



TROOP 776
 White Buffalo District / Quivira Council
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July 2004 Newsletter



Troop 776 Events

July Events

- 05 PCL Meeting Only
- 12 Troop Meeting
Sr. Patrol Leader Elections
- 19 July Court of Honor
Goddard Community Ctr.
Troop Office Appointments
- 26 Troop Meeting
New Patrols Formed
Patrol Leader Elections

Patrol Outings scheduled for July.
 Patrols plan their campout/day trip.

August

- 02 Troop Meeting
- 09 PLC Meeting Only
- 16 Troop Meeting
- 23 Troop Meeting
- 30 Troop Meeting

Troop Elections

Troop elections for Sr. Patrol Leader, and new Patrol Leaders will be conducted in July. The new Senior Patrol Leader makes appointments for the new Troop Offices.

Holding positions such as Sr. Patrol Leader, Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader, any Troop Office and as Patrol Leader are required for rank advancement.

If you are interested in serving as Sr. Patrol Leader or in any other Troop Leadership Position for the next six month term, you need to submit a Troop Leadership Application by July 12th. This application is available on the Troop website, www.goddardkansas.us/troop776 or can be picked up at the Troop meetings. To qualify for the Sr. Patrol Leader position, you must be at least a Star Rank Scout.

A new Sr. Patrol Leader will be elected on July 12th. All other Troop Offices will be appointed on July 19th. New Patrols will be formed and Patrol Leaders will be elected on July 26th



**Troop
Committee
Meeting**

**Thursday, July 15th
7PM, City Hall**

Attention Adult Leaders

Please join the Committee Members and become involved in the decision making process on important issues that effect Troop 776.

See You There!

District Roundtable

July 1st, 7:00PM

**Riverlawn Christian Church
4243 N. Meridian**

Order of the Arrow

July 1st, 7:15PM

Riverlawn Christian Church

**The Men Who Signed The
Declaration of Independence**

Have you ever wondered what happened to the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army, and another had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed, and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What sort of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence with the full knowledge that the penalty would be death were they captured.

Carton Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of **Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.**

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At the battle of Yorktown, **Thomas Nelson, Jr.**, noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. Nelson quietly urged **General George Washington** to open fire on his home. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. **John Hart** was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

These are the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men; men of means and education. They had security, yet they valued liberty more. Unwavering, they pledged: **“For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”**

The gave us a free and independent America. History books never told us much of what took place in the Revolutionary War. We didn't just fight the British. We were British subjects at the time, and we fought our own government. Many of us often takes these liberties for granted. While enjoying our 4th of July, pause and silently thank these patriots. It isn't that much to ask for the price they paid.



**Relay
For Life**

On June 18, Troop 776 participated in Relay For Life which benefited the American Cancer Society. The Scouts conducted the Flag ceremony and received much notice of a job well done.

Various Patrols had booths and conducted games to help raise money for the event. The Troop also sold Dutch oven cobbler, ice cream, bottled water, hot chocolate, hot cider and coffee. **A BIG THANK YOU to Julie L., Kara U. and Carol T. for all their hard work putting this together.**

The Scouts had a great time participating in karaoke and other activities. Everyone was very tired the next morning but overall the evening was a success.

July Birthdays

Scouts

Bobby R. 7/01
Justin M. 7/14
Mark C. 7/23

Adults

Dennis R. 7/08
Jeff P. 7/18
Carol T. 7/25

Happy Birthday!