



Nebraska Society
Established in 1890
State Meeting Minutes

**Fall State meeting, 20 Sept 2015, Cedar Room, Lodge Mahoney State Park,
2:00 PM**

Members Present: (signed roster) John W. Reinert, LNK, David Kentsmith, OMA, James Hoke, LNK, William Webb, OMA, Robert Knott, OMA, Merle Rudebusch, LNK, John Braisted, LNK, Cliff Sawyer LNK, Shawn Stoner, LNK, Thomas R. Masters, LNK, Fred Walden, OMA, Bob Chandler, LNK, John T. Parsons, OMA, Carroll R. Reinert, LNK. Spouses and some family members attended.

Quorum and Opening Meeting: The Fall State meeting was held at Mahoney State Park Lodge, Cedar Room at 2:00 PM Sunday 20 September 2015. President John Reinert asked state secretary David Kentsmith if a quorum of members was present. There was a quorum.

The President called the meeting to order, lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a pledge to the SAR. The State President welcomed all past Nebraska State Presidents, and all members and guests after they introduced themselves.

Awards: There were no Citizenship Awards recipients selected.

Awards Received from National: The following awards were presented by the State president or 2nd Vice-president Hoke - Liberty Medal to President John Reinert – For recruitment of New Members – Signed as sponsor of 10 applications. Robert E. Burt boy Scout Volunteer Award – to member Merle Rudebusch. Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award – a star for the State SAR flag. Arthur M King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest – Streamer for State SAR flag. Certificate of installation to John Parsons for becoming North Central Vice-president General. State Flag Streamer –for participating in National SAR Eagle Scout Essay contest. President General's Patriot Biographies Participants –flag streamer – Lincoln and Omaha Chapters – received by William Webb and Robert Knott who have organized and directed the program for the State Society.

Members Only Meeting: Guest were excused and the meeting resumed with members only after a 10 minute break.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting 19 April 2015 Spring Meeting were approved as distributed X2 by e-mail to members present – on a motion by John

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David Kentsmith: DKK Secretary

John Reinert: [Signature] President

Parsons and second by Fred Walden. The minutes were approved as distributed. The motion passed without opposition.

1. **President's Report:** The president made some preliminary remarks.
2. **Vice President's Report:** 1st Vice-President and Secretary David Kentsmith indicated the Board of Counselors continues to meet electronically with mostly a focus on approval of new member applications and transfers of members.
3. **Secretary's Report:** AS of 1 Sept 2015 there are 115 Nebr. Dues paying SAR Members. National DUES INCREASE - \$35.00 starting with collection for 2016 dues (1 October 2015).

11 new members have been added since 1 Jan 2015: Jake Albanez, OMA., Rev. Henry (Hank) Austin – OMA, John Braisted – LNK, NE , David Conley– OMA, Ben Harvey, OMA, Father Thomas Jones, OMA, James Knott, AZ, R. L. Scott Lemke, TX, Charles Marshall, OMA, Scott S. O'Neal, Ord, NE, Gary Lee O'Neill, Grand Island, NE, Rev. Thomas Upton, OMA. Transfers In: 1 pending Thomas Fowler – AL – Supplementals – Knott, Parsons, Sherrets, Kentsmith

- The secretary reminded the members of the only State Life Membership person who is Robert Knott –
- Nebraska has three National Life Members – Robert Knott, Ron Stites and David Kentsmith.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** State treasurer William Webb reported on the financial status of the State Society – see following Chart:

Treasurers Report - 1 Sep 2015

Bank Balance 31 Aug 2015		\$3,358.14
Balance available for expenses		\$ 2,045.40
 Hold in reserve:		
State Life membership	\$ 289.00	
Eagle Scout	\$ 136.00	
Medals	\$ 351.00	
Total		- \$776.00
 Projected Expenses through 30 Sep 2015		
Memorial for L. Palmer Johnson, MD	\$ 50.00	
Room Rent	\$ 77.74	
Secretary reimbursement	\$ 359.00	
New members for Omaha Chapter	50.00	
Total		- \$ 536.74
Eagle Scout CD @ Liberty Trust (1.31%)		\$ 7,188.10
Two Certificates of deposit @ SAC Federal Credit Union (1 .29%)		\$ 2,102.71
 <u>Tax exempt</u> form 990-N filed with IRS Feb 27, 2015		

Motion by John Parsons and seconded by Merle Rudebusch to approve the treasurer's report and approve payment of bills. Motion passed without dissent.

