national parliamentarian. He was a dual member of the Illinois and Nebraska Societies. He also served as National Trustee from Nebraska. Jim will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Dedication Ceremonies, Fort Atkinson State Historical Park, July 1, 2012. Ceremonies begin 9:30 am. Dedication of Flagpole at Noon. All members are invited to attend.



State President LaVerne Stetson swearing in new State President Fred Walden for 2012-2013.



NEBRASKA SOCIETY OFFICERS 2012-2013

President: Fred Walden, Omaha
 1st Vice President: John Reinert, Lincoln
 2nd Vice President: Dr. David Kentsmith, M.D., Omaha
 Secretary: Dr. David Kentsmith, M.D., Omaha
 Treasurer: William Webb, Omaha
 Registrar: Thomas Masters, Lincoln
 Deputy Registrar: Robert Knott, Omaha

BOARD OF COUNSELORS 2012-2013

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 Deputy Registrar: Robert Knott, Omaha
 Chap. Vice President: Thomas Conley, Omaha



New State President Fred Walden swearing in State Officers for 2012-2013. Thomas Masters Registrar; Dr. David Kentsmith, Secretary, Trustee and 2nd Vice President; William Webb, Treasurer, Robert Knott, Deputy Registrar and John Reinert, 1st Vice President. Not shown is John Parsons, Alternate Trustee.