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**A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN**

## THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF OUR SOUTHERN WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE IS UNDERWAY

by Rev. Robert Slimp

To begin our own observance of the Sesquicentennial, the Wade Hampton Camp had a delightful event at the Cayce Historical Museum with the theme: "Gone with the Wind." Susan Bray, the lovely wife of Compatriot Charles Bray molded two dresses which she had made. They were copies of dresses worn in the famous motion picture "GWTW". There was a re-enactment of the signing of the Ordinance of Secession and a candlelight tour of a trench used by Confederate troops trying desperately to stop, or at least slow down General Sherman's attack on Columbia.

The really big event was of course in Charleston, where there was a re-enactment of the signing of the Ordinance of Secession, followed by a banquet and a Confederate Ball, in which many of the participants dressed in uniforms, hoop skirts and period costumes. This took place on Monday, December 20, which was the actual date. South Carolina left the

Union in 1860. The reaction of most of South Carolina daily newspapers and TV news casts were quick in coming. They denounced the event as a celebration of slavery and treason. Charleston Mayor Joe Riley said it was a mockery to dance in celebrating slavery.

These reactions were a lie. They denied the reality of why South Carolina and later at least ten more states seceded and formed the Confederate States of America. Our Second American Revolution was not fought over slavery, but over States' Rights and the Constitution. The Lincoln regime was not paying attention to the Constitution in the way in which they handled the crisis. Lincoln made it obvious from the beginning that he wanted much higher taxes from the Southern States and especially higher tariffs on cotton and other Southern exports.

The very large crowd who attended the Confederate ball were all well aware of these facts, and they were indeed celebrating the heroism and rightness of their Southern heroes. For this reason, we need to have as many of our own events as possible during the Sesquicentennial, that we actually have control over most of them. Many of our enemies, including much of the media, and such groups as the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the NAACP, the NCAA and especially the National Park Service refuses to tell the truth about our Confederate ancestors.

Some leaders in the National Civil War Sesquicentennial Organization want it to be a solemn event, in which Southerners may remember their ancestors without glorifying them or celebrating them. Some want to use this observance as a time to say that the only reason for the war was to fight for slavery and make our ancestor's objects of ridicule. All this was predicted by our Confederate ancestors themselves.

Our enemies, who are slaves to political correctness, will do everything possible to turn our Sesquicentennial into Reconstruction 11. In fact, so many of those who oppose our principles refuse to use any argument except for slavery as a cause for the war. We must reply in the words of Wade Hampton. "If we were wrong in fighting for independence in 1861-65, then the Declaration of Independence of 1776 was a grave mistake and the Revolution was a crime. If George Washington was a patriot, Robert E. Lee cannot have been a rebel. If the Declaration of Independence made Thomas Jefferson immortal, the observance of it could not have made Jefferson Davis a traitor."

Secession was considered to be legal until at least 1860. Our Universities and Colleges taught that the states themselves formed the federal government, and therefore had a right to leave it, if attempts were made to change it. For example the New England states almost seceded during the War of 1812, because they were opposed to a second war against England. Had the Southern states been allowed to leave the Union in peace, slavery would have been ended before 1890. As early as the 1840s, many Southern Churches were teaching slaves how to read and write, because many of the Southern leaders knew that farm machinery would soon be invented that would make slavery unprofitable, and some farsighted Christians were beginning to prepare their slaves for this eventuality.

We must tell the truth during our Sesquicentennial. We must not give up our history or our signs and symbols. We must teach our children the truth about the South, and our courageous soldiers who fought for the American Constitution that was being trampled upon in



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*Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man. ~Benjamin Franklin*

Happy New Year compatriots! I hope all are greeting 2011 with excitement and enthusiasm. New Years gives us all a chance to reflect on the prior year, hope for a better future, and start planning for things to come. Our first event for 2011 will be our annual Lee Jackson Banquet held Friday Jan 21 at 6 pm at Seawell's. I hope all will join me in starting the New Year by celebrating the contributions of Generals Robert E Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. If you have not already contacted me with your plans to attend, please do so at [jdholt@sc.rr.com](mailto:jdholt@sc.rr.com) or 803-318-2614.

We ended 2010 by kicking off our Sesquicentennial celebration of the War Between the States. On Dec 20, a commemoration of the of the 1860 Secession Convention was held by the Confederate Heritage Trust in Charleston

with recreation of the signing of the Ordinance of Secession followed by a large gala of music, dancing, and food. The event quickly put the spotlight on both the SCV and NAACP by local and national media outlets. Additionally, the Wade Hampton Camp's very own Paul Graham appeared on WACH Fox 57's television program OnPoint representing the SCV and discussing the Sesquicentennial marking of the WBTS.

Looking forward to 2011, the Wade Hampton Camp will continue to be proactive in educating the true history of the South with projects such as a recruiting booth at Columbia's Longest Day in February, conducting a memorial service for Lt Gen. Wade Hampton at Trinity Cathedral in April, and our annual living history event - Battle For Columbia in Sandy Run in May. Our Camp will continue to tend to our ancestor's graves and honor their lives during Confederate Memorial Day. I urge all compatriots to

find a way to be active in any or all of these events. Remember, your activity in the SCV reaffirms the common bond that we all share. It is a bond that is unique and can never be taken away.

Each month we are reminded of Stephen Dill Lees words: "It is YOUR duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations". The Sons of Confederate Veterans are the last line of defense for the Confederate soldier's good name. In our annual ritual of New Years resolutions, we strive to be better men, Christians, and citizens. I hope all fulfill their resolutions by also striving to be better Southerners, Compatriots and Sons of Confederate Veterans. What better way to honor our ancestry, than to make a point to be more active in our Camp.