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5. Registrar's Report: Thomas Masters, Registrar using a report prepared by deputy Registrar Robert Knott reported on membership applications and supplementals. Since our last meeting there have been 6 supplementals submitted and 1 pended application. 11 new member applications have been approved and pending are 2 supplementals – Sherrets and Knott. There were two members reinstated, and 2 transfers into our society.

Motion by LaVerne Stetson and 2nd by Bob Chandler to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Medals and Certificates Awarded – 2015 Shawn Stoner presented using a report prepared by Robert Knott:

	OMAHA CHAPTER	LINCOLN CHAPTER	NE SOCIETY
<u>TYPE MEDAL/CERTIFICATE</u>	<u>NR.</u>	<u>NR.</u>	<u>NR.</u>
ROTC	2	3	0
JROTC	11	1	0
EAGLE SCOUT AWARD (Scholarship)	0	0	1
EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES	0	6	0
ROBT E. BURT BOY SCOUT VOL AWD	0	0	1
KING EAGLE SCOUT ESSAY PART.	0	0	1
ADMIRAL WM R. FURLONG AWARD	0	0	1
STATE FLAG STREAMER-EAGLE SCOUT ESSAY	0	0	1
PRESIDENT GENERALS PATRIOT BIOGRAPHIES-FLAG STREAMERS	1	1	1
LIBERTY MEDAL	0	0	1
VICE-PRESIDENT GENERAL CERT.	0	0	1
TOTAL	14	11	8

7. National Trustee: Fred Walden encouraged members especially all state and Chapter officers to attend the National leadership meetings held in the winter and fall as well as the National Congress to be held next year in Boston, Massachusetts. It was noted that Nebraska SAR member and former State President John Parsons was selected as the New North Central Vice-president General and installed at the June

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2015 National Congress in Louisville, Kentucky. We congratulate Compatriot Vice-president General Parsons.

8. Committee Reports –

Newsletter: 4 newsletters were submitted to National for archiving. The Society members have been very responsive to providing the National SAR Patriot Biography project submissions.

9. Unfinished Business:

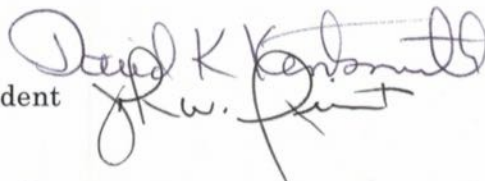
- A. There was a brief discussion about the national call for supporting "Friends of the National SAR Library.
- B. Members were reminded of the Nebraska DAR project to develop a Genealogical Library in the Grand Island, NE public library. Compatriots Loudon and Ward have been supporting the DAR in this effort. SAR members are also contributing their genealogical book collections to the Library. Books and monetary donations continue to be solicited.
- C. Replacement of the historical plaque commemorating Donovan's Cabin in the Haymarket area in Lincoln continues to progress as President Reinert notes.
- D. There was a discussion by 2nd VP James Hoke that the process to be placed onto the membership of a National SAR Committee. Essentially a request by e-mail to the National SAR president general is all that is needed. One does need to attend a meeting of the committee in Louisville, KY during the Spring and Fall Leadership meetings

10. New Business:

- A. State President discussed the Nebraska Society's policy on indorsing SAR candidates for National offices. Individuals are free to indorse but the State society does not indorse candidates.
- B. President Reinert appointed LaVerne Stetson, LNK and Robert Knott, OMA as the State Officer Nominating Committee. The Committee presents a list of nominees for the following offices in the April 2016 State meeting for vote by members: President, 1st and 2nd VP, Secretary, Registrar/Deputy Registrar and Treasurer. The committee is responsible for following the requirements for President and Vice-president as outlined in the State Constitution and By-Laws. The newly elected State President will appoint chairmen and members to the standing committees who all report to the President: 1. EMT, Police and Fire Safety, 2. Flag, 3. Eagle Scout Essay and 4. Eagle Scout SAR Certificates, and establishes State committees on the bases of what is needed or what members may determine by vote at the State meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business members stood and recited the SAR "Until We Meet Again". John Parsons moved we adjourn seconded by Fred Walden. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. Next meeting is the Spring SAR State meeting to be held Sunday 10 April 2016 at 2:00 PM Mahoney State Park Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted:
David K. Kentsmith
Secretary & 1st Vice- President



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