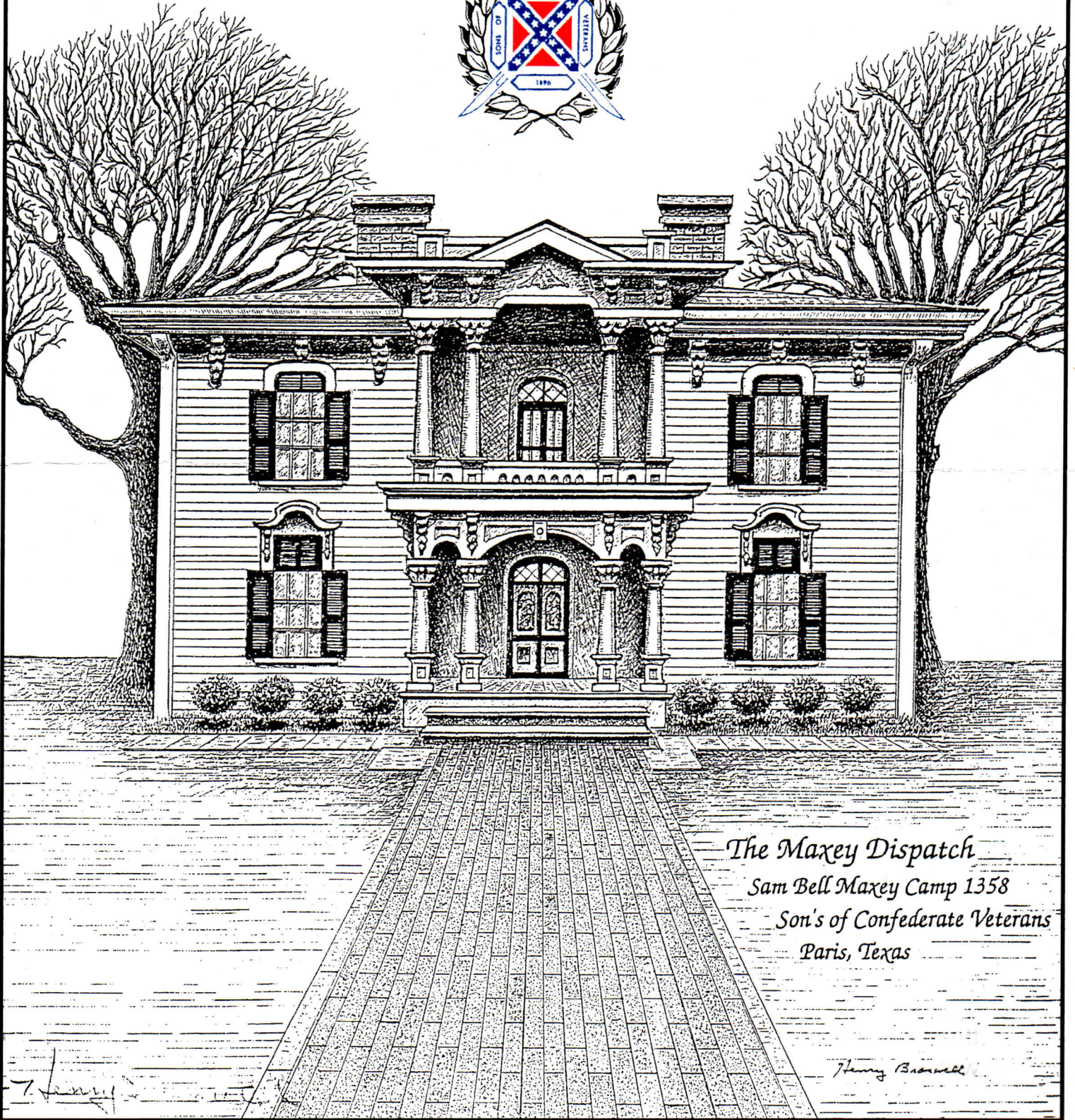


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**Adjutant's Report:**

The November 2021 (11-2-2021) meeting was called to order by the Adjutant according to SCV ritual at 6 p.m. The opening prayer was offered by member Jim Coker. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag followed by the salute to the Confederate flag was intoned. The 1906 charge from Confederate General Stephen Dill Lee, on the founding of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was read to those present. There were only three regular members present; all the local Cokers. The low turnout could have been because the meeting date fell on Election Day.

We spent the meeting time reminiscing about our many family trips to Civil War battlefields and monuments during the 1970s. We also discussed contingencies for alternate meeting locations if needed, planning future camp events, and recruitment and retention. It was noted that the next meeting will be the last for 2021 and that there will be no meeting in January, 2022 due to our usual holiday schedule. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Deo vindice.

**Clayton Coker: Adjutant**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 7 December, 2021 at the Paris Public Library at 6:00 pm.**

**Editorial:**

There were six engagements in December, 1861 and none were major or decisive battles. This was perhaps due to the onset of winter. Of these six engagements two were considered Confederate victories, two were considered Union victories and for two the outcome was inconclusive.

The Battle of Chusto-Talasa was fought December 9, 1861, in what is now Tulsa County, Oklahoma (then Indian Territory). The battle, between the Confederate Cherokee and Choctaw Indians and the Union Creek and Seminole Indians, was a confederate victory.

The Battle of Camp Allegheny, also known as the Battle of Allegheny Mountain, took place on December 13, 1861, in Pocahontas County, Virginia (now West Virginia). The outcome was inconclusive.

The Battle of Rowlett's Station was fought at the railroad whistle-stop of Rowlett's in Hart County, Kentucky, on December 17, 1861. The outcome was inconclusive.

The Battle of Dranesville was a small battle that took place between Confederate forces under Brigadier General J. E. B. Stuart and Union forces under Brigadier General Edward O. C. Ord on December 20, 1861, in Fairfax County, Virginia, as part of Major General George B. McClellan's operations in northern Virginia. The two forces on similar winter time patrols encountered and engaged one another in the crossroads village of Dranesville. The battle resulted in a Union victory.

The Battle of Chustenahlah was fought in Osage County, Oklahoma, (then Indian Territory) on December 26, 1861. A band of 9,000 pro-Union Creek and Seminole Indians was forced to flee to Kansas in bitter cold and snow in what became known as the Trail of Blood on Ice.

The Battle of Mount Zion Church was fought on December 28, 1861, in Boone County, Missouri near Mount Zion Church. The battle resulted in a Union victory.

The year of 1861 concluded with losses of killed or wounded at 7,692 for the Union and 6,406 for the Confederacy. It was just the beginning of the greatest bloodletting of our nation.

**Editor - Clayton Coker**



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*Jefferson Davis*

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