



# 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, **November 13, 2006** at 7:11 PM at the GAR Hall. Brother Lickey performed the invocation for Chaplain Pletkovich who was absent. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers:	Larry Wachtveitl	Jon Lickey	John Dace
	Joe Hutchinson	Lionel Kinney	Bill Huber

Also in attendance was Tom Helmantoler from the Department of California who was visiting relatives.

**Secretary's Report:** Camp secretary, Joe Hutchinson, read the minutes of the October 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 the balance of the Camp's account. He reported that a deposit was made, consisting of Brothers Huber and Triplett's dues, and payment for the items that Brothers Rogers and Kinney ordered from the National Quartermaster. He noted that the amounts of dues for Brother Huber and Triplett were too much due to the change in the prorated amount between the third and fourth quarter. Brother Huber requested that his overage be applied to next year's dues. Brother Huber also submitted payment for his badge. Brother Hutchinson submitted a check from Brother White for payment for membership supplies ordered. Brother Kinney reported that he ordered two more flag holders from Balch Flags to hold in reserve using a discount coupon that was included with the flag holder purchased for Brother Butler's memorial and that he would pay for the holders personally to be reimbursed as they are needed. Brother Lickey made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Brother Hutchinson seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

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

**Sickness and Distress:** No reports

**Committee Reports:** Brother Hutchinson reported that he is trying to complete the grave registration project for Peoria County. He said that he would be deleting those whose service was unknown and submitting all the rest even though the documentation may be incomplete as out of state regiment information is not readily available.

**Communications:** Brother Lickey read a very important communication from National regarding the Lincoln Death Day ceremony that will take place next April. He said that the ceremony will take place on **April 14** instead of the usual date of April 15 due to a dispute between National and the Lincoln Death Day Association. He stated that persons within the Lincoln Death Day Association apparently want to make the SUVCW subordinate to the Association in the preparations. C in C Pahl has stated in **General Order No. 3** that the SUVCW will no longer support in any way the Association and that any permission to use the Son's name, symbols or badges is withdrawn. Any brother participating in the event on April 15 is doing so **individually** and may not wear SUVCW badges. **Brother Lickey has been in contact with National over this and has been informed that National can revoke the Department or Camp charter for those disobeying General Order 3.** Please read the full text of the order on the National website or contact Secretary Hutchinson to receive a printed copy.

**Old Business:** Brother Wachtveitl has printed a supply of postcards to have available for sale. He questioned how the postcards should be sold, whether singly or in sets. Brother Hutchinson suggested that they be sold singly with the option to buy six for the price of 5. It was decided that they be sold for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Brother Lickey said that new larger candle brochures would be coming out soon and that his daughter would provide us with a supply. Brother Hutchinson stated that it would be too costly to mail out larger brochures to the membership. Brother Lickey said that they would be set out at events since the smaller brochures were already sent to the membership. Brother Kinney suggested that the number of candle choices be reduced, as it is difficult to make a decision with around a hundred different scents available. Brother Lickey said that his daughter was setting up a Christmas collection of scents for the holidays.

It was reported that Brother Pletkovich's book, *Civil War Fathers* was out and that early sales were going well with over 900 sold from the first printing according to reports from the publisher. Copies may be obtained directly from Brother Pletkovich at a price of \$24.95. The book is a collection of correspondence between Tim's middle school students and actual sons of Civil War veterans. They recount their growing up with fathers who fought for the Union and their own experiences fighting in WW II. Profits from the book are to be used to set up a scholarship fund for students of District 150 in Peoria. His address is 1601 W. Coneflower Dr., Apt. 4108, Peoria, IL 61615. Phone: 309-243-8187.

**New Business:** Brother Hutchinson noted that Camp elections are in December and that the nominees needed to be chosen in order to get the slate printed in the next mailing. A report on the Midyear Dept encampment is also to be included. It was suggested that dues notices go out too, but Brother Hutchinson stated that they would go out in December's mailing. Brother Dace submitted his dues. Officer candidates are as follows: Commander-John Dace, SVC-Joe Hutchinson, JVC-Larry Wachtveitl, Treasurer-Lionel Kinney, Secretary-Joe Hutchinson, Chaplain-Tim Pletkovich, Guide-Bill White, Color Bearer-Dave Rogers, Patriotic Instructor-Rick Powers, Council 1-Jon Lickey, Council 2-Fritz Upham, Council 3-Jeff Givens, Historian-Jim Shea, Graves Officer-Joe Hutchinson, Monument Officer-John Dace, ROTC Officer-John Hemingway. The office of ROTC Coordinator is new to the Camp.

Brother Hutchinson received permission to begin coordination with other groups interested in replacing the soldier statue on Soldier's Hill in Springdale Cemetery in Peoria. More details about the fundraising project will be forthcoming.

**For the Good of the Order:** Brother Wachtveitl requested that Brother Butler's sister, Mina Havens be sent the camp newsletter due to the family's appreciation of the memorial service performed on November 11. Brother Butler was enthusiastic at being a Son even though his health would not permit his attendance at meetings. Brothers Wachtveitl, Kinney and Hutchinson performed the service in Lewistown.

Members of Camp 67 marched in the Veterans Day parade along with members of the 77<sup>th</sup> IL INF Re-enactors. Brother Hutchinson carried the US flag and Brother Wachtveitl carried the Department of Illinois flag.

Brother Lickey performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 8:47 PM.

**\*\*\*The next meeting will take place at the GAR Hall on January 8 at 7:00 PM.\*\*\***



77 IL INF falling out prior to parade step off.



Butler memorial in Lewistown.

Respectfully submitted,

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Junior Vice-Commander  
Secretary, Camp 67

**Contact Virginia Greer for your candle orders at 309-441-5163 or E-mail at [viriniagreer73@yahoo.com](mailto:viriniagreer73@yahoo.com). Be sure to mention Bryner Camp when ordering.**

**Note: Mark Your Calendars:**

**Colonel Bryner Camp 67 will hold its Christmas Potluck: Saturday December 30, 2006 at 6:00 PM.**