

Special Recognition Award - presented to **Kathryn H. Pickering** at the 2014 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Kathryn, in honor of her late husband Lee I. Pickering, accepted the position of chair of the newly formed Awards Committee. Kathryn provided commitment and leadership for the committee for four years and contributed to the development and design of the awards categories. Special recognition and thanks to Kathryn for the dedication and time she spent honoring the hard work and perseverance of many members of our organization.

Special Recognition Award – presented to **W. Christian Sizemore** at the 2014 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his many years of leadership achievements as an officer and on several key committees. Especially noteworthy was his public relations efforts with the City of Liberty, MO, that enabled NSDKC and the City to work in partnership to fund and install two of our historical markers at key historic sites within the City. The markers were at the Liberty Arsenal and commemorating the 1837 Platte Purchase.

The George E. Hicks Award for Perseverance – presented to **Norman O. Besheer** at the 2014 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his exemplary years of service to our organization. His dedication and continuous perseverance to maintaining the decorum of NSDKC from his leadership as an officer and President to his continued diligent effort in proofreading our documents and publications. Norman has been the driving force to maintain the integrity of our historic organization.

The Lee I. Pickering Award of Excellence – presented to **James P. Flanagan** at the 2014 Annual Holiday Brunch of The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City in recognition of his dedication and outstanding service as our treasurer. His detailed accounting and financial skills has kept the NSDKC financially sound and moving forward throughout his dedicated service. Jim provided the guidance and knowledge to grow our investments to the record high they currently have attained. Jim has worked quietly and diligently in his leadership role as our finance officer keeping our records and reports at the highest quality possible.