



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, **June 11, 2007** at 7:08 PM at the GAR Hall. Chaplain Wachtveitl performed the invocation followed by the Pledge. Those members in attendance were as follows:

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

Also present was Brother Hutchinson's wife, Linda Aylward who was available to take meeting notes due to Brother Hutchinson's recent shoulder surgery.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kinney reported that the balance of the Camp's account was unchanged. He noted that there were no expenditures for the month. Brother White submitted a donation for the Soldier Hill Statue project. The check will be forwarded directly to the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation to deposit. The donation will be matched by a like amount by Brother Hutchinson. Brother Lickey made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with Brother Wachtveitl 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 stated that his son, Nathan, who is the Dept. Webmaster, and had been diagnosed with thyroid cancer received surgery on May 16. He stated that he would have radiation therapy. Brother Hutchinson stated that he is in therapy three times a week now to regain his range of motion and will be off work for the near term.

Committee Reports: Brother Hutchinson reported that Abel Vault and Monument had received pictures from their contact in Georgia who is supplying the new statue for Soldiers Hill. The pictures of the clay model that will be used for the carving were passed around for the members to view. Brother Hutchinson's wife, Linda stated that the photos were displayed on Memorial Day at the cemetery and that the responses were positive from those who saw them. She said that it would be approximately six months before the statue would be completed. Fund raising continues as more is needed for shipping and erection costs. It is hoped that the dedication would take place on Memorial Day 2008.

Brother Hutchinson reported that he received an award from National Graves Officer; Robert Lowe recognizing his efforts with the graves registration project.



Communications: Commander Lickey contacted Paul L. Whalen about holding a rededication ceremony for the new monument to his great-great grandfather, Henry Sumpter that had been installed in Oakwood Cemetery in McComb, IL on Veterans Day 2007. It was suggested that 2:00 PM would be a good time, subject to approval from members of the Chicago area Camps who had expressed interest at the Dept. Encampment in participating. Veterans Day falls on Sunday and Brother Hutchinson suggested that the Camp contact Rich Dansizen, the JROTC Coordinator for Peoria Central High School who has been organizing the Veterans Day Parade to determine when the parade would be this year as the Camp has participated the last few years.

Brother Wachtveitl stated that he received the check that was approved at the Dept Encampment for the rental of space at the Hall for storage of Dept records. He stated that the CILF agreed that the amount was sufficient for the whole year's rent. Brother Hutchinson stated that he would contact Dept Secretary Clark with the news.

Brother Hutchinson stated that the Dept matching grant for the Soldier Hill statue was received and forwarded to the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation.

Old Business: Brother Wachtveitl had news that the CILF is in negotiations with a new tenant for a long-term lease for the Hall and that the items stored in the clubroom would need to be moved into the smaller upstairs office due to the fact that the clubroom was going to be rebuilt into another restroom. Bids are to be let and construction is to begin on the present basement restroom in order to have it ready by August. He stated that it might be necessary to rearrange meeting times and events to accommodate the new tenant who has plans to do training seminars in the auditorium. Brother Hutchinson said that it could be a good thing to have a reliable tenant that would be able to assist in completing the building restoration. Brother Wachtveitl then said that the groups that use the building might have to kick in an amount per meeting for utilities as the tenant would be paying the bill. Brother Hutchinson's wife stated that she might have some sway over that issue.

New Business: None to report.

For the Good of the Order: Brother Hutchinson canvassed the membership present as to whether or not the Brothers were interested in a tour of Springdale Cemetery. Brother Hutchinson's wife is one of the Peoria Historical Society's Trolley Guides and does the cemetery tour as part of one of the bus tours. He asked if Brother Kinney and his wife could drive their passenger vans. There would be 20 positions, including drivers available on the vans. The tentative date is September 16 at 1:00 PM with people meeting at the cemetery office. Dave Rogers, Jon Lickey, Mike Triplett, Bill Huber Larry Wachtveitl, and John Dace said that they and their wives would like to come.

Brother Bill White presented a short program along with photographs he took on Memorial Day about Timothy Webster who was a Pinkerton agent and a spy for the Union who was executed by the Rebels in Richmond, VA. His grave was unmarked in Onarga, IL until concerned citizens raised funds for a monument in 2000. Brother Hutchinson said he would make copies to place in the mailing.

Brother Wachtveitl performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 8:25 PM.

*****The next meeting will take place at the GAR Hall on September 10 at 7:00 PM.*****

Respectfully submitted,

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