



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, **September 11, 2006** at 7:05 PM at the GAR Hall with Brother Jon Lickey substituting for Chaplain Tim Pletkovich in performing the invocation and the membership reciting the pledge. Those members in attendance were as follows:

Brothers:	Larry Wachtveitl	Jon Lickey	Rick Powers
	Joe Hutchinson	Lionel Kinney	Dave Rogers
	John Dace		

Also in attendance was Dept. Secretary Ron Clark, and new recruits: William White, Bill Huber and Mike Triplett.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kinney reported that the balance of the Camp's account. He reported that two candles were sold from the Camp's stock at the September 10th program. Brother Kinney reported that we were short one candle according to his figures. Brother Hutchinson reported that the Camp had traded a candle from our stock to Virginia Greer for one she had in stock. Brother Lickey said he would follow up. Brother Hutchinson requested money for more postage. Brother Hutchinson turned in the proceeds of the September 10th program to Brother Wachtveitl to be submitted to the CILF. The September 10th program, "Lincoln Tales Tall and True" was a fundraiser for the G.A.R. Hall. Twenty-seven people attended. Brother Hutchinson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Brother Dace seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

The membership stands at 25 with six being "Real Sons", seventeen regulars, and two associates. Note: William White was initiated later in the meeting.

Sickness and Distress: Brother Powers reported that his stepdaughter was in an auto accident on September 8. He stated that she was a little banged up but both parties' injuries were minor.

Committee Reports: No reports.

Special: The regular order of the meeting was called to recess for the initiation of Bill White. Bill resides at 608 S. Darst Street in Eureka and is the great-grandson of James Bex who was a Private in Company B of the 120th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. James Bex was born October 19, 1843 and resided in Huron, Indiana. He enlisted January 5, 1863 in Company F of the 65th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He transferred to Company B of the 120th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged January 8, 1866. James Bex died in Bedford, Indiana September 2, 1933. Bill is himself a veteran of the Korean War.



Communications: Brother Lickey reported that National wants all of the Camps to send in their histories so that a complete history of the organization can be compiled. He also reported that the Banner is in need of more news of Camp activities. Brother Lickey read an announcement for the upcoming meeting of the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of

the Republic on October 7, 2006 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Brother Lickey also read an announcement from Camp #1 reporting the death of Past Camp Commander Steven Stewart. Brother Lickey reported that the National Commander in Chief has started a monthly E-mail newsletter to keep the Departments updated on news and events in between publications of the Banner.

Brother Clark announced that the 2007 National Encampment would be taking place in St. Louis during the second weekend in August.

Old Business: Brother Wachtveitl has ordered the new stamp to be used for the postcard fundraiser. The text will read, "Peoria Col. John Bryner Camp #67 Grand Army of the Republic Hall." The cost of the stamp is approximately \$16.00 plus tax.

New Business: Brother Hutchinson requested that the Camp order supplies from the National Quartermaster in preparation for next year. To be ordered are as follows: 100 Eagle Scout certificates, Sons membership cards, 4 ritual books, 2 tricolor membership certificates, 2 membership badges, and 2 associate badges. Some of the membership materials are being ordered for new members along with the Camp's order to save on postage and handling charges.

Brother Powers brought several more 78-RPM recordings of patriotic music that he hopes to transfer to CD's to be used for fundraising. He is requesting help in finding someone with the equipment to do the transfer.

Brother Hutchinson is waiting for word from Brother Butler's relatives on the possibility of the Camp performing a memorial service for him.

For the Good of the Order: Brother Hutchinson reported that Brother Kirchgessner did a presentation for the Peoria Civil War Roundtable August 24 on the state of medicine during the Civil War. Brother Kirchgessner portrays Major Charles Winne, who was the Brigade Surgeon for the 77th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He brought many of the tools and instruments that a field hospital would use to dress wounds and perform amputations. In his presentation, he states that almost anyone could call himself a doctor. Medical schools of the time were only two years and were mostly of the lecture format. There was virtually no hands-on training. Brother Kirchgessner has EMT training himself. He sets up a complete field hospital at re-enactments.



Brother Lickey requests that the Camp start a program whereby the Camp receives worn and damaged American flags and performs a disposal ceremony similar to what the American Legion performs.

Brother Lickey performed the benediction and the meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.

*****The next meeting will take place at the GAR Hall on November 13 at 7:00 PM.*****

NOTE: Mark Your Calendars! Department of Illinois Mid-year Encampment will be Saturday October 21 at 1:00 PM with lunch at Bennigan's at 12:00 PM.

**Colonel Bryner Camp 67 Christmas Potluck tentative date and time:
Saturday December 30, 2006 at 6:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

SPECIAL NOTE:

Veterans Day Parade—Those wishing to march in the parade on Nov 11 should assemble at 8:30 AM on the Peoria riverfront at State and Water. Parade will step off at 9:30 AM. Wear gray pants with blue sport coat or period dress.

Brother Butler Memorial—Camp 67 will perform a memorial service on Nov 11 at 2:00 PM in Lewiston for Brother David Butler who passed away on June 4.

For more information, contact Joe Hutchinson, JVC, at 694-7726.