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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

The Same Rain Falls on Both Friend and Foe

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*** Special Meeting Called ***

At our July 12, 2007 meeting, our Officers determined to move our next gathering to **September 13**. It was felt that there would be issues that needed to be addressed before the marker Rededication ceremonies that will take place on Sunday September 23 at Oakwood Cemetery

PLEASE mark your calendars with this date. At this time, our numbers are thin so each absence creates a large void at the table.

As I was late to the July meeting, I will remind all that the meeting begins promptly at 6:30 and will adjourn no later than 8 PM.

**Major General John A. Logan Camp #4 SUVCW
Meeting Minutes for 7/12/2007**

Call to Order

On April 12, 2007 Major General John A. Logan Camp #4 met at the Olivia Raney Library in Raleigh, NC. Commander Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Brother Small presented the Invocation after which the attendees recited the American Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Camp Charter

Brother Kevin Motter then presented the Camp Charter and pictures were taken of the charter and members.

Guest Presentation

Brother Small briefly discussed two documents in his possession that he will provide to Brother Farrell:

- An address by General Littlefield at the Memorial Cemetery in Raleigh in 1869
- An address by Hiram L. Grant at the Memorial Cemetery in Raleigh in 1908 (No relation to General Grant)

New Business

It was discussed and approved to move the next meeting from October 11 to September 13 to allow for finalization of any loose ends pertaining to the Dolson Memorial. The meeting will commence at 6:30 P.M. at the Olivia Raney Library. .

Last Meeting Minutes

Brother France presented the minutes of the 4/12/2007 meeting. They were accepted without change.

Treasurer's Report

Brother France presented the Treasurer's Report for the date ending 7/12/2007.

Brothers Sick or Families in Distress

Brother France reported that Brother Reeve had surgery on July 10 and was recuperating at home. How successful the surgery was would not be known for several weeks. The Brothers signed a get-well card.

Brother Blumatte reported he had attended a meeting with Brother Teitelbaum as a guest speaker.

Report Of Dolson Committee:

Discussion of several areas of the Dolson Memorial were covered as follows:

- Brother Farrell discussed the agenda, various groups attending, publicity, etc., for the Memorial on September 23.
- Brother Farrell mentioned the need for 2 children to remove the shroud from the Dolson marker. He suggested a boy and a girl and asked that names be submitted from anyone willing to help.
- Brother Farrell identified the need for help the day of the presentation to support the logistics (set up chairs, pass out information, etc.). He asked that anyone that would volunteer please contact him.
- Brother France gave a financial report of the funds collected to present. Brother Farrell pointed out that a lead-time of about 6 weeks is needed to get the marker completed. This would make a cut off date of about July 26 for collection of funds. He indicated there are several outstanding pledges.
- Brother Blumatte announced he would submit a request to National for \$500 tomorrow (7/13) to assist in funding the marker.
- Placement, type, and verbiage of the memorial stone have been determined.

- Brother Motter suggested that possibly a medallion for the SUV be placed on the headstone, and after discussion it was felt that in a spirit of cooperation there should be two; one for the SUV and one for the SCV. Brother Farrell took this under advisement.

Unfinished Business

Brother Motter revisited the need for a Department and made several recommendations. He requested that Brother France poll the Logan membership about the possibility of a \$2 allocation from dues to support the Department.

Benediction

Brother Small presented the Benediction after which our Camp Commander Moore closed the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Those in attendance were:

- Kevin Motter, Camp Organizer
- Samuel Moore, Camp Commander
- Robert Farrell, Patriotic Instructor
- John France, Secretary/Treasurer
- Larry Blumatte, Camp Council
- Wendell Small, Guest Brother from Camp Ruger
- Kent McCoury, Guest from Bennett Place
- John Guss, Guest from Bennett Place

Respectfully Submitted in FCL

Brother John France

Secretary/Treasurer

Major General John A. Logan Camp #4

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Good News from our Secretary

The best tidings that a fledgling organization can receive is that its meager ranks are swelling with new recruits. Brother John has reported that as of 7/31 we have 2 new members that have all appropriate documentation and have submitted checks along with their applications. John has worked with them to make sure that all the info is valid. The two new members are

1. **Edward Phillips** whose ancestor great-great-great uncle Isaiah Phillips Sr. was a private in Company E of the 1st Tennessee Infantry.
2. **Dennis St. Andrew** whose ancestor great grandfather Charles St. Andrew was a private in Company E of the 142nd New York Volunteer Infantry.

