

# THE TELEGRAPH KEY

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## FEBRUARY CAMP MEETING 138<sup>TH</sup> Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We will be meeting at Zarda's Barbecue located on the southwest corner of 87<sup>th</sup> 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. Our speaker for the evening will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander John Weir. John's topic is "Sources of Information for Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" and it should prove to be very interesting and provocative. John takes a different look at the speech given by Lincoln, which I believe you find intriguing. In addition to a great presentation, we will be awarding a new Life Member Certificate to one of our members as well as a couple of other surprise awards. Speaking of speakers, (no pun intended) we are always on the look out for new and good speakers to address the camp. If you attend any events and hear a prospective speaker, let me know. If you hear of a good presentation, let me know. For the March meeting, be sure to bring your wife or significant

other, as they are always welcome. Also, don't forget to bring that prospective recruit. See y'all there!!!

## **Editorial Byline and Stuff**

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## NEW MEMBER

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY THINKING ABOUT JOINING.

## Leavenworth Militaria Show

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp set up a display and recruiting table at the Annual Leavenworth Militaria Show. The show was a one-day event held on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Leavenworth Riverfront Community Center. Commander Speicher was ably assisted by Compatriots Merle Leech, camp chaplain Carl Linck, and Mike Smith. We did find one prospect for the Leavenworth camp but, alas, none for our camp, but we did have a lot of fun and it was a great show to browse and spend some money.

Left to right: Compatriots Merle Leech, Mike Smith, Carl Linck, and Spike Speicher man the tables at the Leavenworth Militaria Show.

## The Brookside Saint Patrick's Day Warm-Up Parade

The first parade of the year for the camp is coming soon. It will be on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be entered with the Wornall House Museum. All interested participants need to meet at the Wornall House no later than noon. We will then move as a group to the starting point. This is a fun parade with lots and lots of spectators. If memory serves me correctly this will be either our third or fourth time in this parade. This is a perfect time to wear your Confederate uniform. If you don't have a uniform wear something green and come join us. The cannon from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery Missouri Light Artillery (our camp sponsored reenactment unit) will be with us so if you can't walk the parade you can ride with the cannon. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting

## Kansas City Saint Patrick's Day Parade

That same weekend we will march in one of the Midwest's largest Saint Patrick's Day Parades. That parade is the Kansas City Parade on Sunday 17 March, which is actually on Saint Patrick's Day. This parade begins at 11:00 in the morning. We need to meet at the Harris-Kearney House Museum at 8:30 a.m. We will then be transported to the start point. This parade draws literally thousands of spectators so we need a good showing. The camp will cover the \$5.00 per person entry fee for those who attend. There will be a lunch at the Harris-Kearney house after the parade. Participants are requested to bring a dish to pass while the Westport Historical Society will cover the main course. Please plan to attend, as it is a fabulous parade. There will be a sign up sheet for this at the meeting also.

## Assistance to the Wornall House and Majors Home Museums

Recently I sent an e-mail to all our camp members proposing that we adopt the John Wornall House Museum and the Alexander Majors Home Museum as a perpetual project for the camp. I heard back from almost half the camp members and they all voted affirmative. I have spoken with Anna Marie Tutera, Director of both museums and she is very excited about our support for the museums. To kick off our mission, she is concerned about the condition of the carriage house at the Wornall House. Therefore, our first project will be to paint the interior and exterior of the carriage house. We will probably shoot for two Saturday sessions in late March and early April. The museum will supply the paint and other equipment - all we need to supply is the labor. This is wonderfully worthwhile project so I hope that many of you can help once the dates are set.

REMINDER!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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