



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, **February 12, 2007** at 7:10 PM at the GAR Hall. Brother Wachtveitl performed the invocation. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers: Jon Lickey John Dace Dave Rogers Rick Powers
 Joe Hutchinson Lionel Kinney Larry Wachtveitl

Secretary's Report: Camp secretary, Joe Hutchinson, read the minutes of the January meeting. Brother Powers made a motion to approve the minutes. Brother Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kinney reported that the balance of the Camp's account. He reported deposits consisted of member dues for 2007 and three cash donations. Three Brothers have yet to turn in dues. Brother Kinney stated that a check was sent to the National Quartermaster to purchase a past commander's medal and more Eagle Scout certificates. Brother Lickey made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with Brother Hutchinson seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Sickness and Distress: Brother Lickey reported that his wife is doing well after knee replacement surgery on January 16. Brother Rogers reports that Brother Tim Pletkovich is ill and has missed three weeks of school so far. Brother Hutchinson stated that he was going to have to have shoulder surgery; the date yet to be determined as it is work related and must be approved. He said that the recovery could be six to eight months. **Late addition:** Brother Lickey received an E-mail saying that PDC Stefany is in the hospital with a herniated disc in his back.

Committee Reports: Brother Hutchinson reported that he has forwarded the graves registration database to the National grave registration officer. He stated that the process had been changed since the project was started and that the National Graves Registration Committee would no longer allow bulk uploads to the database, due to many errors and duplications from the early days of the process. He said that there was a backlog of 11,000 names to be entered by hand by the Committee. The new process is to sign up on the site, and enter the information there. The information then is held for verification before being put online. Brother Hutchinson said that he was not going to type all of the information all over again. The National Committee is going to enter the information submitted.

Communications: Brother Lickey had information from PDC Clark about the Lincoln Death Day ceremony organized by the Lincoln Death Day Association to be held on April 15, 2007. He stated that Brother Clark said in his message that it would be allowed to wear SUVCW badges while attending the ceremony and that General Order 3 only pertained to organizing the event. Brother Hutchinson commented that it would still be a good idea to not wear SUVCW badges since there was such controversy. Please keep in mind that the **OFFICIAL SUVCW CEREMONY** takes place on **April 14**.

Brother Lickey read a message from the Dept. of Rhode Island stating that Brother Leo Kennedy is running for JVC in C and would appreciate any support. Brother Kennedy is currently Executive Director at National.

Brother Lickey read a notice about the process for readmitting a former Brother into the Order. A brother who was dropped due to nonpayment of dues may be charged a penalty in addition to the full yearly dues, while a Brother honorably discharged would be readmitted after only paying dues. Either case would require filling out Form 30.

Old Business: Brother Wachtveitl reported that he forgot to bring the postcards he had printed to the meeting.

Brother Kinney asked Brothers Lickey and Wachtveitl to check to see if they had mistakenly taken home the extra membership badge that was purchased last fall, as he could not find it.

New Business: Brother Hutchinson made a motion that the Camp charter remained draped to honor those soldiers who had lost their lives fighting in Iraq. Brother Powers seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Brother Rogers announced that his friend Martha Ann Day had received from her cousin, papers pertaining to local Civil War veterans and wished to donate them to the museum. He said that she wanted the Camp to send an acknowledgement to her cousin.

Brother Powers said that he had papers of interest about Indianapolis' last Civil War veteran and that he wished to forward them to someone there. Brother Wachtveitl stated that there would probably be someone at the Lincoln Death Day ceremony from the Indianapolis area and that he could deliver it. It was also suggested that it would also be a good time to retrieve the Dept records from Secretary Ron Clark to place in the cabinets purchased for that purpose in the hall.

Brother Hutchinson stated that he has been out taking pictures of local Civil War monuments in the area and found that the statue in Clinton, IL most resembles the statue that stood in Peoria. He is hoping to have enough detail photos for the sculptors to work with. He also again stated that Bruce Brown, owner of the restaurant, Papparazzi in Peoria Heights, is planning a benefit dinner to raise funds for the project. The date for the dinner is March 25. The cost for the dinner will be \$100.00 per person with 60 seats available. Reservations may be made by calling the restaurant. Brother Kinney commented that he and his wife had been at the restaurant recently and had asked about the dinner. They were told that it would be a multiple course dinner, well worth the cost.

Brother Hutchinson informed the group that JROTC requests had to be submitted to the National Quartermaster individually. The Camp could not purchase extra medals to have on hand. He also said that Brother Wheeler, the Quartermaster, sends out the materials within 24 hours of his receiving the application. Brother Lickey stated that he has contacted Nick Kaup, the Dept ROTC Officer about the program. Brother Hutchinson suggested that since Brother Lickey had the information, that he go ahead and fill out the form online and print out a copy to send in with a check.

Brother Wachtveitl announced that the cleanup day for the clubroom would have to be rescheduled, as he would be out of town on February 17. It was decided that the decision on a new date would be deferred until March.

For the Good of the Order: PCC Wachtveitl was presented with a Past Camp Commander's badge by the body assembled to a round of applause.

Brother Hutchinson announced that the W.D. Boyce Council of the Boy Scouts of America had contacted him about presenting certificates again at their 2nd annual Eagle Scout Alumni Brunch. The date was moved up to February 3rd from its date last year in April. Brother Kinney rushed an order in to purchase more certificates to have enough for the 108 Eagle Scouts. Brother Hutchinson filled in the names of the recipients and Commander Dace signed them. Brother Hutchinson presented over fifty certificates.



Brother Hutchinson presented a slideshow and talk about the life of Robert H. Avery, a member of the 77th IL INF and a prisoner at Andersonville, who created one of the largest agricultural equipment manufacturers of the late 18th early 19th century, and was headquartered in Peoria, IL.

Brother Wachtveitl performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.

*****The next meeting will take place at the GAR Hall on April 9 at 7:00 PM.*****

Respectfully submitted,

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

Please Note: In order to save mailing costs, the newsletter will be sent directly to the brothers with E-mail addresses on file. This will allow the Camp to be able to afford to accomplish projects that the Camp deems appropriate. The postage cost is approximately \$10.00 per month now. Please be sure that the Camp has your correct E-Mail address. Contact the secretary at "bryner_camp67@yahoo.com".