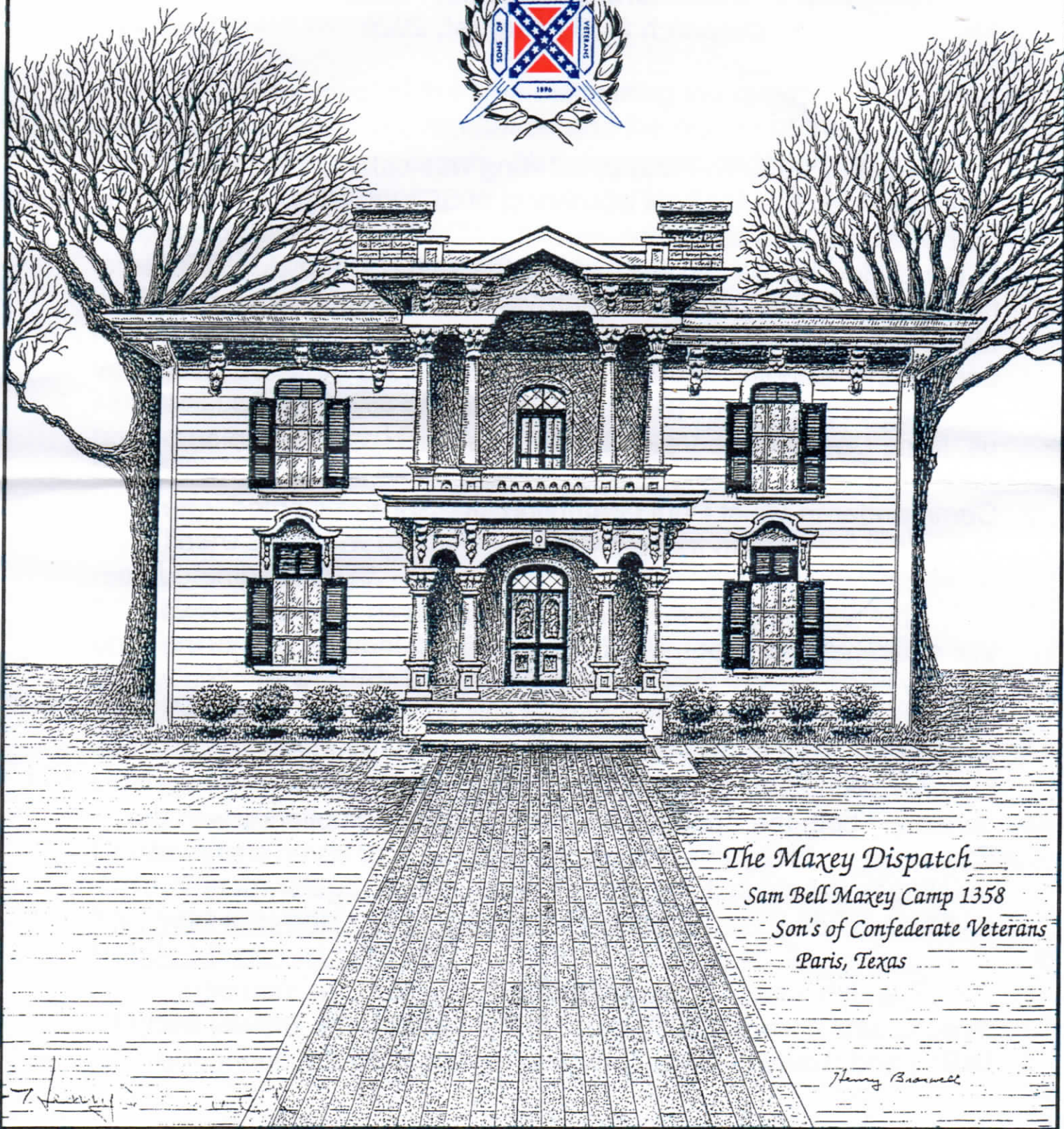


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Adjutant's Report:

The July 2020 (7-7-2020) meeting was called to order at 1800 hours by the Adjutant according to SCV ritual. Commander Ball was unable to attend the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag followed by the salute to the Confederate flag was intoned. The opening prayer was offered by member Bill Milling. The 1906 charge from Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee, on the founding of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was read to those present. The charge continues to be applicable to us, living Confederate Veteran Sons, as much as it was to our ancestors over a century ago. A press release from the Commander-in-Chief Paul Grambling, Jr., Sons of Confederate Veterans was read to those present.

This was only the third time that the Camp has met this year. We customarily do not meet in the month of January due to the holiday schedules of the membership. Our February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and our first 2020 meeting was held in March. We then experienced the unexpected and history making Covid-19 lockdown. Our camp voluntarily cancelled both the April and May meetings in compliance with the Executive Order by the Governor of Texas. Our camp's second meeting was held in June with a turnout of five regular members and two visitors.

The July meeting was attended by four regular members, three of which were "Old Timers" to the camp; John Brown, Bill Milling and Brady Fisher. They bravely ventured out during the

“second wave” of the Covid-19 “pandemic”. These four members all wore face masks as requested by the Governor of Texas to protect each other (and others in the building) from the possible spread of the virus. We looked like the “James-Younger Gang” in their retirement years.

We spent most of the time discussing the current affairs of the nation that effect the reputation and the history of the Confederacy in current events. We discussed, at length, the similarities of what is going on in the country then with what is happening now. I advised those present of a quote by former Israeli Prime Minister (1969-74) Golda Meir. She stated, “One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present.” Wisdom that is pertinent for today. It was a very good meeting and much consideration was given to the similarities of the times of the spring of 1861 and what is going on now, one hundred and fifty-nine years passed, in the summer of 2020.

There are a few members that have not yet renewed their membership for 2020. You should have received an invoice from SCV National HQ. I have included another invoice to those unpaid members just in case they did not receive the first one. Total dues are \$75.00; \$35.00 National, \$15.00 Texas, and \$25.00 local Camp. Please get your renewal dues to me ASAP so I can send them to the Texas Division and National Headquarters.

Deo vindice.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 4 August, 2020 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.

Clayton Coker: Adjutant

Editorial:

The July meeting turned out to be the last for member Brady Fisher. Brady passed away on July 13th, 2020 at the age of 68. He was a "Life Member" of The Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Brady was born and raised here in Paris, Texas. He graduated from Paris High School in 1970 and Paris Junior College in 1972. Brady then attended the University Of Texas School Of Law, graduating in 1977. Brady returned to Paris where he began a long career of public service. Brady was involved in politics at every level in the State of Texas. He served with numerous political and civic organizations such as The Lamar County Chamber of Commerce, McCuistion Hospital Board, Lamar County Health District Board, The Jaycees, The Lions Club, and Kiwanis.

Brady was heavily involved with local fundraising and attended all the volunteer Fire Department fundraising events throughout Lamar County. Brady also served as Lamar County Judge from 1979 to 1986. He was responsible for procuring numerous federal and state grants for improvements in Lamar County.

Brady was one of our Camp's "Never Miss" members and was known for his unique hats and his vintage red Mustang convertible. He will be missed by all. Rest in Peace, Brady.

Quasi Editor - Clayton Coker

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