



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, **January 8, 2007** at 7:09 PM at the GAR Hall. Brother Lickey performed the invocation in place of Chaplain Pletkovich who was absent. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers:	Jon Lickey	John Dace	Dave Rogers	Mike Triplett
	Joe Hutchinson	Lionel Kinney	Larry Wachtveitl	

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kinney reported that the balance of the Camp's account. Deposits consisted of payments from Brother Hutchinson for the candles he sold, member dues for 2007 and a cash donation. Four brothers turned in dues at the meeting tonight. Brother Hutchinson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with Brother Rogers seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Officer Installation: Brother Hutchinson made a motion that the meeting be called to recess in order to install officers for 2007. Brother Lickey seconded the motion. Brother Lickey as Dept Commander installed the following officers: John Dace, Commander; Joe Hutchinson, SVC; Larry Wachtveitl, JVC; Joe Hutchinson, Secretary; Lionel Kinney, Treasurer; Larry Wachtveitl, Chaplain; Dave Rogers, Color Bearer.



Department Commander Lickey installs Brother Dace as Commander.



Camp 67 Officers for 2007

Sickness and Distress: Brother Lickey reported that his wife would receive knee replacement surgery on January 16 and he will be taking some time off from work at that time.

Committee Reports: Brother Hutchinson reported that he has completed transcribing the information onto the hardcopy and has the graves registration database ready to forward to the National grave registration officer. He is sending information on 1723 soldiers from a total of 2045 entries. The 322 remaining entries do not have enough data to be useful for the National's database due to lack of regimental information.

Communications: Brother Lickey had more information about the Lincoln Death Day ceremony to be held on **April 14, 2007**. The time of the event is 10:00 AM at Oak Hill Cemetery, Springfield. The luncheon will be at The Inn, 835 S. 2nd St., Springfield. Reservations are necessary. Max and Donna Daniels will portray Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln during the luncheon. The graveside services for Benjamin Stephenson at Petersburg will again be at 3:00 PM. For more information and to make reservations for the luncheon, contact Jon Lickey at (309) 688-3939 or E-mail at "jjlickey47@yahoo.com". Please keep in mind that this is the **OFFICIAL SUVCW CEREMONY**. Ceremonies taking place on April 15 are not sanctioned by the SUVCW.

Old Business: Brother Hutchinson stated that his wife Linda wanted a supply of postcards to sell to Peoria Public Library patrons that she deals with who have an interest in history. Brother Wachtveitl reported that he was having difficulties in getting quality copies but would attempt to honor the request as soon as possible.

Brother Hutchinson sold the remaining five candles of the stock that the Camp had on hand at \$18.00 each. He reported that he gave a discount as the same person bought all of the candles. Brother Kinney said that there was some question as to the number of candles the Camp should have had left. According to his calculations, there should be one more that is unaccounted for. Brother Hutchinson reported that there had been some trading done with Virginia Greer at the Memorial Day program and Brother Dace had taken a supply of candles to the Moss Avenue Sale in June. He said that perhaps Virginia had taken one too many back home. Brother Lickey said that he would check.

New Business: Brother Hutchinson repeated for those who were not present at the last meeting that his wife has been in contact with Abel Vault and Monument in Pekin about the availability and cost of a replacement statue to be placed on the pedestal in the center of Soldiers Hill in Springdale Cemetery in Peoria. The estimated cost is between \$6000 and \$7000 for the statue. Approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 will need to be raised to complete the project. Brother Hutchinson said that Pat Lewis, the cemetery manager has an anonymous donation for \$2500 and that the Soldiers Hill Volunteers who help maintain the section may be willing to match the amount. He also said that Bruce Brown, owner of the restaurant, Paparazzi in Peoria Heights, is planning a benefit dinner to raise funds for the project. The cost will be \$100.00 per person with 60 seats available. Mr. Lewis had informed Mr. Brown of the project after Mr. Brown volunteered to pay for insurance for the group who takes care of the burning of the savannah in Springdale Cemetery. Mr. Brown has coordinated the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day programs and is a member of the Marine Corps. Brother Hutchinson said that the application for the \$500 Memorials Grant from National is ready to be mailed. He states that the Dept. would match the National grant. Brother Hutchinson also stated that donations to the Camp by the membership would be matched privately up to a total of \$500.00.

Brother Wachtveitl announced that the Camp has received its first JROTC request of the year from Peoria Central H.S. Their banquet is scheduled on March 17 at 4:00 PM. Brother Lickey made a motion that the Camp purchase materials for four at a cost not to exceed \$7.50 each to have on hand to honor the requests. Brother Wachtveitl seconded the motion. The motion passed. Secretary Hutchinson said that he would check on the process for ordering, as it is not on the general supply requisition form.

For the Good of the Order: Brother Dace stated last month that he would like the Camp to set some goals for the coming year and that he is looking to the membership for ideas. One item he would like to see accomplished is the restoration of the remaining altars. Brother Wachtveitl stated that everything was stored in the clubroom in the basement, which needed to be cleaned out and organized. Brother Hutchinson requested that a date be set to accomplish the cleanup and inventory of the room. February 17 at 8:00 AM was decided upon. Shelving will need to be built along with dollies to place the fireproof cabinets on.

Brother Wachtveitl is looking for someone with an older computer to donate to be used to create an index of the old GAR Post minutes, and a catalogue of artifacts. He questioned what sort of software would be useful.

Brother Hutchinson stated that a table made in MS-WORD or perhaps in EXCEL would be adequate. He was asked if the Graves Registration database could be used. He said that using the Graves Registration database, which was created with ACCESS would not be easy to adapt.

Brother Lickey said that he would like the Camp to compile a history of the Camp and include the old Thrush Camp and Bryner GAR Post 67.

Brother Wachtveitl requested that the Camp explore the restoration of Col. Bryner's monument in Springdale Cemetery again this year. Due to the turmoil at the cemetery with Nita Sunderland last year, nothing more was done. Col. Bryner's monument needs to be reset and a replacement pillar needs to be acquired. There are no photographs as to what was there originally. Other monuments of similar style had pillars on top of their bases.

There was discussion as to what sort of program the Camp could have for the February meeting. It was suggested that Connie Wachtveitl could do her presentation on Col. Bryner and the history of the GAR in Peoria. Brother Wachtveitl said that her schedule is too full at this time and suggested that later in the year would be better. Brother Hutchinson said that he would come up with something and put it in the mailing.

Brother Wachtveitl reported that the "New Years Eve Eve" potluck held on December 30, 2006 was a success with over 30 people attending. Members of the Camp along with members of the CILF, Friends of the GAR and the Civil War Dance Group enjoyed a vast buffet. Connie and Larry Wachtveitl led ball dancing after dinner.



Brother Wachtveitl performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 9:22 PM.

*****The next meeting will take place at the GAR Hall on March 12 at 7:00 PM.*****

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Joseph M. Hutchinson".

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

Please Note:

Bruce Brown will hold a fundraiser dinner for the Springdale Cemetery replacement soldier statue project on **March 25, 2007** at his restaurant, Papparazzi, 4215 N. Voss, Peoria Heights. The cost is \$100.00 per person. Seating limited to 60. For reservations, call 682-5205.