Let us be sure we give these gentlemen a warm welcome and be certain that we introduce ourselves to them at their first meeting.

In addition, we have three more prospective members that are in the process of acquiring some missing information.

1. Alan Zummerman
2. Kent McCoury
3. John Guss

Turbulent few Months

You will recall that in January of this year we first meet to organize this camp. In April we held our first official meeting And just in July, we received our Charter. In addition we have committed to sponsor a project commemorating the recognition of a Federal soldier who has mistakenly laid beneath a Confederate Marker and raise \$1,000 to provide a stone to tell his story at his gravesite.

Now we hear that our ranks are about to swell by 20% and quite possibly 40%. It is results such as this that will distinguish our Raleigh Camp and motivate it to greater achievements

Charter Presentation

The Summer meeting began on a joyous note for all. Camp Organizer, Brother Kevin Motter presented to Camp Commander Sam Moore a beautifully framed charter to the Maj Gen. John A. Logan Camp #4, Raleigh Chapter, SUVCW. Commander Moore gratefully received this certificate on behalf of the general membership.

Photos were taken to commemorate this event and a few are displayed here.

A note of special thanks are due Brother Larry Blumatte for framing our charter and then donating the completed effort to the club.

Looking Ahead to 2008

It is never too early to plan ahead and with this in mind we look to April 26, 2008, the exact month and day of the surrender at the Bennett Farm in Durham, North Carolina. Bennett Place State Historic Site will host a recreation of the surrender events to include a living history program of Union and Confederate reenactors, and a wreath laying ceremony, which will take place at the Unity Monument. This monument was dedicated on October 12, 1923, and stands as a lasting symbol of the reunification of our country. We have been invited to join other historical and preservation organizations for this very special remembrance weekend event to honor those Americans, blue and gray, who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

As a new Sons of Union Veterans Post, this special event will afford our organization a great deal of visibility and an opportunity to recruit new members and supporters. Please mark your calendars for April 26, 2008 and make your plans to attend important event.

A Look at the Past

Wendell Small, Guest Brother from Camp Ruger, Fayetteville, was in attendance at our July meeting and at that time he presented information to your Editor. As you might already know Brother Small has been documenting the events and Post War history of the GAR here in North Carolina and the South.

His visit to the Rare Manuscript Collection at Duke has discovered a publication of the Memorial Day events of 1869 here in Raleigh.

The Sedgwick Post, #2, GAR Department of North Carolina sponsored what then was already an annual event commemorating the Remembrance of the fallen dead interred here in the National Cemetery. A tradition that continues today thru the efforts of American Legion Post #1, Raleigh.

Until this year, our Brothers from Fayetteville joined with other groups in honoring the fallen. This year we had the honor to represent the SUV for the first time.

However in 1869, the event began at 3:30 from Nash Square downtown and the dignitaries rode in carriage while others walked to the cemetery where they were greeted with band music. Gen. M. S. Littlefield delivered a “long” patriotic address which was then followed by an even “longer” Poem presented by Mr. James Taylor. This was then followed by the decoration of the graves, a far simpler chore then, than it would be presently.

1869 Grand Marshall

In the above mentioned program, the name of William H. Martin is noted. In addition to being the Grand Marshall, he also appears as the Sr. Vice Commander and on the Arrangement Committee. Mr Martin’s name appears frequently in Veterans affairs throughout his life in Raleigh.

I first became aware of Lt. Col. Martin when a close personal friend who researches the Colonel’s old regiment, the 97th Penna. requested that I find a photo of him, preferably in uniform.

Now as you can imagine that is a tall order. I never expected to get a photo, no less than a war time image. Thru some detective work, I located some of his decedents and got the desired image plus a post war one as well.

