



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, **May 12, 2008** at 7:15 PM at the GAR Hall. Brother Wachtveitl performed the invocation. Recitation of the Pledge followed. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers:	Jon Lickey	Jim Carrow	John Dace
	Joe Hutchinson	Lionel Kinney	Larry Wachtveitl

Secretary's Report: Secretary Hutchinson read the minutes of the April meeting. Brother 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. A check was issued to Secretary Hutchinson to be sent with the annual report, Form 27, to Dept. last month. The National Memorials and Monuments Grant check had also been deposited. Brother Hutchinson reported that the Dept Encampment luncheon brought in extra money, which he turned in for deposit. He reported that the EIN number required for the 990-N was still not activated. He said that he brought up the matter at the Dept. meeting and it was reported that the National treasurer has had some health issues and that the problem should be resolved with the filing that National must make to the IRS at the end of June. Brother Hutchinson made a motion to approve the report with Brother Wachtveitl seconding. The motion was approved.

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

Sickness and Distress: Brother Lickey reported that his son has had a bout of shingles recently.

Committee Reports: The final draft for the Memorial Day program at Springdale Cemetery to take place at 2:30 PM on May 25 was passed around. Brother Hutchinson stated that he hoped many could attend.

Communications: Dept Secretary Ron Clark had found two certificates from the Springfield Civil War Roundtable for Brother Lickey and Sharon Atteberry that should have been sent in 2003 for a program they presented about Civil War nurse Lizzy Aiken. Brother Hutchinson said that he would deliver them.

Old Business: Brother Hutchinson reported that the request from Peoria Central High School for a ROTC award was taken care of. He said that he ordered the materials and delivered them directly to Peoria High School. He said he would cover the cost. He did request that should anyone receive a request in the future, to forward it immediately to him instead of waiting until the next meeting to prevent a late order.

Brother Hutchinson reported that the request last month by a Brother from California for assistance in arranging an event to take place in Lewistown to commemorate a speech made by Lincoln there in August 1858 would be deferred to the people in Lewistown.

New Business: Brother Hutchinson reported that at the Dept. meeting the subject of the proposed monument commemorating the battle near Allatoona, GA in which several Illinois regiments fought was brought up. It

was reported that Dept. Commander Stefany had assisted with the design for the monument and that \$6300 of the \$8000 needed had been raised. It was requested that each camp consider donating for the project. Brother Kinney recommended against donating as no local regiments were present at the battle and the camp would be spending money on the GAR Hall for displays and the library. Brother Lickey made a motion that the matter be tabled with Brother Kinney seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Order: Brother Hutchinson reported that the curator of the Metamora State Courthouse had said that the site had been passed by in its quest for funds to make much-needed repairs to the building in favor of New Salem by the General Assembly. The Metamora Courthouse is one of the few remaining sites where Abraham Lincoln practiced law while the buildings of New Salem were reproductions. He said that he would see what kind of support the camp could provide to convince the State to make the needed repairs.

Brother Hutchinson presented a book report on “All Were Not Heroes”, a study of the list of US soldiers executed for crimes during the Civil War by Edward C. Johnson. He recounted several interesting stories of individuals from Illinois regiments. He stated that only seven were from Illinois of the 267 total executions. He said that most of those executed were charged with desertion though murders were a close second.

Department Encampment: Several important points were brought up at the Dept. meeting. Chaplain Kowalski, who is also the Eagle Scout Coordinator for Illinois has stated that he no longer can administer the certificate program. He stated that there are five councils in Illinois and that in the Chicago area alone there are between 200 and 400 Eagle Scouts. It was decided that each individual camp would determine how they would participate or if they would participate. Costs for the Railsplitter and the website were discussed. It was decided that each camp would compile a list of E-mail addresses to send to Brother Nylund, editor of the Railsplitter and he would send out notices when the newest issue was up on the website instead of mailing to everyone. Those who wished to receive issues by mail would still be able to, though. The Dept. voted to send another \$500 for the Illinois monument to be placed at Allatoona, GA. It was reported that after much negotiation that Logan Camp 26 would be able to still use Memorial Hall in Rockford at no charge and that Commander Dyer was being offered a position there again. The Lincoln Death Day ceremony date had not been set yet for 2009. Information would be forthcoming. The next Department Encampment will tentatively take place at the DuPage Historical Society in Wheaton on October 25, details to follow when available. Officers for 2008/2009 were installed.



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

*****The next meeting will be August 11, 2008 at the GAR Hall*****

*****There will be no meeting in July*****

Respectfully submitted,

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Senior Vice-Commander
Secretary, Camp 67

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