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NO JANUARY CAMP MEETING

All compatriots are reminded that there will be NO January Camp meeting. In lieu of the January meeting we will be hosting the 7th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet. That gala event will take place on Saturday January 26, 2008. Details later in this newsletter.

NO JANUARY MEETING

LEE-JACKSON BANQUET 26 JANUARY 2008

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday, February 7th, 2008. Please note that we will be meeting at Zarda's Barbecue located on the southwest corner of 87th Street and Quivira in Lenexa, Kansas. We will meet between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00.

Be sure to bring your wife or significant other, as they are ALWAYS welcome. Also don't forget to bring that prospective member along so he can meet us. Hope to see y'all there.

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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Key Camp On The Web

Key Camp: www.majorkey1920ksscvc.org

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New Member #66

Who will be our 66th member? Stay tuned to find out.

December Meeting Cancelled

Mother Nature did it to us again. For only the second time in our camp's history we had to cancel a meeting due to weather. The December 6th meeting was to have Dr. Jenny Weber as the speaker with an interesting talk about "Copperheads". Due to the snow and bad driving conditions Dr. Weber advised us that she would be unable to make it from Lawrence to speak at our meeting. She stated she was very disappointed as she was looking forward to a visit with us. She did advise that she would be willing to re-schedule her talk with us. Look for her in March or April. With no speaker and a likely diminished attendance due to the weather, the Executive Committee elected to cancel the meeting.

Amendments to the Key Camp Constitution

Prior to the December meeting there was a lot of discussion about the method used to elect camp officers. The Key Camp Constitution currently states that officers will be elected every two years, on odd numbered years, at the annual meeting in December. That means that at the December 2007 (odd year) meeting we should have elected officers for 2008-2009. Since the meeting was cancelled, so were the elections. The 2006-2007 officers are remaining in place until the February 2008 meeting at which time delayed elections will be held. Had the December meeting been held, the election would have been done by a majority vote of the members present. The question arose about the inability of camp members to participate in the election of camp officers if they did not, for any reason, attend the December meeting. As a result of this concern an amendment to the Key Camp Constitution is being presented. Basically it states that ballots for the election of camp officers will be mailed to each member in good standing by US Postal Service mail to be received by the members at least ten days before the December meeting in odd years. Each member will then have the right to vote and return the ballot by the December meeting. At the December meeting the vote will be declared closed and the ballots counted. If the amendment passes the vote at the February meeting that will be the procedure used henceforth.

A second amendment to the Key Camp Constitution updates the Membership Section to include Cadet Members. That amendment also will be voted on at the February meeting.

The last amendment has already been placed in the Key Camp Constitution due to the fact that SCV Headquarters mandated it. The verbiage added became Article III - Articles of Association. This is required verbiage from the Internal Revenue Service that has to be in our

constitution in order to retain our 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Below are the amendments that were just discussed.

Currently the election of officers is covered under Article VII - Officers, Section 1: "The officers of the camp shall be Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, and Adjutant. All officers shall be elected by majority vote by ballot by the members in good standing present at the camp meeting for that purpose. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected."

The first proposed amendment would read as follows:

"The officers of the camp shall be Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, and Adjutant. All officers will be elected at the December meeting of odd numbered years and will hold office for two years, commencing on the 1st of January of the next even year, or until their successors are elected. Elections will be by written ballot, those ballots to be mailed by US Postal Service mail to all members of the camp in good standing, so as to be received by the members at least ten days prior to the December meeting of the odd numbered years. Written ballots must be returned to the camp adjutant by the close of voting declared by the commander at the odd numbered year December meeting. The adjutant will collect and count all votes and the election results presented at the meeting. Ballots will be held by the adjutant for 30 days after the election, at which time they will be destroyed."

The second proposed amendment is a new amendment and would read as follows:

"Article IV- Membership, Section 5, E: Cadet members are those male descendents from birth to age 12 years.

Cadets will not hold voting rights, Cadets will not be considered when determining camp delegates or voting strength, Cadets cannot represent the camp as a delegate at convention, Cadets will not receive a subscription to "Confederate Veteran" with their paid membership. Cadets shall only pay national dues of \$10.00 per year. No other rights or privileges shall be bestowed or otherwise construed as being associated with Cadet membership. Upon reaching the age of 12 years a Cadet may convert to regular membership upon payment of appropriate dues and fees."

Official copies of these proposed amendments will be mailed to each member in good standing prior to the February meeting. At the February meeting the amendments will be voted on. They will take effect immediately if approved.

Camp Officer Elections

The Key Camp Constitution calls for election of officers every two years. The current officers have all agreed to run for re-election. If the proposed amendment concerning election of officers passes it will change the method of voting for the officers. However, since the vote for officers for 2008-2009 was to have been conducted at the December 2007 meeting and, where as the current officers have agreed to remain in place beyond their designated tenure due to the delay of the election, and, where as the passage of the new proposed amendment would delay the election at least 30 more days, the election of officers at the February 2008 meeting will be conducted under the current method as stated in the Key Camp Constitution.

**MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS

SEVENTH ANNUAL
LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

SATURDAY 26 JANUARY 2008
6:00 TO 10:00 P.M.
HELD AT HISTORIC GRINTER PLACE
1420 SOUTH 78TH STREET
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING IS
MR. ROBERT LEE HODGE
“THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL WAR MEMORIES”

COST IS ONLY \$20.00 PER PERSON

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME
CONFEDERATE, PERIOD, OR MODERN ATTIRE

DON'T MISS THE KEY CAMP'S PREMIER SOCIAL EVENT OF
THE YEAR

CONTACT COMMANDER SPIKE SPEICHER OR ADJUTANT
HEATH ROLAND TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 21 JANUARY 2008

2008 Lee-Jackson Banquet

That's Right!!! The Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 proudly announces that the Seventh Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet will be held on Saturday 26 January 2008. We certainly have a great attraction this year, as our speaker is the world-renowned author, battlefield preservationist, and hard-core reenactor Robert Lee Hodge. This is a great opportunity to hear a very much in demand speaker. As Rob told me "I will make it worth their while." The event will be held at the Grinter Place Kansas Historic Site at 1420 South 78th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. You can take I-435 on the Kansas side south from I-70 or north from Shawnee Mission Parkway. Get off at Exit 9 (Highway 32 or Kaw Drive). Go east approximately 2.5 miles to 78th Street. Grinter Place sits on a hill on your left. The banquet facility is directly behind the historic house. There will be door prizes. There will be good food. There will be the cash bar. And there will be our auction. We have some great items to be auctioned off so you won't want to miss that. Saturday January 26, 2008 is the date so mark your calendar NOW!!! Sign up now and avoid the rush.

Detach and mail this form with your payment

Yes, I will be attending the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 Seventh Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Saturday January 26, 2008. Payment for the following people at \$20.00 per person is enclosed. Deadline January 21.

Names for name tags (please print)

Mail registration form and check, payable to "Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920", to:

Adjutant Heath Roland, 2824 N. 72nd Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66109-1739

REMINDER!

DON'T FORGET – NO JANUARY MEETING!!

**INSTEAD BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON BANQUET**

SATURDAY JANUARY 26, 2008

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