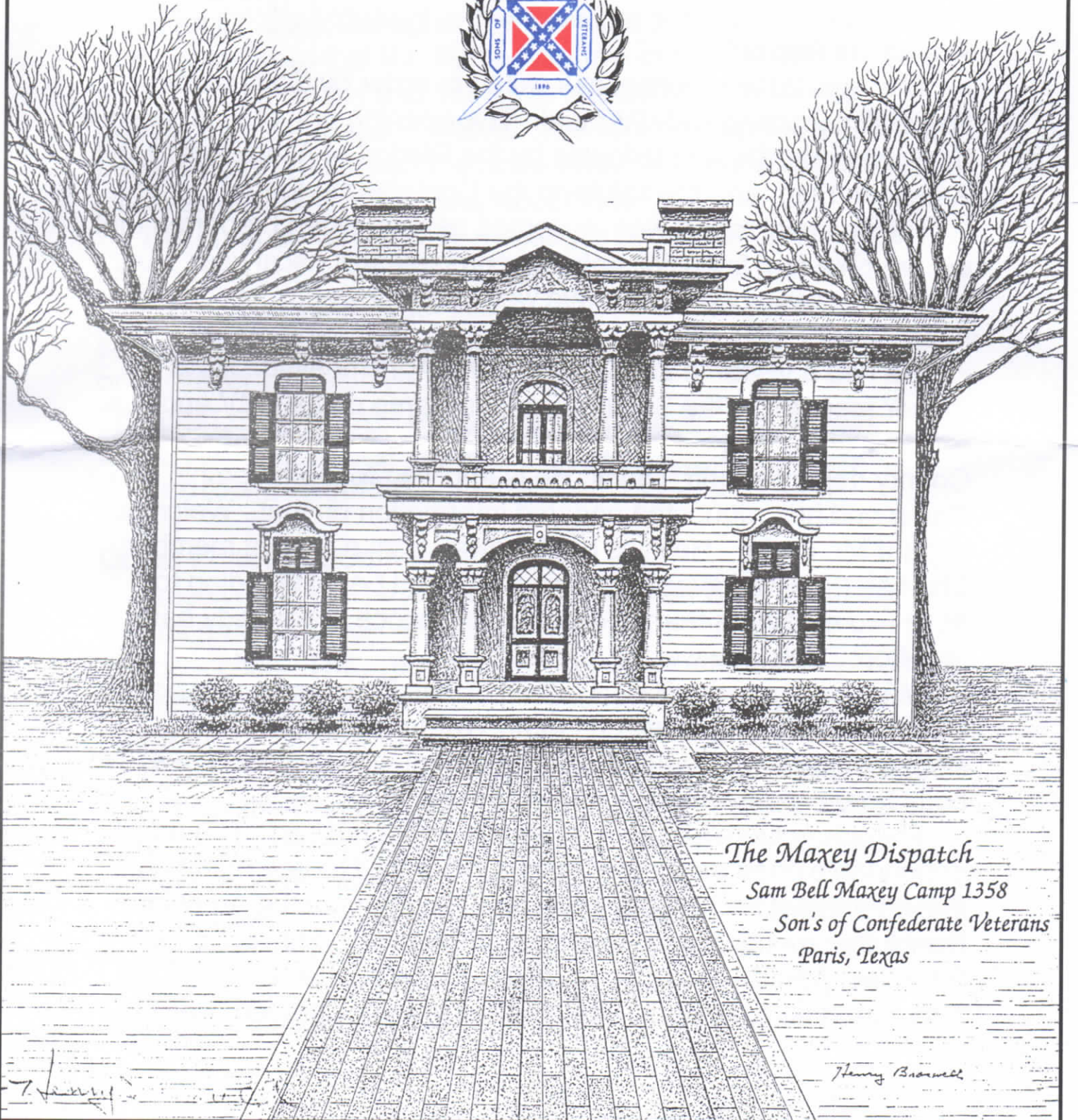


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Adjutants Report

The April 2018 meeting was called to order by Commander Ray Ball according to SCV ritual. The opening prayer was given by Gordon VanDeaver followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, and the salute to the Confederate Flag.

