

Kansas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Life Membership

Questions and Answers

1. Why should I purchase a Life Membership? This works to your benefit because 1) you are protected from inevitable future dues increases, and 2) you can no longer be dropped from the membership rolls for non-payment of dues (if you have bought into both the National and Kansas Life plans).

2. Who can purchase a Life Membership? Any member in good standing with the SAR can purchase a National Life Membership. Any member in good standing with the Kansas Society, SAR can purchase a Kansas Life Membership, provided he has also purchased a National Life Membership.

3. Explain why there are two life membership plans? All members of the SAR must remain in good standing with both the national society (NSSAR) and a state society (in this case, KSSSAR). The National Life plan pays only national dues. The Kansas Life plan pays only Kansas state dues. Participation in both plans is necessary to insure that a life member will remain in good standing.

4. What is the history of these life plans? The National Life plan was created in about 1990. Past President General and KSSSAR member, Arthur Mansfield King, was influential in getting this started. About 3,200 SAR members have become National Life Members since that time. As national dues have increased, the price of a National Life Membership has changed quite a bit during this time, increasing from a flat \$500 in 1995 to a declining scale today that ranges from \$1,040 if purchased at age 1 to \$0 if purchased at age 100. If national dues are increased in the future, the price for a new life membership will most certainly be increased as well.

The Kansas plan was created in 1980, under the leadership of Dr. Phil Bernstorff. The plan paid both national and state dues, an unsound condition since the Kansas Society didn't set the amount of national dues. Under the leadership of Herrick H. "Kes" Kesler, national life memberships were purchased by the Kansas Life Trust for all existing Kansas Life Members in 1990. Since that time, the Kansas Life Trust has been responsible for only state dues. The fee was set to a flat \$150. After the National plan was switched to a declining scale, the Kansas plan was switched to a declining scale as well. 310 KSSSAR members have purchased national and state life membership. Of these, 222 are still living with state dues paid out of the trust. This is about 22.9% of the current membership of the Kansas Society.

The combined declining scale (2022 prices) can be found on the back of this page.

5. How much does a Life Membership cost? Consult the chart on the back of this page. There is no guarantee that these prices will remain in effect for long. Any future dues increase, at either the national or state level, would likely trigger a price increase for life memberships.

6. If I purchase a Life Membership this year, do I still have to pay 2023 dues? No. If the payment is received before Dec. 1, 2022, the National and Kansas Life Trusts will pay your 2023 dues.

7. What about chapter dues? The National Life trust only pays National dues. The Kansas Life trust only pays Kansas state dues. If you want to remain in good standing with your chapter, in most cases, you will still have to pay chapter dues.

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8. How do I purchase a Life Membership? Contact the KSSSAR Membership Secretary:

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Life Membership Prices

<u>Age</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Combined</u>
1	\$1,040	\$150	\$1,190	51	\$670	\$122.50	\$792.50
2	\$1,035	\$150	\$1,185	52	\$660	\$120	\$780
3	\$1,030	\$150	\$1,180	53	\$650	\$117.50	\$767.50
4	\$1,025	\$150	\$1,175	54	\$635	\$115	\$750
5	\$1,020	\$150	\$1,170	55	\$625	\$112.50	\$737.50
6	\$1,015	\$150	\$1,165	56	\$610	\$110	\$720
7	\$1,010	\$150	\$1,160	57	\$595	\$107.50	\$702.50
8	\$1,005	\$150	\$1,155	58	\$585	\$105	\$690
9	\$1,000	\$150	\$1,150	59	\$570	\$102.50	\$672.50
10	\$995	\$150	\$1,145	60	\$550	\$100	\$650
11	\$990	\$150	\$1,140	61	\$540	\$97.50	\$637.50
12	\$985	\$150	\$1,135	62	\$530	\$95	\$625
13	\$980	\$150	\$1,130	63	\$515	\$92.50	\$607.50
14	\$975	\$150	\$1,125	64	\$500	\$90	\$590
15	\$970	\$150	\$1,120	65	\$485	\$87.50	\$572.50
16	\$965	\$150	\$1,115	66	\$470	\$85	\$555
17	\$960	\$150	\$1,110	67	\$460	\$82.50	\$542.50
18	\$955	\$150	\$1,105	68	\$440	\$80	\$520
19	\$950	\$150	\$1,100	69	\$425	\$77.50	\$502.50
20	\$945	\$150	\$1,095	70	\$415	\$75	\$490
21	\$940	\$150	\$1,090	71	\$400	\$72.50	\$472.50
22	\$935	\$150	\$1,085	72	\$385	\$70	\$455
23	\$925	\$150	\$1,075	73	\$370	\$67.50	\$437.50
24	\$920	\$150	\$1,070	74	\$355	\$65	\$420
25	\$915	\$150	\$1,065	75	\$345	\$62.50	\$407.50
26	\$905	\$150	\$1,055	76	\$325	\$60	\$385
27	\$900	\$150	\$1,050	77	\$315	\$57.50	\$372.50
28	\$895	\$150	\$1,045	78	\$300	\$55	\$355
29	\$885	\$150	\$1,035	79	\$290	\$52.50	\$342.50
30	\$875	\$150	\$1,025	80	\$275	\$50	\$325
31	\$870	\$150	\$1,020	81	\$265	\$47.50	\$312.50
32	\$860	\$150	\$1,010	82	\$250	\$45	\$295
33	\$855	\$150	\$1,005	83	\$240	\$42.50	\$282.50
34	\$845	\$150	\$995	84	\$225	\$40	\$265
35	\$835	\$150	\$985	85	\$215	\$37.50	\$252.50
36	\$830	\$150	\$980	86	\$205	\$35	\$240
37	\$820	\$150	\$970	87	\$195	\$32.50	\$227.50
38	\$810	\$150	\$960	88	\$185	\$30	\$215
39	\$800	\$150	\$950	89	\$175	\$27.50	\$202.50
40	\$790	\$150	\$940	90	\$165	\$25	\$190
41	\$780	\$147.50	\$927.50	91	\$160	\$22.50	\$182.50
42	\$770	\$145	\$915	92	\$150	\$20	\$170
43	\$760	\$142.50	\$902.50	93	\$140	\$17.50	\$157.50
44	\$750	\$140	\$890	94	\$135	\$15	\$150
45	\$740	\$137.50	\$877.50	95	\$125	\$12.50	\$137.50
46	\$730	\$135	\$865	96	\$120	\$10	\$130
47	\$720	\$132.50	\$852.50	97	\$90	\$7.50	\$97.50
48	\$705	\$130	\$835	98	\$60	\$5	\$65
49	\$700	\$127.50	\$827.50	99	\$30	\$2.50	\$32.50
50	\$685	\$125	\$810	100+	\$0	\$0	\$0