



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dept. of Michigan March to the Sea Camp Number 135 November-December 2008 Newsletter

"Preserved by the grace of God...."

Camp Officers:

Commander, Bruce Gosling
Sr. Vice Commander, Mike McLaughlin
Jr. Vice Commander, David Gosling
Council Members, John Dudd
Carl Holsinger
Christopher Herrmann

Secretary, Treasurer, Chuck Worley
Chaplin, Richard Cripe
Patriotic Instructor, John Dudd
Signals Officer, Bruce Gosling

Camp happenings:

At the November meeting we elected the following officers:

Camp Commander: Bruce Gosling
Sr. Vice-Commander: Phillip Cripe
Jr. Vice-Commander: David Gosling
Council Members: Christopher Herrmann
Carl Holsinger
David Herrmann
Secretary/Treasurer: Rick Schaffer

Brother Rick has not yet confirmed the acceptance of his honor, but hopefully will be able to do so soon.

Brother John Dudd has accepted the appointment as our Patriotic Instructor and it is hoped that Brother Dick Cripe will continue as our Chaplain.

On the Oak Lawn Cemetery Mortar restoration project in Sturgis, an inquiry has been sent to the appropriate party in the City of Sturgis to facilitate the registration of this monument with our National Organization. This step is necessary for the application of for grant funds from the National Organization toward our restoration efforts. Hopefully this will be completed and the restoration committee will have a report for our January meeting.

The consensus at the November meeting was to proceed with drafting a proposal amendment of our Camp Bylaws to mirror the National Organization's adoption of a Junior Associate class of membership. This would allow those who are ages six to fourteen without a direct lineage with a Union Civil War Veteran to join and become active in our mission. While we have no such applicants at the present time, it was felt we should be consistent with the Order as a whole and be ready for such an eventuality.

A big welcome and thank you for joining us at the November meeting to Dennis Bradley, a guest of John Dudd.

January Initiation Meeting:

Our elected officers will be inducted into their respective offices on January 20, 2009 at our annual dinner with our own Brother Chuck officiating in his capacity as Sr. Vice-Commander of the Dept. of Michigan. This year we will be holding the event on our usual third Tuesday meeting night DaVinci's restaurant in Sturgis at an approximate cost of \$12.95 per person plus tax and tip. We will have two Italian dishes, one with red sauce and one with white served in a family style format. The time is set for us to meet at 6:00 PM and have dinner at 6:30 PM. Please confirm to me whether or not you are planning to attend.

Remember, as an organization we benefit directly from the skills and knowledge of our membership. The recruiting of new members who can bring fresh energy, thoughts and skills to the group is very important. Be sure to promote the order when you can, and bring a friend to a meeting.

***To all the Brothers of March to the Sea Camp #135 and their families...
Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!***

In fraternity, charity and loyalty

Bruce Gosling, Signals Officer