The financial report was accepted as read when I reported that we are on a firm financial status to complete this fiscal year. Any additional donations are always welcomed however, but certainly not required.

We had a visitor in attendance at the April meeting. He is a former member of the Sulphur Springs Camp of the SCV and is a resident of Valliant Oklahoma now. Jamie Drake is a McCurtain County deputy sheriff, I think. He is applying for membership in our Camp and has requested updated information on that. Welcome aboard Mr. Drake. He lives not far away from a current member Thomas Pike who lives in Garvin Ok. It will be outstanding to have two members from Oklahoma, and since we already have four from Louisiana we are international.

With Commander Ball, a retired Dallas Policeman, and past Commander Milling a retired Game Warden, we can now complete the law enforcement compliment with Deputy Drake. No body better mess with us.

The attendance for our April meeting was not bad. The usual dependable ones and, our visitor. Dr/Col Bill George made sure that all present had invitations to the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting and Annual Silent Auction. That will be on Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a. m. at the First Christian Church. 780 20th Street N. E. in Paris. Refreshments will be served, well OK.

The program for the April meeting was about some myth's about the WFSI. It was presented by John Brown from information in a publication by Dr. Richard Montgomery. The first myth was that the war was fought to end slavery. A number of arguments can be made that the myth is untrue, supported by statements from historian Dr. Gary Gallagher the foremost authority on that war. The second was that the Battle Flag flew over slave ships. The record shows clearly that the slave traders ships came from, mainly, the new england states. The yankee ship owners there became very wealthy on the slave trade, and were upstanding citizens. You don't often hear about that.

The program for the May meeting is undecided at this time. If anyone has one in mind DO IT, please. It seems that all lately are presented by Commander Ball or me. I think we are in a rut and someone needs to get us out. How about one about your ancestor or whatever interests you.

The next meeting will be 1 May 2018 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 p. m..
John Brown; Adjutant

Quasi Editorial Comment

I received a message from Texas Division SCV about the annual reunion which will be 8th & 9th June this year in Nacogdoches. They request that if you can attend that you bring something for the silent auction if you have anything that you will part with.

Well the Dallas City Council is in a snit fit again about symbols that honor the Confederacy. According to a TV news item the Dallas City Council appears ready to demolish the Confederate monument in Pioneer Park Cemetery.

The resolution to get rid of the monument is on the councils 25 April meeting agenda. The resolution does not call for any plans to preserve the monument which was built in 1896. It goes against an earlier staff recommendation to leave the monument

where it is and add historical context.

The monument stands six stories high, and is just (in their words) steps from the City Convention Center. Based on what city council members said, it looks like the eight votes needed to demolish it are easily there.

The monument has stood for 122 years but now it appears it will be torn down. "Inscriptions make it clear it is a monument to white supremacy" said Dallas City Councilman Philip Kingston. Mayor Mike Rawlings agreed.

It seems strange to me that it has been there for 122 years but only now is it a monument to white supremacy. The Robert E. Lee Statue has become a bottomless money pit for them when they (I think) promised not to destroy it after they moved it. I guess they didn't want to run into something like that again so they will vote to destroy the monument. I think they would have had a financial problem with engineering the removal of a six story tall structure, so they decided to just destroy it. Brilliant.

The city of Dallas will spend a lot of tax-payers money in any case. They have alloted \$400,000 for the destruction and, I presume removal of the debris. Everyone knows that city estimates always run low. A more realistic estimate puts the cost at least at a million. I would hope the citizens of Dallas would let them know that is not what city taxes was to be used for.

Seems strange the tax payers would really support this gang of "jeniuses". I know I wouldn't.

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*