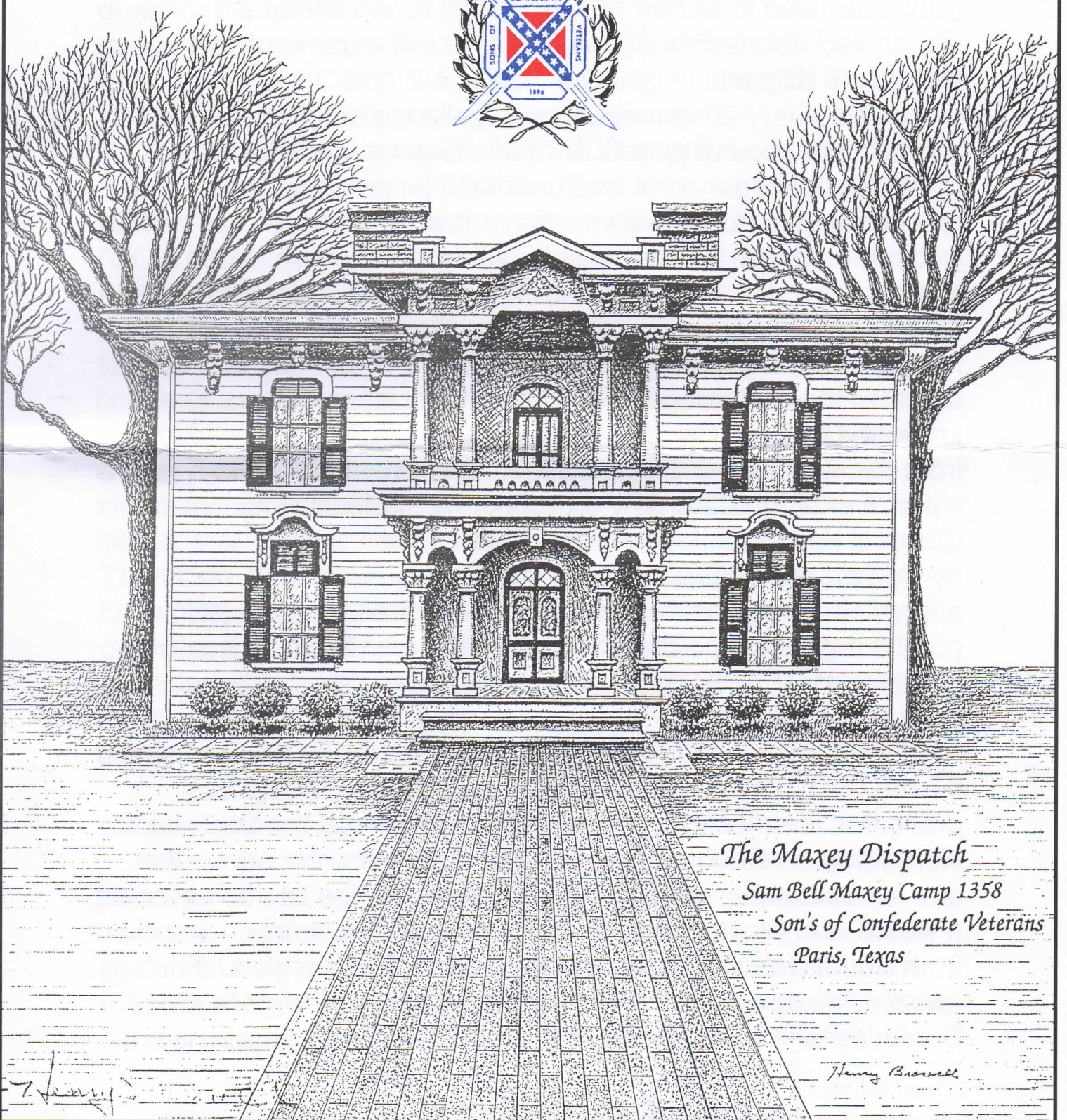


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Adjutants Report

The February 2019 meeting was called to order by Adjutant John Brown according to SCV ritual. Commander Ray Ball recently had surgery and was unable to be present. He is recuperating at home in some discomfort. All present wished him well and we hope he can be at his usual post for the March meeting.

