



Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War Colonel John C. Bryner Camp 67 Department Of Illinois

The monthly meeting of the Colonel John C. Bryner Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 67 of Peoria, Illinois opened on Monday, **April 14, 2008** at 7:12 PM at the GAR Hall. Brother Wachtveitl performed the invocation. Recitation of the Pledge followed. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers:	Jon Lickey	Jim Carrow	John Dace
	Joe Hutchinson	Lionel Kinney	Larry Wachtveitl

Secretary's Report: Secretary Hutchinson read the minutes of the March meeting. Brother Wachtveitl made a motion to approve the minutes as read with Brother Carrow seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kinney reported that the balance of the Camp's account. He reported that there were still outstanding dues. He said that he would contact the remaining two to see what had happened as they had said they were renewing. He said that there were several deposits and that a check was sent to Dept. to expedite processing the application for Brother Owens in March. Brother Hutchinson reported that the amount reported on the per-capita for Form 27 was more than the check to be sent to Dept due to the prior submission of the check for Owens' dues. He said he would send a letter explaining the difference to Dept. Secretary Clark. A check was issued to send in with Form 27 to Dept. Brother Kinney said that the check to the National Quartermaster still had not cleared and that he would have to call him. He said he would be creating the final report on the Camp's finances for the May meeting.

Brother Hutchinson reported that the EIN number required for the 990-N was still not activated. He said that he has contacted the National Treasurer, but has received no response. He reported that the national organization must contact the IRS to have the camp's EIN number included on the national's group exemption number. There is nothing the camp can do until that occurs. Brother Wachtveitl made a motion to approve the report with Brother Lickey seconding. The motion was approved.

The membership stands at 27 with six being "Real Sons", eighteen regulars, and three associates.

Sickness and Distress: None to report.

Committee Reports: Brother Hutchinson reported that the rough draft for the Memorial Day program at Springdale Cemetery was finished but that he forgot to bring a copy. Brother Wachtveitl asked what the order of the program was. Brother Hutchinson stated that the program was little changed over the past programs. He said there would be the usual readings and ceremony but that there would be several new readings and musical interludes. He said that he had asked Dept. Chaplain Kowalski and Dept. Commander Stefany to participate, but only Commander Stefany was available so he would be doing the invocation and benediction. The public present would place provided flowers on the graves. Brother Hutchinson stated that the Central Illinois Living Historians (77th IL INF) would be doing the rifle salute.

Communications: Brother Lickey reported that the request from Peoria Central High School for a ROTC award for 2008 came too late to order the medal. He said that the presentation was to be April 5, 2008, much

earlier than he expected. Brother Lickey requested that the medal be ordered anyway. Brother Hutchinson said he would take care of it.

Brother Hutchinson reported that he had received a letter from Mrs. Mina Havens, the sister of Brother David Butler, one of the charter members of the Camp who passed away in June, 2006. She said that she was so glad that the Camp had been keeping her informed of the Camp news and was keeping her brother's memory alive. She included a donation to the Camp. Brother Hutchinson drafted a letter thanking her for her generous donation and Commander Dace signed it.

Brother Hutchinson also reported that he had received information regarding the upcoming vote that each department would be making at their annual encampments regarding changes that are to be made to the National's constitution. These changes would clarify the membership status of junior members and restrictions placed on them.

Old Business: Brother Hutchinson reported that he received a request for assistance in arranging an event to take place in Lewistown to commemorate a speech made by Lincoln there in August 1858. The request came from a gentleman living in California who belongs to an Ohio Camp whose ancestor he claims drove Lincoln to the speech in Lewistown. Brother Hutchinson said his wife did a little research and could not substantiate his claim. He said that she had contacted individuals in Lewistown to see if they had anything planned to commemorate the speech. She said that they were quite familiar with the person requesting the event and they were not planning an event at this time. It was decided that the Camp should defer to the people in Lewistown before the Camp would commit to anything.

New Business: Brother Hutchinson reported that the Dept. encampment at the GAR Hall on May 10 would begin with lunch at 11:00 AM with the meeting following. He suggested a menu for the potluck and asked the membership if the Camp should buy ground beef for sandwiches and the membership bring the side dishes. He estimated 25 to 30 attending. He said that he was contacting the other Camps for RSVP's. It was decided that Brother Hutchinson would take care of the details. Brother Lickey made a motion that the Camp set out the donation jar and reimburse Brother Hutchinson for the expense of the lunch over the amount received in donations with Brother Wachtveitl seconding. The motion carried.

For the Good of the Order: Brother Hutchinson reported that he applied to National for the Monument Restoration Grant last month and had received the check already. It was made out to both the Camp and the CILF. He turned it over to Brother Wachtveitl to make a copy and have Les Kenyon of the CILF sign it so it could be deposited in the Camp's account so materials could be purchased.

Chaplain Wachtveitl performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.

*****The next meeting will be June 9, 2008 at the GAR Hall*****

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Hutchinson
Senior Vice-Commander
Secretary, Camp 67

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