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FEBRUARY CAMP MEETING 104TH Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday February 4th, 2010. 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. Since it is February, I thought a presentation on George Washington would be in order. He was the father of our country and the idol and mentor of Robert E. Lee. As such, our speaker will be Claude Harkins with a presentation about George Washington and if he was "destined" to be our first president. In addition to that, Claude has one of the most extensive collections of George Washington memorabilia in the country. He has been collecting items of Washington and the Revolutionary War for years and years and his collection is probably the most extensive collection in private ownership. He will have numerous items from his collection for us to look at. This is one presentation that you DEFINITELY do not want to miss. It is a once in a life time opportunity to see some rare and very valuable antiques. 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 #73?

There have been a few changes to the roster but not in the number of members. In December we inducted Steve Crawford. At the Lee-Jackson Banquet we inducted Jim Tucker. Those are the two newest members but they have already been added to the count so we are still looking for member #73.

Let's get out there and recruit.

New Life Member

It is my great pleasure to welcome into the ranks of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Life Membership a compatriot of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp. At the Lee-Jackson Banquet Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael presented Compatriot Eric Martinez with his Life Membership certificate and lapel pin. Eric is the ninth Life Member in the camp joining the other Life Members Al Boggs, John Bolton, Chip Buckner, Carl Linck, Tim Peterman, Keith Phillips, Mark Roupe, and Spike Speicher. Congratulations Eric!!!!

2010 Lee-Jackson Banquet

It may have been cold and wet outside but inside the banquet facility 55 compatriots, friends and guests were as warm as toast. It was an awesome evening of fun, food, and frivolity. It was also one of our most successful auctions as over \$1,000 was added to our treasury. Our guest speaker, SCV Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael, played a major role when we inducted Compatriot Jim Tucker and presented Compatriot Eric Martinez with his Life Membership. Our C-I-C did a wonderful job of entertaining the audience with his presentation and had us laughing most of the way through it. We are sincerely thankful that he was willing to come to Kansas from Louisiana to be with us. Compatriot Dennis Garstang narrated the Ancestor Candlelight Memorial Ceremony and did an outstanding job. That is one of the most beautiful ceremonies I have ever seen. If you have never seen it, you need to. Many, many people contributed to the success of this year's banquet. You know who you are (there are too many to list individually) and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I don't know about you but I am already looking forward to Lee-Jackson 2011 as we celebrate its tenth anniversary.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Good news! We have been invited to participate in the Westport Saint Patrick's Day parade in conjunction with the Harris-Kearney House. St. Patrick's Day falls on a Wednesday this year so I don't know if the parade is the weekend before, the weekend after, or actually on St. Patrick's Day. Who cares!! At least we are in it. What a great opportunity to get out in from of the public and let them know that there was a Confederate Irish Brigade. I'll get the date out as soon as I can but please plan to attend. It will be a great time to come out of winter hibernation and show our colors.

Leavenworth Militaria Show

This will be our fifth or sixth time to have a recruiting and display table at this really good one-day military show and sale. It will be held on Saturday February 6, 2010. NOTE that the location this year has changed. In the past we have been on Fort Leavenworth but NOT this year. It will be at the Riverside Community Center in town so you won't have to go through the hassle of getting on post. As in the past, we will have a recruiting table and a relic/weapons display. I am planning on being there the entire day (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and I could really use some help. Set up will be at 8:00 a.m. I will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting broken down into two hour blocks. If you can come out and help for any of the time blocks it would be greatly appreciated. If you are helping man the display you don't have to pay the \$3.00 to get in. You will also have time to go through the show while you are there. It is a pretty good show with lots of stuff to see and/or buy.

REMINDER!!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920
WILL BE ON THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 4th (2010) AT 6:30 P.M.
BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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