The opening prayer was offered by Gordon Vandaveer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag, and the salute to the Confederate Flag. The financial report was read and I reported that our Camp had received a very nice financial gift from former member Billy McBride. Billy lives in Big Sandy and is a member of the Longview Camp but he still feels close ties to our Camp. I had a thank-you card that all present signed, also signed by Commander Ball at his home, to let Billy know how much we appreciate him. The financial report indicated that we are in very good financial shape--thanks to Billy--till the end of this fiscal year which ends 31 July 2019. Any special projects will still require donations however.

The latest member of our Camp Clayton Coker who transferred his membership from a Camp in Sturgis South Dakota was present at the meeting. He said that he attended the Confederate Heros Day ceremony in Longview. I had chickened out on that, due to the weather, which I felt sure would cause it to be canceled. It wasn't and Clayton said it was really cold. Now, when someone from South Dakota says it was really cold--well I'm glad I didn't go. It's nice to see a new member of our Camp that Gung-Ho about Confederate issues.

We also had a volunteer for membership present. Brandon Bell, the new County Judge, was given the membership form to fill out, and the place to get the necessary info. to complete it. I sure hope he can make our March meeting where he can pay prorated dues for the remainder of this fiscal year and all of next fiscal year dues. New members like Claton Coker, and Brandon Bell do wonders for our Camp like all do. A Camp founded by Dr. William Hayden who I think is smiling down at us now.

We also had a surprise visit by the Commander of the North East Texas Brigade, Sam Mercer. Sam always adds a positive note to our meeting. He also agreed with Clayton that it was "COLD" Confederate Heros Day In Longview, but that an amazing number of people, both members and nonmembers, were present. Sam filled us in on some things taking place at Brigade, and State level.

The program was a short video about the battle of Fredericksburg where Union Gen. Ambrose Burnside led 106,000 Union troops against about 70,000 Confederate troops under the command of Gen. Stonewall Jackson. The battle led to a loss of 12,500 union lives when the Confederates held the high ground. The Confederate casualties were far less than half the Union. I think Bill Milling volunteered to do the March program. In my defense, if he didn't, my steeltrap mind has become very rusty.

The next meeting will be tuesday 5 march 2019 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 p. m.

John Brown: Adjutant

Quasi Editorial Comments

I happened to catch the end of a comment on TV news from a person that was agitated that some people were opposed to removing Confederate Memorials. I don't know if he was some politco in Austin, or a member of the Dallas City Council. What made me totally screaming mad is what he said. **I quote; He said "some people think we should leave the Confederate**

Monuments where they are. Well you don't see any Memorials to NAZI'S do you"? I promise that was what he said. He compared my Confederate ancestors to Nazi's. If he said something else I don't know because by that time I was yelling at the TV. The (I want to say SOB) but I wont because when I calmed down and began to think **maybe** he was just repeating what he had been taught.

His comment was probably about the action of the Dallas City Council where at their meeting on about 13 Feburary they had comments from non members in attendance. Only one spoke against removal of the largest Confederate memorial in Texas. The Council voted 11-4 to remove at a cost of \$480,000 tax payers money. I'm glad I don't live there because if they used my tax dollars they wouldn't like what I would have said.

The only thing we can hope for now is if we can get the legislature to pass the **Monument Protection Bill** in Austin in time to stop this atrocity. A call and possibly an e-mail to:

Senator Pat Fallon--Phone: 512-463-0130

e-mail pat.fallon@senate.texas.gov

Lt. Gov Patrick--Phone: 512-463-0001

dan.patrick@ltgov.texas.gov

Let them know that we want the immediate passage of **Senate Bill 226.**

My ancestors served their country where they fought for their family, home, and state, against an invading Union army. They did not fight to keep slavery since they never owned any.

Quasi Editor

John Brown

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