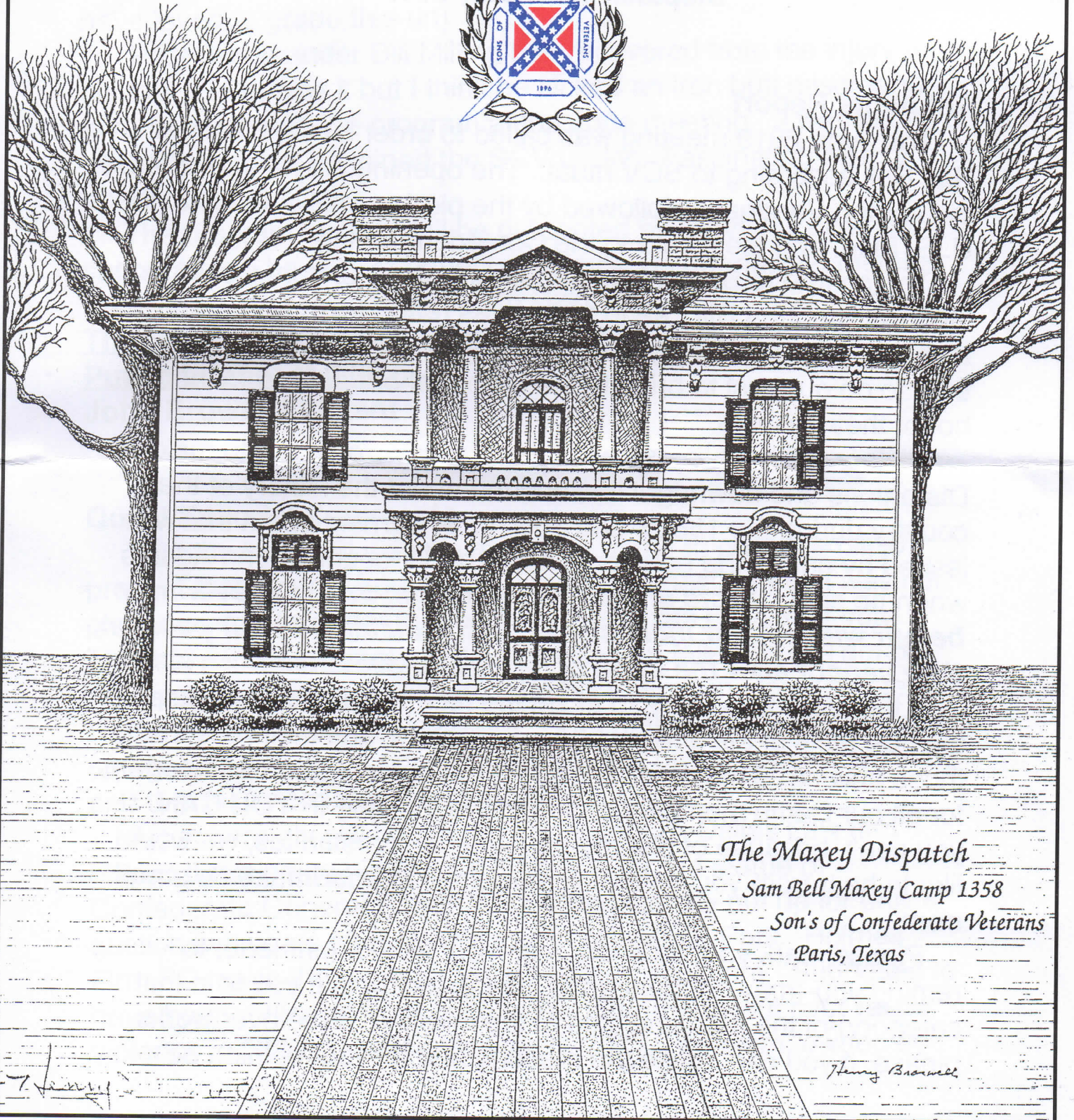


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Adjutants Report

The June 2019 meeting was called to order by Commander Ray Ball according to SCV ritual. 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 charge to Sons of Confederate Veterans, from Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee in 1906, was read. The charge applies to this day, to we the loyal members of of the SCV. It is our duty then to do our best to bring to the history of our ancestors the honor they deserve.

History is what it is, not what many today would like to make it. Distortions and downright lies abound about the history of the country during the 1850's and 1860's. A warning about that was issued by one of the early presidents of our country John Adams when he said; "***Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts, and evidence.***"

It therefore falls on us to to set the record straight and present the true facts of the actions of our ancestors, and their reasons for those actions. That in my opinion is the reason that it is important for all our Camp members to attend the meeting IF YOU CAN. If you can't, because of distance or other circumstances, we would like to hear from you. Mail is fine or email to jmadmax94@gmail.com.

Please mark your calendar, ask your wife or girlfriend, to remind you-(may not be a good idea to ask both if you fit in that category)-of the date and time of the meeting. Whatever works please, if you can, make the meeting and let your opinion be

known

The turnout for the June meeting was pretty good. Some of the never miss didn't make it so I hope it was nothing bad that caused that. Good is OK, bad aint! (My freshman english professor would have loved to grade this-un)

Past Commander Bill Milling has recovered from the injury to his foot (He denies it but I think he kicked an iron butt miscreant) and he presented the program at the June meeting. It was about his ancestor that he joined the SCV under. Fascinating history about our ancestors.

The program for July will be presented by Clayton Coker and I suspect it will be very informative. Clayton is our newest member transferred from a Camp in South Dakota.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 2 July 2019 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 p. m.

John Brown: Adjutant

Quasi Editorial Comments

Well the last card was played in the game to pass the bill to prevent monuments from being removed or destroyed. It was not placed on the calendar for action by the Texas House for vote. The last minute attempts to have it acted on failed so it is dead. As reported in the last Dispatch the bill to abolish Confederate Heros Day in Texas is also dead. Both of these bill's may come up again in two years but by that time only one will mean anything and that is Confederate Heros Day.

Art apparently still has some protection. A Dallas Law firm placed the winning bid of \$1.435 million for the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee that the city put up for online auction two years after removing it from a State Park. Holmes Firm PC made the top offer for the bronze sculpture. Supposed to have been removed from public view after the fallout over racial violence in Charlottesville Virginia in 2017. The firm, owned by

Ronald L. Holmes, has not said what it plans to do with the statue, or whether they are representing someone else who wanted the artwork depicting Lee and another soldier on horses. Holmes firm, which was identified at auction as "LawDude," has not responded to date for comments as to their intent for the statue. At least as far as I know. Lets hope that the statue is displayed prominently some where a lot more friendly to it than Dallas.

Another blurb about history that is not well known but had a major impact at the start of the war. At the battle of first Manassas where the War really started Confederate General Beauregard knew of Union General McDowell's advance almost the moment he started because of the effective spying by Rose O'Neal Greenhow, who was one of Washington's most influential, and popular hostesses. The great and near-great accepted her invitations, and she listened carefully as they talked. A fervid Southern sympathizer, she set up a system to transmit intelligence to the Confederates across the Potomac. She was caught and placed under house arrest, but in May 1862 was sent through the lines. The next year she went abroad as a courier for the Confederacy. She was returning to the South in 1864 aboard a blockade runner that was being chased by the U.S.S. Nippon. She escaped in a small boat, but was swamped by the surf, and she drowned off the coast of North Carolina. One more tragedy of the war.

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***