



# 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 10, 2008** at 7:25 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	Lionel Kinney	John Dace
	Joe Hutchinson	Dave Rogers	Larry Wachtveitl

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Hutchinson passed out the minutes of the October meeting. Brother Lickey made a motion to approve the minutes with Brother Wachtveitl seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kinney reported the balance of the Camp's account. There was expense for postage. Brother Hutchinson turned in a cash donation that was received from Brian Ellis last month for use on the reading room. Brother Wachtveitl made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with Brother Lickey seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Sickness:** Brother Lickey reported that he has been off work due to a nerve disorder in his back (Kennedy's Disease) that prevents him from walking long distances or climbing stairs easily. Brother Hutchinson requested that the brothers remember those who are serving in the armed forces.

**Committee Reports:** Brother Hutchinson said that he would retrieve the flags at Springdale Cemetery after Veterans Day. He also reported that there would not be a regular program on Soldier's Hill this year due to the fact that no one organized it this year. He said that the Marine Corps and the WW II veterans would still do their rifle salutes. Brother Rogers suggested that the Camp should try to arrange a short program for next time. Brother Hutchinson said that he would see what happens closer to Memorial Day.

**Communications:** Brother Hutchinson reported that he had received details about the unit Brother Ron Kirchgessner was putting together for the Veterans Day Parades in East Peoria and Peoria. He said that he forwarded the information to the membership.

**Department Encampment Report:** Brother Hutchinson reported that the Department Midterm Encampment ran long due to problems with lunch running late. He said that he asked for a matching grant to be used for further hall restoration and was approved. Brother Hutchinson also reported that Logan Camp in Rockford was planning a big event that would take place on Sunday, February 1 from 1-5 PM and that there was a possibility of there being a ball the evening before on January 31 from 7-10 PM. Commander Dyer of Logan Camp requested and received a donation from the Department as seed money so that hiring the band and other preparations could be done. Any profits would be split between Logan Camp and Department. Brother Lickey reported that the cost for his son to maintain the website had been set and he requested that any event information or other items of interest be sent to "illsuvcw@gmail.com." Brother Hutchinson reported that he

had suggested that the next Dept. meeting be held on Memorial Day, May 30 at Peoria's G.A.R. Hall in conjunction with the centennial celebration of the hall. The members present said that would not be possible due to the demands of ceremonies in their own camps. It was decided that the next encampment would be at Rockford on May 9. Lunch arrangements are to be determined. It was reported that the annual Lincoln Death Day ceremony and the Benjamin Stephenson memorial ceremony would be on April 9, 2009 in Springfield. A ball is planned that evening at the Hilton Motor Inn with the 33<sup>rd</sup> IL INF band playing. Rockford is vying for the 2011 National Encampment and requested support should they be successful. Brother Hutchinson said that Chaplain Kowalski suggested that camps should go through their old rosters and contact former members to see if they would like to rejoin.

**Old Business:** Brother Rogers requested that the rededication ceremony for Private Moser's new marker in Springdale be postponed until next May as he has been unable to make arrangements with the 77<sup>th</sup> INF for an honor guard due to people being out of town. He said that he would like to order a grave flag holder. Brother Rogers said that Comrade Moser's wife had also been very active with Bryner Post. Brother Hutchinson said that Balch Flags has a Women's Relief Corps flag holder available and he said he would see if he could get a photo of it. He said that shipping is cheaper if several items are ordered at the same time. Brother Kinney suggested that the membership be canvassed to see if anyone else wanted to purchase grave flag holders, either G.A.R. holders for their ancestors or SUVCW holders for themselves.

**New Business:** Brother Hutchinson showed the brothers present the progress that had been made on the library room. He apologized for neglecting to bring it before the members last month before starting the project. He said that he removed the old telephone wiring and unsightly electrical conduits that were on the surface of the walls and baseboard. The baseboards were then stripped and refinished and the walls repainted a tan color. Two original light fixtures were then restored and installed along with new outlets. Brother Hutchinson submitted an itemized list of materials for camp approval. Brother Wachtveitl made a motion to approve the camp reimbursing Brother Hutchinson for the money spent with Brother Lickey seconding. The motion was approved unanimously. Brother Hutchinson said he would like to start on the shelves soon as his wife had books ready from the Peoria Public Library collection. Brother Wachtveitl made a motion to authorize purchasing materials, pending C.I.L.F. approval with Brother Kinney seconding. The motion was approved.

**For the Good of the Order:** Brother Rogers said that his annual open house would be December 14 from 1-5 PM. Brother Wachtveitl reported that he and his wife Connie were planning a holiday potluck party to be held at the hall tentatively on Monday, December 29 and that the Civil War Dance Society, Civil War Roundtable and the Sons were invited. Brother Kinney requested that the dues notices be included in the November mailing to give members plenty of notice. Brothers Dace and Rogers passed around postcards and GAR newsletters that they had recently acquired.

Brother Wachtveitl reported that there was no more to report on the hall centennial plans. Brother Hutchinson suggested that Trefzger's Bakery be contacted to see if they would like to donate toward refreshments as they have been in business since the Civil War and provided soft bread for the training camps in Peoria. Brother Hutchinson reported that he was transcribing the original building committee minutes to create a commemorative book about the construction of the hall. He also said that he and his wife Linda were creating a tour for the Peoria Historical Society trolley about Lincoln and Peoria in the Civil War.

Chaplain Wachtveitl performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.

**\*\*\*The next meeting will be January 12, 2008 at the GAR Hall\*\*\***

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary, Camp 67