



# 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, **March 12, 2007** at 7:05 PM at the GAR Hall. Brother Lickey performed the invocation in place of Chaplain Wachtveitl who was absent. Those members in attendance were as follows:

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| Brothers: | Jon Lickey     | John Dace     | Dave Rogers |
|           | Joe Hutchinson | Lionel Kinney | Bill White  |

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kinney reported that the balance of the Camp's account. He reported deposits were made consisting of member dues for 2007, a cash donation from Brother Hemingway and reimbursement for the missing candle from Virginia Greer. Brother Kinney stated that a check is ready to be sent to Department for the yearly per-capita. Also two checks were cut to reimburse Brothers Huber and Triplett for excess dues paid for last year. Brother Kinney read a financial report that he had prepared detailing the expenditures of the Camp for the previous year. 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.

**Sickness and Distress:** Brother Lickey reported that his wife would probably be released to return to work at the end of the month after knee surgery. He also stated that his son, Nathan, who is the Dept. Webmaster, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and will be receiving treatment after surgery. He said that it was caught early and the prognosis is favorable. Brother Rogers reports that Brother Tim Pletkovich is doing better, but he is not sure if he is back to work. Brother Hutchinson stated that his shoulder surgery date has yet to be determined due to dental work that needs to be completed first. He stated that his workman's compensation claim has been denied and he will be pursuing legal means.

**Committee Reports:** Brother Hutchinson reported that the Camp has received the \$500.00 Memorials Grant from National and that his wife has forwarded it to the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation, who is holding the funds for the Soldiers Hill statue. He said that a matching grant from the Dept. would be voted on at the May Encampment. He also said that his wife has been in communication with the monument company to determine if the photos have enough detail to work from.

**Communications:** Commander Dace reported that he has received a letter from Capt. Robert Champlin, Adj. General of the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District, SVR in regards to the upcoming National Encampment to be held in St. Louis, MO. Capt. Champlin is canvassing all Camps to recruit new members into the SVR in order to field a large contingent at the encampment.

Commander Dace also received an invitation and RSVP for the Lincoln Tomb and Benjamin Stephenson activities taking place on April 14 and 15. Brother Hutchinson reminded the group that the Camp could not participate representing the SUVCW for the April 15<sup>th</sup> program and thus could not send in the RSVP for that event.

Brother Hutchinson reported that he received a forwarded E-mail from Commander Lickey from Paul L. Whalen requesting a rededication ceremony for a new monument to his great-great grandfather, Henry Sumpter who served as a

PVT in Co. C of the 84<sup>th</sup> IL INF from July 1862 until June 8, 1865. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in McComb, IL. Mr. Whalen is in the process of getting a replacement stone from the VA. Brother Hutchinson recommended that the Camp should keep in contact with Mr. Whalen as to the status of the headstone so that a ceremony may be planned.

**Old Business:** Due to the absence of Brother Wachtveitl, the date for the cleanup of the clubroom was again deferred.

**New Business:** Brother Hutchinson read Form 27, the Camp Annual Report that is submitted each year to National and passed it to the appropriate officers for their signatures. He stated that he was going to send the per-capita check directly to Dept. Treasurer Charlie Willman to deposit along with a copy of Form 27 to prevent a repeat of the debacle of last year, where the entire packet was lost somewhere between the Camp and Dept. Secretary Ron Clark, requiring the paperwork to be recopied, a new check cut and the packet to be sent via certified mail. Secretary Clark will be sent the regular copies of Form 27 with a copy of the check. Both Secretary Clark and Treasurer Willman will be contacted by E-mail, notifying them of the mailing so that they can watch for it.

Brother Hutchinson reminded the group that the fundraiser dinner at the restaurant, Papparazzi, for the Soldier Hill statue was coming up quickly on March 25, 2007 and that the statue would be ordered in April if enough funds were raised. He told the body present that individual donations also needed to be in and that checks could be made out to the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation and sent to him at 117 Highview Terrace, East Peoria, IL 61611 to be forwarded to the account. The foundation is holding the funds because it is classified as a non-profit and can make purchases tax-free. He stated that there would be a matching contribution.



Brother Lickey stated that he had sent in the request for the JROTC materials requested for Peoria High School and was waiting their arrival. The presentation is slated for March 17, 2007 at the high school's awards banquet.

Department Commander Lickey read a letter from National Secretary Michael Bennett regarding a change in tax status that would be brought to a vote at the National Encampment. This change would be from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3). This change must be adopted by an affirmative vote of at least two thirds. This change, if adopted, will allow a cheaper postage rate among other things. He recommended that each camp vote on the request so as to be ready at the Dept Encampment. Brother Lickey made a motion that the Camp approves the change and a letter of support be drafted. Brother Hutchinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Brother Hutchinson requested a check made out to the Postmaster for postage.

**For the Good of the Order:** Brother Hutchinson reported that the Civil War Ball held on March 3rd was well attended.

Brother White noted that Brother Bill Huber and his wife, Nona would be speaking at the Tazewell County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting on March 13 at 7:00 PM at the Erlicher Library, 701 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Pekin, IL. Brother Huber is also a member of the 53<sup>rd</sup> IL Light Artillery Battery A, and both he and Nona are members of the Civil War Dance Society. Bill will give impressions of sharpshooters from the North and South and Nona will play music on a dulcimer. Both will be in costume.

Brother Lickey performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 8:35 PM.

**\*\*\*The next meeting will take place at the GAR Hall on June 11 at 7:00 PM.\*\*\***

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Please Note:** The April meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum.