



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for August 2021

I have received the 2022 membership cards so we are now collecting 2022 membership year dues now. Remember that dues are now \$25.

All PUFL members are fined \$5 – just because

This month we will be installing the Voiture officers for 2021-2022 membership years.

Freedom Isn't Free Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 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; another had two sons captured.
 - Nine of the 56 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 kind 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 knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.
 - Carter 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.
 - At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. 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 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist-mill 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.
- So, take a few minutes and silently thank these patriots. Remember: freedom is not and was never free! We need to thank these early patriots, in prayers, words, and deeds, as well as those patriots that are now still fighting to keep our freedom! We owe it to them to proclaim our patriotism now.

Our Promenades are the fourth Wednesday of the month (I get the date wrong sometimes)
This month's Promenade will be on August 25th at Post 61 Kansas City, MO with dinner at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade will begin at 19:00 HRS.

Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation and the 40et8 through Voiture 1379. If we all work together we can and do make a difference.

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