

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Nelson Garfield Camp # 3
November 20, 2007 Newsletter

Item 1: Our next camp meeting will be on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 7:00 pm at the Ramage Museum. This is a very important meeting because we will be electing new officers for the year 2008 and planning our calendar of events for the coming year. Please make every effort to attend.

Item 2: Plans for the SUV National Encampment to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, and hosted by the Kentucky Department in 2009 are proceeding. The Executive West Holiday Inn in Louisville will be the site for the encampment and tours of the Lincoln birthplace in Hodgenville and of the Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville are planned.

Item 3: Thanks to the efforts of Bernie O'Bryan, the Nelson Garfield Camp # 3 Recruitment brochure should soon be available at local libraries and at the James Ramage Civil War Museum. A draft of the brochure was presented at our November meeting and critiqued for accuracy of information. After making corrections and adjustments regarding placement in the brochure of information, Bernie will have copies printed with the help of Jim Kiger. We have long needed such a brochure for recruitment purposes at the Ramage museum and after events such as NKU History Day.

Item 4: The Ramage Civil War Museum has hosted a successful Antique Road Show which drew 132 people to have various antique items appraised. The event took place at the church next to the museum but also drew 53 visitors to the Ramage Museum. The antique appraisal event generated \$650.00 for the museum.

Also on Sunday, November 11 the Ramage Museum in conjunction with the Nelson Garfield Camp hosted a cemetery tour of the Highland Cemetery in honor of the Veterans Day holiday. The graves of soldiers from American wars were visited and the turnout was in the hundreds in spite of rain and cold weather. The graves visited were those of common American soldiers from various wars and not of famous military persons. Several good stories were generated by the tour participants as the various graves were visited.

Item 5: The Ramage Museum will host the third Annual civil war Christmas on December 8 and 9, 2007. Nelson Garfield Camp will have a recruiting table and other camp members will be participating in other activities. Civil War reenactors and living history presenters will be available both days. Civil war era Christmas carols will be sung and children will be able to decorate ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree from materials popular during the Civil War era. Santa Claus will also visit from the North Pole.

Item 6: The Nelson Garfield Camp held its November meeting on the evening of

the 15th of November at the Ramage Museum. Besides the previous items in this newsletter, there was discussion on a wide range of topics. Jim Kiger discussed plans for growing and expanding the newly generated Sons of the Spanish American War. He also talked about creating a Daughters of '98 Auxiliary of the new Spanish American War Camp. The new camp is called the Wetherill/ Egbert/ Reed Camp, named after three old United Spanish American War Veterans Camps from Newport and Covington. The camp newsletter is called the Doherty Dispatch.

For the Eli M. Bruce SCV members, a letter regarding the proposed amendments to the Division Constitution was presented and Steve Clifford agreed to assume the duties of Camp Adjutant from Jim Kiger, who held that post for many years.

A Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation brochure requesting donations to the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund was circulated. The purpose of the fund is to establish a permanent income source to support projects of the SUV. Donation levels are Gold at \$1,000.00, Silver at \$500.00 and Bronze at \$250.00.

A discussion regarding the purchase of a Nelson Garfield Camp # 3 flag also occurred. It was decided that a banner might be more appropriate for financial reasons. The banner will be modeled after the GAR banner of the Covington Camp or display at the Ramage Museum. Efforts to find out the cost of such a banner will be pursued.