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Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Meeting Notice: The 2009 State SAR meeting will be 20-21 March in Topeka at the Ramada Inn. Mark your calendars.

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Please remember to save your extra 2009 calendars and donate them to the VA. Staff use them throughout the year to mark appointment for veterans.

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February 13, 1776

Patrick Henry named colonel of First Virginia battalion

On this day in 1776, Patrick Henry becomes colonel of the First Virginia battalion in defense of the state's supply of gunpowder.

A Virginia lawyer, Henry gained fame as a member of the House of Burgesses with his passionate speeches against British rule and what he saw as their unfair taxation policy. First elected in 1765, he promptly proposed five resolutions opposing the Stamp Act that became models for other colonies. Henry's was the first, and often the loudest and most articulate, voice raised against "taxation without representation."

Henry was elected to the First Continental Congress in 1774 and quickly became the group's most outspoken member. As a member of the Second Continental Congress, Henry attended the Second Virginia Convention to show solidarity with Bostonians suffering under British military occupation in March 1775.

**Next Meeting: February 14th
West Dining Hall
Aldersgate Village
8:00 am <Breakfast>
8:45 am <Presentation: TBA>**

For attendance at the meeting, please respond to Brian Vazquez at sarbmvsbcglobal.net ."

TJC webpage:
http://members.cox.net/tjchptrtopekaks/TJC_SAR.htm

From 1776 to 1779, Henry served as the first governor of the state of Virginia. He held the post again from 1784 to 1786. After serving as governor, Henry continued to influence American politics. Among his most important work was his fight for the addition of the first 10 amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantee basic freedoms, such as the freedoms of speech and religion, to American citizens.

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picture source: www.wikipedia.org

Less than a month later, on April 20, Virginia's Royal Governor Lord Dunmore attempted to take the gunpowder from the Williamsburg magazine as part of his attempt to hold on to power in the colony. In response, Henry led the Patriot militia in a standoff with Dunmore's troops until fellow Virginian Patriot Carter Braxton negotiated a settlement. The incident is known as the "Gunpowder Affair."



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Guests: Theresa Klotzbach

Minutes: Members and guests of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met for breakfast in the west-dining hall at Aldersgate on January 10, 2009. There were 18 members and 1 guest present. Following the breakfast, members and guests met in the Wesley Auditorium.

President Brian Vazquez opened the meeting and asked Compatriot Elborn Mendenhall to give the invocation. President Vazquez then led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the pledge to SAR. President Vazquez asked Compatriot Orval Knodel to discuss current plans for the State SAR annual conference to be held in Topeka on March 20 and 21, 2009. Compatriot Knodel presented the plans for the annual conference and asked the members for

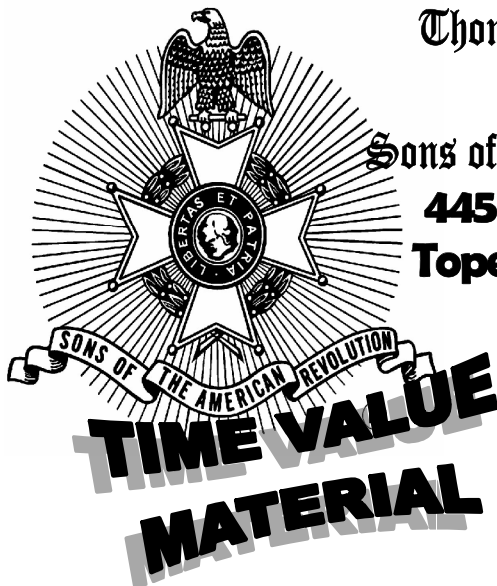
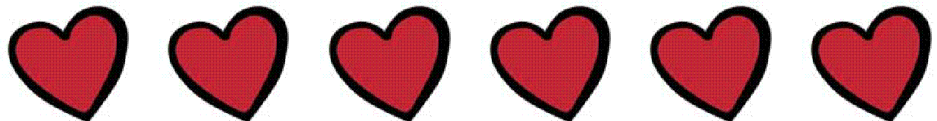
their assistance during the conference. Compatriot Alan Kimmell moved that the Chapter recommend to the State SAR Board of Governors that a cash bar not be provided at the conference. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Martin Klotzbach and approved by the members. President Vazquez then asked Compatriot Roger Johnson to present the minutes of the December 2008, Chapter meeting and introduce guests. President Vazquez moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was approved by the members.

President Vasquez then asked Compatriot Orval Knodel to give the Treasurer's report. Compatriot Knodel reported that the Chapter had \$220.00 of income and \$220.00 in expenses for the period December 13, 2008, to January 8, 2009, and an ending checking account balance of \$2,991.81 at January 8, 2009. In addition the Chapter had certificates of deposit of \$3,834.22 at January 8, 2009. President Vazquez then asked for committee reports.

Compatriot Martin Klotzbach mentioned that the next naturalization

ceremony would be held at the Topeka Federal courthouse on January 16, 2009. He encouraged members to attend the ceremony. President Vazquez mentioned that the Chapter is not participating in any youth contests this year. President Vasquez asked for any reports on shut-in members. Compatriot Elborn Mendenhall mentioned that Compatriot Wendell Yockey was recovering from a medical procedure and that Compatriot Tom Conn was not able to attend the meetings due to health problems. Under new business President Vazquez mentioned that the Delaware Crossing SAR Chapter was hosting their annual George Washington birthday celebration on February 21, 2009. Compatriot Martin Klotzbach then discussed the ladies auxiliary project to adopt Kansas National Guard members deployed to Iraq. Hand wipes, candy, lip balm, etc. would be collected at the next State SAR BOG meeting in Emporia on February 7, 2009, for shipment to the guardsmen. President Vazquez then asked for suggestions for members to assume Chapter leadership positions.

With the conclusion of business, President Vazquez gave the SAR recessional and the meeting was adjourned.



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