

# THE TELEGRAPH KEY

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## THE OFFICIAL DISPATCH FOR THE MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920 KANSAS DIVISION, SCV JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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### JUNE CAMP MEETING 119<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 June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. 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. We have an excellent program lined up about a famous Kansas City landmark. A representative from the Union Cemetery Historical Society will be there to speak to us about this famous cemetery, named for the union between the cities of Westport and Kansas City in 1850. Hear about the Confederate monument erected by the United States Government recognizing 15 unknown Confederates buried in a mass grave. Hear about other identified Confederates that are buried there as well as other well known folks. It should be very interesting, especially if you have never visited the cemetery located at 2815 Walnut in Kansas City, MO. The 49 acre cemetery is south of Crown Center and across from Penn Valley Park. You don't want to miss this one. 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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Key Camp: [www.majorkey1920ksscvc.org](http://www.majorkey1920ksscvc.org)

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## NEW MEMBER #74

Last month we were to induct two new members. While we did induct Compatriot Ben Crain, regrettably we did not receive paperwork from Headquarters in time so we weren't able to induct new member #74. New member #74 is, of course, Vincent Lalumondier, Vinny for short. We did receive his paperwork the day after our meeting so we will be inducting our newest member at the June meeting. Be sure and bring your camera for this upcoming Kodak moment. Vinny, we are proud to welcome you into our ranks as a full-fledged Compatriot. See you on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Mine Creek Spring Workday

Opps!!! Again!!! That's right. Our second attempt at our 2011 Spring Workday at Mine Creek Battlefield was washed out. Scheduled for Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, Mother Nature had other plans. She began dumping rain on us on Wednesday, and then on Thursday. Friday we were hit with serious thundershowers all day. Saturday more of the same was predicted. I really didn't think we wanted to be out in an open field wielding metal chain saws during a lightning storm so I elected to cancel the workday. We discuss another reschedule date at our June meeting.

## Confederate Memorial Day At Higginsville

Once again we have been invited to attend and participate in the Missouri Division's Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony held on the grounds of the Confederate Home at Higginsville, Missouri. This has always been a wonderful event that memorializes our Confederate ancestors. This year's event will be on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Missouri recognizes President Jefferson Davis' birthday, June 3, as their Confederate Memorial Day and hold the event annually on the Saturday closest to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone from the Key Camp is welcome to attend, along with any guests you would like to bring. If you have never been there, the grounds are beautiful and the Confederate Cemetery is adorned with hundreds of Confederate flags on the graves. We have been requested to help with the Color Guard and the posting of all the other flags so if you have a uniform please wear it so you can join in the pageantry. Everyone gets a chance to honor their own Confederate ancestor by placing a rose on the Lion of Lucerne monument that is the centerpiece of the cemetery. If at all possible please plan to attend and support the Missouri Division. See the agenda below

for specifics. This is a great place for a family picnic so be sure to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

## **CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY - 2011**

**“Gone but never forgotten.”**

### **CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM**

- 9:00 A.M. - Children of the Confederacy, MO State Meeting in Married Couple’s Home
- 10:00 - Need a meeting time? Visit Vendors, friends, look at displays, Period Music..
- 10:30 - Chapel - Quantrill Society Meeting/Anyone else need half hour meeting time?
- 11:00 - Chapel - See and hear about the 1911 Confederate Reunion in Lexington, MO
- 11:30 - Walk through the Cemetery and hear 1<sup>st</sup> Person accounts from nine of the people who are buried here
- 12:15 P.M. - Lunch - CMFA Barbeque or bring your own lunch
- 12:45 - Parade to the Cemetery
- 1:00 - Confederate Memorial Day Service - Parade enters
- 1:05 - Color Guard presents Colors, Pledge, Salute, & Charges
- 1:10 - Welcome
- 1:15 - Invocation
- 1:18 - Recognition of Groups
- 1:21 - “Why we Gather”
- 1:23 - 3 Stories of real Confederate Heroes
- 1:35 - Responsive Reading
- 1:40 - Commander’s Comments
- 1:45 - President’s Comments
- 1:50 - Children of the Confederacy Comments
- 1:54 - Recognition of Confederate Ancestors - everyone
- 2:00 - “Dixie”
- 2:02 - Closing
- 2:04 - Benediction
- 2:06 - Retire Colors