Col. Martin was here in the city during its occupation during April and May of ‘65 when he met the daughter of a local attorney He had returned to the Oak City by November at which time he married his wife.

In 1869, he was appointed by the City Council as the first Police Chief of this city. Throughout his life he filled various federal Government positions

In addition to his deep involvement with Veterans affairs Martin was a very distinguished citizen.

In the course of my search I discovered that Col. Martian had a family plot and marker in Oakwood Cemetery, however, he personally did not have a headstone. I then undertook the project to secure a Federal headstone Col W.H. Martin thru the Veterans Affairs. I was most pleased that I could assist a fellow researcher but especially proud that I could bring recognition to a Civil War hero.

Last but Not the Least

Our final story for this issue is one that contains a great number of dimensions influencing our Camp. The first being another effort on our behalf by Brother Kevin to assist us in every way that he possibly can. On behalf of all of us, I wish to express our gratitude to our guiding light.

Second, with Brother Kevin’s appeal to our regional brothers it is hoped that our goal will soon be reached. We are in desperate need of additional funds in order to have the stone carved. At this point it was felt safe to order the plain stone so it will be on hand and ready to be carved. The actual carving was delayed until the necessary funds could be raised.

Keep in mind that the carving takes time and time is short. With this article, it will be the last time we can appeal to YOU to make a contribution to this worthy cause. This is the last opportunity that you can support your Camp and hold up its honor.

Third and on the upbeat. I am pleased to report that Brother France has indicated that to date \$660 has been collected which represents 65% of the goal. With your support the remaining 35% will be raised. So lets all join together to make this our first Camp effort a 100% success.

Brothers Kevin's Appeal

Brothers, Last night, while reviewing material on my ancestor's G.A.R. Post, I noticed in 1926 the post donated \$3,300.00 for a monument to be erected in my home town's cemetery. Doing some quick, and admittedly possibly faulty, arithmetic, I figured that sum would be close to \$21,000 in today's money. It is a large sum now and it was a very large sum then for local farmers and merchants to raise. As you know, our brothers in the Maj. Gen. John A. Logan Camp are raising funds for a stone monument that will be placed near Pvt. John O. Dolson's new Federal headstone in Raleigh's Oakwood Cemetery and will explain how he came to his final resting place among Confederate hosts. This Union soldier, wounded at Gettysburg and shortly after succumbing to his wounds, was placed in a shallow grave and miss-identified as a confederate soldier. Instead of being buried at the cemetery in Gettysburg to rest with his Union comrades, and graced by the presence of President Lincoln himself, he was shipped to North Carolina to rest 144 years in a grave with a confederate headstone and miss-spelled name. Brothers, I have asked you to donate to causes that I found to be worth, U.S.O. care packages for our troops and the Salvation Army to name a couple. I am now asking you to donate to our cause. I would not ask you to donate to something I myself have not donated to, Jr. Brother McLamb has also made a donation to this cause. The Ruger Camp has made a donation in the camp's name, but that is not enough. What is needed is \$1000.00 for the small monument. If each of us give a little, this goal will be met. The headstone dedication will occur on September 23, 2007 at 1:00 pm. As part of the ceremony, the headstones for two previously unknown Confederate soldiers will be replaced with new markers that document the men's recently-discovered identities. Events will include speeches; PCC Rev. Dr. Maurice Ankrom will deliver Invocation and Benediction; the concerts by the Raleigh Concert Band and bagpiper Robert White; and demonstrations by the 2nd US Sharpshooters (Pvt. Dolson's unit during the Civil War) and the 6th North Carolina Infantry. Those interested in donating to the Dolson monument fund should make their check payable to the Pvt. John O. Dolson fund and send it to Brother John France, Secretary/Treasurer Maj. Gen. John A. Logan Camp #4, 204 Granite Lane, Clayton, NC 27520.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Brother Kevin B. Motter

Editors Note

This issue was scheduled to have a number of photos to enhance the text. However, I was unable to transmit them to you. Maybe the Gods of War will shine on me next issue!