



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 14, 2008** at 7:00 PM at the GAR Hall. **Note:** There was no December meeting due to poor weather. Chaplain Wachtveitl performed the invocation followed by the Pledge. Those members in attendance were as follows:

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

Secretary's Report: Secretary Hutchinson read the minutes of the November meeting and passed out dues notices to the Brothers present. Wachtveitl made a motion to approve the minutes as read with Brother Lickey seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kinney reported that the balance of the Camp's account. Brothers Rogers, Powers and Hutchinson turned in dues for 2008. He reported that the materials ordered from the quartermaster were received. Brother Hutchinson reported that he followed up with National to be sure that the requested W-9 information was received. He also requested money for postage. Brother Lickey made a motion to approve the report with Brother Wachtveitl seconding. The motion was approved.

The membership stands at 28 with six being "Real Sons", eighteen regulars, and four associates.

Sickness and Distress: Brother Hutchinson reported that Brother Carrow had heart surgery on December 17. Brother Wachtveitl reported that he had called him over the weekend and he said that he hoped to make the February meeting.

Committee Reports: Brother Hutchinson reported that a meeting with Bruce Brown is to be held at the library on January 26 to work on preparations for the rededication of the soldier statue in Springdale Cemetery. He also reported that the Soldiers Hill Volunteer Association who maintains the veterans section are looking for new blood to help mow and trim. This will be a weekly commitment on Saturday mornings from April until November. More details will be forthcoming.

Old Business: Brother Hutchinson read the slate of officers for 2008 to be voted on and reported that Brother White has contacted him to ask to have his name removed from consideration. Brother Hutchinson asked Brother Rogers if he would take on the added duties and become Guide, Guard and Color Bearer. He agreed. Brother Lickey made a motion that the slate be amended with Brother Hutchinson seconding. Brother Powers made a motion that the officers be approved with Brother Lickey seconding. The officer's slate was accepted unanimously. Brother Hutchinson made a motion that the meeting be recessed for the officer installation ceremony. Brother Lickey seconded. Brother Wachtveitl installed the officers as he is Department JVC. After the installation was completed, copies of Form 22 were signed to send to National and Department.

New Business: Brother Lickey stated that he expected to hear from Dept. ROTC officer Nick Kaup about which schools would be requesting ROTC awards.

It was reported in November that Don Smith of Danville, who wants to start a new camp in that area, had heard nothing about his membership status. Brother Lickey had not contacted Mr. Smith yet to have him transfer his application to Bryner Camp.

Brother Hutchinson reported previously that Logan Camp Commander Dyer had been removed as curator of Memorial Hall in Rockford. Department Commander Stefany had requested all camps to write letters of support of Brother Dyer and send them to the president of the Winnebago County Board. Brother Hutchinson said he received a response in which the county board had refused to reconsider their position.

Brother Hutchinson reported that the date for the May Departmental Encampment was locked in for Mat 10, 2008. He suggested that since Rockford hosted a free lunch in October that the camp do likewise.

For the Good of the Order: Brother Hutchinson stated that he has been in contact with the WD Boyce Council of the Boy Scouts of America and that they had set the date for the Eagle Scout awards banquet for 10:30 AM on February 2 in Bloomington, IL Commander Dace signed the certificates in preparation for the recipients' names to be filled in later.

Brother Hutchinson suggested that the camp apply for the National Memorials and Monuments grant for 2008 and use the GAR Hall as the subject for the grant instead of display cases.

Brother Wachtveitl said there was a snag in the permit process for the hall renovation. A couple of small changes requested by the City required modifications to the drawings before they could be resubmitted. He also said he would like the brothers to help move some items out of the kitchen area after the meeting so work could begin there.

Brother Hutchinson stated that the holiday potluck was well attended with over 40 present. There were more persons present than table space. He issued a challenge to the membership to pledge money to purchase four new lightweight six-foot banquet tables for the Hall to replace the three heavy eight-foot tables currently in use. Brother Hutchinson said that Menards had tables for \$38.00 each. He said that he would canvass the Dance Society and the Civil War Roundtable for donations as well. The CILF has a tax-exemption so that the sales tax may be waived.

Brother Lickey suggested to the group that each of the membership present at meetings should give a brief talk each month on their Civil War ancestor's life experiences and the history of the regiments they belonged to. He suggested that it could be done on a rotating basis each month. He said it would be a good way for the members to learn a little more about history and so the brothers could get to know each other better. March would be the first month for the program.

Brother Kinney stated that he had two extra tricolor membership certificates available for sale at \$5.00 each.

Chaplain Wachtveitl performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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