

**September 2008**

**Commander's column – by Nick Posey**



As was the case last month, there's really not too much news to report this month either regarding the funding situation for our Confederate Powder Works Chimney Restoration Project. At this time Watson-Brown Foundation in Thomson has not given us a definite answer on whether they're going to help fund our project. It's more of the same that we've experienced throughout this tiring and difficult funding process – hurry up and wait for an answer. Maybe I'll have some news to report on the chimney project at our upcoming meeting.

The deadline continues to get closer for annual SCV membership renewals. We have from August 1st to November 1st to pay our 2008-2009 membership dues. Please don't put it off – make a special effort to get your dues paid within the next month to avoid being late. Dues payments can be given to Adjutant Perry Herron and Treasurer Henry Gilmer at the camp meeting, or mailed to the camp's Post Office Box. Thanks to those of you who have already paid.

Our program speaker this Thursday night will be local historian, Mr. Tom Sutherland. He'll speak about "*Augusta's Confederate Monument.*" Plan to attend and enjoy an evening of good Southern fellowship with us at Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant.

**► Annual SCV Membership Dues Information**

- Annual SCV membership dues for the new membership year starting August 1st are currently due. SCV National dues have increased \$10.00 as of the start of the new membership year, which means our annual Camp #158 dues will increase from \$41.00 to \$51.00 per year. If you have any questions about dues, call Adjutant Perry Herron at 803-613-1246.

**Camp #158 dues are \$51.00 per year**  
(\$30.00 SCV National + \$12.00 GA Division + \$9.00 Camp #158)

- If you are a Life Member of SCV National your annual dues are **\$21.00** (\$12.00 GA Division + \$9.00 Camp #158)
- If you are a Life Member of the GA Division your annual dues are **\$39.00** (\$30 SCV National + \$9.00 Camp #158)
- If you are a Life Member of SCV National and the GA Division your annual dues are **\$9.00** (Camp #158 dues = \$9.00)

**Make checks payable to SCV Camp #158.** Your dues can be paid at one of the next two camp meetings, or mailed to the Camp's Post Office Box at this address:

**Sons of Confederate Veterans  
B/G E. Porter Alexander Camp #158  
Post Office Box 3694, Hill Station  
Augusta, GA 30904**

Sons of Confederate Veteran's Websites  
B/G E. Porter Alexander Camp #158:  
<http://www.eporteralexander.homestead.com/Index.html>  
Georgia Division SCV Website:  
<http://www.georgiascv.com/>  
SCV National Website:  
<http://www.scv.org/>  
SCV News Blog  
[www.sonsofconfederateveterans.blogspot.com](http://www.sonsofconfederateveterans.blogspot.com)

### \*\*\*\*\*Announcements\*\*\*\*\*

■ **Thursday, September 11th** – Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 will meet at Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Our program speaker will be Mr. Tom Sutherland. He'll give a PowerPoint presentation on "*Augusta's Confederate Monument.*"

■ **Friday, September 19th** – Sgt. Berry Greenwood Benson Camp #1672 will host its annual **Lt. General Stephen D. Lee Banquet** at the Acacia Masonic Lodge on Brookside Drive in North Augusta at 6:00 p.m. The Acacia Masonic Lodge is located next door to the North Augusta Community Center. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children and **must be purchased by September 12th.** Contact Adjutant Reed Wakeley at 803-279-9021 to purchase tickets. The keynote speaker will be *Pastor John Weaver*. He'll speak on "*Revival of the Southern Army.*"

■ **Saturday, September 27th** – The Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans will have its 3rd quarter **Executive Council Meeting** at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Old Time Country Buffet Restaurant on 1343 Gray Highway in Macon, Georgia.

■ **Saturday, October 4th** – **The Annual Oliver Hardy Festival** will be held in downtown Harlem. The camp will have a booth for selling camp store merchandise.

Festival hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

■ **Thursday, October 9th** – Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 will meet at Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Speaker to be announced.

■ **Saturday, October 11th & Sunday, October 12th** – "**Battle for the Market**" at the **Barnyard Flea Market:** Camp #158 will participate in this weekend event that will consist of living history and re-enactments with the 32nd Georgia Artillery and 5th Georgia Infantry.

### *Scripture for thought...*

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. – **John 16:33**

Every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. – **Hebrews 3:4**

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? – **Mark 8:36**

I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. – **Deuteronomy 30:16**

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. – **Hebrews 13:5**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? – **Psalms 27:1**

## ◀ **Southern Quotes** ▶

“If centralism is ultimately to prevail; if our entire system of free Institutions as established by our common ancestors is to be subverted, and an Empire is to be established in their stead; if that is to be the last scene of the great tragic drama now being enacted: then, be assured, that we of the South will be acquitted, not only in our own consciences, but in the judgment of mankind, of all responsibility for so terrible a catastrophe, and from all guilt of so great a crime against humanity.” – **Alexander Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States of America**

"Under Federal Legislation, the exports of the South have been the basis of the Federal Revenue. Virginia, the two Carolina's, and Georgia, may be said to defray three fourths of the annual expense of supporting the Federal Government; and of this great sum, annually furnished by them, nothing or next to nothing is returned to them, in the shape of government expenditures. That expenditure flows in the opposite direction – it flows North, in one uniform, uninterrupted and perennial stream. This is why wealth disappears from the South and rises up in the North. Federal legislation does this." – **Senator Thomas Hart Benton from Missouri**

"The war...must go on till the last man of this generation falls in his tracks...unless you acknowledge our right to self-government. We are not fighting for slavery. We are fighting for Independence, -- and that, or extermination, we will have." - **Jefferson Davis in a conversation with James R. Gilmore & James F. Jaquess, who were conducting their own unofficial peace mission to Richmond during 1864**

"Southern women see no contradiction in mixing strength with gentleness." – **Sharon McKern**

▲ **A Yankee tribute to Southern military leadership and the fighting men of the Confederacy...**

*Excerpt of a conversation between President Abraham Lincoln and General Winfield Scott at the beginning of the War Between the States as to why the North was unable to take Richmond –*

Abraham Lincoln asked General Scott the question: "Why is it that you were once able to take the City of Mexico in three months with 5,000 men, and we have been unable to take Richmond with 100,000 men?"

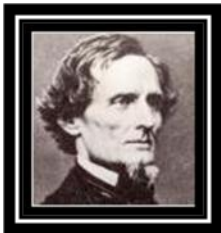
"I will tell you," said General Scott. "The men who took us into the City of Mexico are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond." – **From Confederate Veteran magazine – September 1913 issue**

## **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SLAVERY**

- ◆ Some slaves were more than just field laborers. Many were skilled workers and managers.
- ◆ Most slaves worked a work schedule common to everyone in the South. Most, like white workers, were off on Sunday and either off all day or a half day on Saturdays.
- ◆ The number of overseers in the South was quite small, and on those farms and plantations that had overseers, the majority were Negroes.
- ◆ Most slaves earned their money from farming and craft production. Some were able to earn enough to buy their freedom.
- ◆ The sale of a slave (or slaves) that resulted in the breakup of a family was a very uncommon occurrence. Only rarely would slave families be split up. – **From the book “Myths & Realities of American Slavery” by John C. Perry**

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*"Truth crushed to the earth is truth  
still and like a seed will rise again."*  
-- President Jefferson Davis

◀Next SCV Camp #158 Meeting: Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant – September 11th▶

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