

Sam Bell Maxey House - Paris, Texas - By Judge Henry Braswell

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Adjutants Report

The December 2018 meeting was called to order by Commander Ray Ball according to SCV ritual. The opening prayer was offered followed by the pledge of allegiance to the US

Flag and the salute to the Confederate Flag.

The financial report was accepted as read where I reported that all present members dues are paid at National, and Texas Division. Our bank account as of February 2019 will be able to cover the cost of printing, and mailing, the dispatch for the rest of this fiscal year. That is six times till the end of this fiscal year, and any special projects will require voluntary donations.

I hope that all who take the Paris News saw the memorial to General Robert E Lee in the Sunday, 20 January 2019, edition. We do that each year as a special project on the day nearest to 19 January which is Confederate Heros Day in Texas. The paper does not print a saturday issue and this year the 19th was on a saturday so I had it printed on the following sunday. Hope that works for everybody. Any one who wishes to make a small voluntary donation to cover that at the next meeting feel free to do so, but it is not required.

I reported that an item was printed in the Paris News on monday 3 Dec 2018, the day before our meeting, that was an opinion that TX Governor Abbot should order the removal of a plaque in the Capitol because of "misinformation" on it. The plaque was put there by the Children of the Confederacy in 1959, and its supposed "misinformation" was that it stated that the Civil War was "not" fought to end slavery, and that "secession was legal". We who know the true history of the early 1860's know that

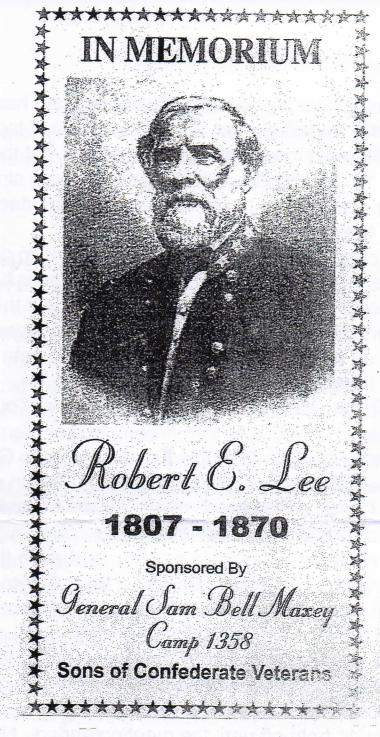
the plaque was absolutely correct. I reported that I had fired a letter back to the Paris News informing them of that fact. I didn't think they would print it since they don't usually, but they did one week later on 10 December. It didn't help however since I have seen in a later issue of the paper that some committee in Austin voted to have the plaque removed.

The disrespect shown for our ancestors seems to come from the few places that we would hope that would never happen. I have great concern for my country when things like this happen, when the true "misinformation" is ignored and accepted as true. Nothing I can do about it however except always vote in an election.

On to far better news, we have a new member of our Camp. Clayton L. Coker has officially transfered his membership from the "Dakota Territory Camp" of Sturgis South Dakota to General Sam Bell Maxey Camp in Paris Texas. Welcome Clayton we are glad to have you. Commander Ray Ball and I visited Clayton and his wife at their home and I was very much impressed by both of them. They are both veterans of military service, and even though not of the same branch met in Japan. WOW!! I think Clayton was originally from Paris, or at least his family was, and has returned home. I have mailed the transfer forms to both GHQ, and TX Div.

We had a very small turnout for the December meeting, but that is not unusual for December since there is so much demand on members time then. Doesn't help that the weather was marginal but the bad "stuff" held off until the meeting ended. NOTE, I said "stuff". No formal program was presented just a discussion of items of interest. I hope we have much better attendance at the February meeting. A new year is a good time to renew our quest of respect for our Confederate ancestors, and the true cause for which they fought.

The next meeting will tuesday 5 February 2019 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 p. m.
John Brown; Adjutant



Printed in the 20 January 2019 issue of the Paris News. Confederate Heros Day in Texas is celebrated on 19 January Robert E Lee's birthday and was declared an official state day by the 68th Texas Legislature in 1973.

Stand firmly by your Cannon Let ball and grapeshot fly And trust in God and Davis But keep your powder dry