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Garrett Lear has served in the ministry since 1974, and today he is known as “The Patriot Pastor” due to his passion to preach, teach, and lecture about the faith of the Founding Fathers. Lear talks with *Patriots of the American Revolution* editor T.M. Jacobs about his own beliefs, as well as his genealogy.



Q One of your main messages is that most of our Founding Fathers were in fact Christians, correct?

A Yes. I am a member of numerous historical societies and a lifelong historical scholar, and I know for a fact that our Founding Fathers were Christians of various denominations. One has only to look at the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, and what is written in the Declaration, to know that they were true Christians. I challenge my fellow Americans to study our nation's founding documents and to know the original intent of the Founding Fathers.

Q What do you say to people who state that some of the Founding Fathers were Deists?

A My immediate response is that the statement is a lie. Even Benjamin Franklin, who is usually referred to as a Deist, stopped the Constitutional Convention to exhort the delegates to pray to God for their success. A Deist would not do that.

Q What has been your most inspirational or moving lecture?

A After preaching for 36 years and in so many venues, that question is hard to answer. However, in April of 2009, I received a very strong standing ovation at the Lexington Battle Green.

Q Although you now live in New Hampshire, you were born in Lexington, Massachusetts—and one of your ancestors fought at the Battle of Lexington. Can you

tell me a little more about who he was and what you have learned about him?

A I have a multitude of ancestors who fought for our nation's independence throughout the Northeast. My sixth great-grandfather, Jedidiah Learned, served in the Lexington militia. At the time of the Battle of Lexington, he was 18 years old. He died of natural causes rather young in life and is buried in the Old Burying Ground in Watertown, Massachusetts. I choke up when I think of his service, as well as his heritage that stretches back to the Mayflower.

Q I would imagine that, with your family's genealogy, you are a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Is this true?

A Yes—I am very proud to say that I am a dual member of both the New Hampshire and Massachusetts Societies; I am on the Board of Managers in the NHSSAR, and I am an Assistant Chaplain in the MASSAR. I openly display my membership everywhere I go and work diligently to recruit others who qualify. I look forward to many years of greater involvement, for I believe the Sons of the American Revolution is the premier organization to preserve and promote America and her founding intentions and values.

Q How can people learn more about you and about what you preach?

A People can visit www.thepatriotpastor.org for more information.



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