## **National Reunion**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion will be held July 13 through 16, 2011, in Montgomery, Alabama. These reunions are great fun if you have never been to one. Montgomery is not that far away, only about ten hours or so. There are business meetings of course but also loads of vendors, concerts, an oratory contest, special meals, awards presented, reunion medals, speakers, hospitality suites, a

debutant ball, and much, much more. The last couple of reunions the Key camp has been well represented. We set the record for camp attendance at Hot Springs, Arkansas in 2009 when we had 12 camp members and nine camp member guests. If you would like to attend the Montgomery reunion or to find out more about it go to the SCV website at [www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org). For future planning the 117<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be in Murfreesboro, Tennessee 11 through 14 July 2012. The 118<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be in Vicksburg, Mississippi 14 through 17 July. The 118<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be in Charleston, South Carolina with dates to be announced.

## Kansas Division Convention

A little closer to home will be the Kansas Division Convention for 2011. It will be held at the Best Western (same as last few years) in Emporia, Kansas on June 17-18. This is an important event for the division. This year on Friday night will consist of an oratory contest and hospitality room. Our lunch time guest speaker will be General Robert E. Lee (portrayed by Norman R. Joy) which should be extremely interesting. The camp reports are always great fun so you can see what other camps are doing to honor "The Charge" of General Stephen Dill Lee. I sincerely hope that the Key Camp has an extraordinary turnout. A registration form is included in this newsletter on page 7 and the deadline for reservations is May 31<sup>st</sup> so don't delay --- register today.

## Pleasant Grove Cemetery

This summer will mark our 12<sup>th</sup> year in taking care of the Confederate Monument and the six Confederate soldiers buried there. We are off to a late start for numerous reasons, none of which could be avoided. We do need to schedule our first mowing sooner rather than later. I would like to propose that anyone interested in helping mow the cemetery could meet at 8:30 Saturday

morning May 28. I know it is Memorial Day weekend, but then again that might be a perfect weekend to honor those Confederate soldiers by mowing their final resting place. If enough folks show we can get it done in two hours. I will be sending out an e-mail asking how many folks can show up that morning, so be prepared. It would be nice if we could get a couple of riding mowers out there also (hint, hint!).



## SCV International Headquarters

The historic Elm Springs house in Columbia, Tennessee, pre-dates the War Between the States and is a fitting Headquarters for our organization. The proposed

Confederate museum location would be to the right and rear off the picture.

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Division Convention  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
June 17-18, 2011**

**Best Western Motel  
3021 W. Highway 50 Emporia, KS 66801  
620-342-7587**

**REGISTRATION FORM:**

(Required \*)

\*NAME \_\_\_\_\_ \*TITLE/POSITION \_\_\_\_\_  
\*SCV CAMP NAME \_\_\_\_\_ \*Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\*PERSONAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
\*HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE NAME (For Badge) \_\_\_\_\_  
GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**COST FOR CONVENTION IS \$10.00 PER PERSON**

**Included in the Registration: Convention book, lunch, lots of camaraderie, and excellent presentation from our guest speaker Commanding General Robert Edward Lee CSA.**

**Friday Evening Entertainment: We will begin Friday evening at 6:30 with a DVD feature presentation of "Song of the South". Followed by our Oratory contest at 8:00. This year's Topic "You, John Wilkes booth, have been captured and put on trial for the assassination of Union President Abraham Lincoln. Plead your Case".**

**Ancestor Memorials: Have your ancestors name listed in the convention booklet. Cost is \$10.00 and must be submitted no later than May 23, 2011. (Up to 16 names for \$10.00). Please include rank, Name, company, and unit on separate sheet of paper).**

**Registration: Qty. \_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Friday Evening Gala: Qty. \_\_\_ x \$ 5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Ancestor Memorials: Qty. \_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**In honoring of the Sesquicentennial, our featured convention presenter will be. Commanding General Robert Edward Lee. (Norman R. Joy) brings General Lee to life because of his own years of military service and his historical research connection with the character of General Robert E. Lee. His portrayal tells the story with a believable realism. He promises to give an extraordinary presentation to the members of the Kansas Division. Lunch will be provided by the Motel**

**DEADLINE TO MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORMS**

**Is Monday May 31, 2011!!!**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**KANSAS DIVISION SCV**

**Kansas Division Adjutant**

**Paul Honaker**

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**REMINDER!!**

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

**WILL BE ON THURSDAY**

**JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.**

**BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER**

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