I hope to see all of you at the Lee Jackson Banquet! ☪

## CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

WALTER W. LINDLER

"Give me strength O Lord, to carry out your Word"

I want to start out by wishing you all a Happy New Year, and also want to express a sincere thanks to J.D. Holt for appointing me your Chaplain this year. I am excited to bring you a message each month.

I would like to introduce myself to you all and give you the following contact information:

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I welcome input and feedback from each of you. It is very important to me to know of any camp member or members of their families who are ill and in need of a special prayer, card or who would like a visit. I want to let them know that the camp is thinking of them, so please

send me their names and address, email address and phone number so I can contact them.

I have some big shoes to fill in taking over the duties as your Chaplain. I only hope that I can continue in the same manner as our past Chaplains. It brings me to remembering our ancestors who served and died and sacrifice for us during the Civil War. So we could have our freedom. We are reminded that the Civil War was for our rights and had nothing at all to do with slavery. It is my wish that we can continue to convey this very important message.

It is amazing to me how big a part religion played during the war, with our soldiers during this era and how dedicated the Chaplains of the Civil War to our soldiers and their families, as well. Many serving without pay and using their own horses.

How hard it must have been to carryout GOD'S WORD throughout the many Battle Fields and still staying focused on the war. How many of us would have liked to have served during

that time? Times were different then and being out numbered, but we still held our own, even though we were largely outnumbered.

Determination, faith in GOD and good leadership continued to prevail during the Civil War. Knowing that our leader had their hands full and isn't that the reason we honor them and our ancestors today? We have so much to be thankful for because of them.

We have read in history that religion played a very big part during the Civil War and we should always be reminded of the importance. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with our Souls".

WITHOUT GOD WE HAVE NOTHING

I WISH YOU ALL GOOD HEALTH AND A HAPPY 2011. ☪



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Washington. Since our enemies will not tell the truth, we must tell the truth on principle and for our survival as Southerners. We are a different people and we have that duty! We must impress upon our people and all Americans that our cause was and is righteous! We need to take the offensive and point out that all slave ships were of Northern registry, a draft riot in 1863 in New York City, left scores of free blacks hung from lamp posts, and only 5 of 24 Northern states allowed free blacks to vote even during the war. We also must tell the truth about Reconstruction.

In 1850, Dr. James Henley Thornwell, who was probably the greatest theologian in all America at the time of the war, and who was both President of South Carolina College, and who before and again after having that position

was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, said at the dedication of the all black Zion Church in Charleston, which soon became the largest church in all South Carolina, had this to say about the coming war, ten years before Secession. "The parties in this conflict are not merely abolitionists and slave holders - they are, atheists, communists, red republicans on the one side, and the friends of order and regulated freedom on the other. In a word, the world is a battle ground - Christianity and atheism are the combatants and eh progress of humanity is the stake."

During the War for Southern freedom, Thornwell gave many speeches and wrote several pamphlets to the soldiers and people of the South, predicting that if

the North won the war, "we would lose our freedom. We would be subject to a terrible occupation, in which we would be stripped of much of our property, and we would be reduced to being an irresponsible democracy. In short we would lose all that we hold most dear." In all of our re-enactments and paying tribute to our Confederate heroes, and important events, we should heed Thornwell's words and those of other of our ancestors. They all tell us the truth about themselves. We must never dishonor our ancestors by giving in to the political correctness police. We must be true to our Southern heritage "till Gabriel blows his horn." ☛

## STONE WALL JACKSON – A POEM

*Southern Historical Society Papers, Vol. X  
Richmond, VA, 1882. pp.76-78*

*Dedicated to the Army of Northern Virginia,  
New Orleans, May 10th, 1881, on the  
occasion of the unveiling of Stonewall  
Jackson's Statute which surmounts the tomb  
built to receive the dead who fought under  
him.*

Comrades, halt! The field is chosen.

'Neath the skies of Southern May,  
Where the Southern roses ripen,  
We will bivouac today.

Here, no foe will draw our sabres  
In the turbulence of war,  
Nor will drum beat, nor will bugle  
Wake the old pain in a scar.

All is rest, and calm - around us  
Beauty's smile and manhood's prime;  
Scents of Spring, like ships, go sailing  
Balmy seas of summer time.

Flags of battle, banging yonder,  
Flutter not at strife's increase;  
On their pulses fie the fingers  
Of the Great Physician - Peace.

In the marble camp before us,  
Silence paces to and fro-  
Spectre of the din of battles  
Hard fought in the long ago.

While he marches, from the meadows,  
O'er the heights, around the curves;  
Come the men of many combats-  
Death's Grand Army of Reserves.

In the swift advancing columns,  
Many a battle-blazoned name.

With Stuart, Ewell, Hays and Ashby,  
Bears the honor cross of Fame.

Down the spectral line in flashes-  
Glorious symbol of reward  
Won when all the world was looking  
Unto Lee and Beauregard.

From the war-graves of Manassas,  
Fredericksburg and Malvern Hill;  
Carrick's Ford and Massanutton,  
Fast the shadowy legions fill.

From the far off Rappahannock,  
From the red fields of Cross Keys.

Gettysburg-the Wildernesses-  
From defeats and victories:

Tired trooper-weary marcher -  
Grim and sturdy cannonier -  
Veteran gray, and slender stripling,  
Hasten to encamp them here.

From the mountain and the river,  
From the city and the plain,  
Sweeping down to join their leader -  
STONEWALL JACKSON - ones again.

There he stands: alive in granite!

By the hand of genius made  
Once again to rise before us,  
Waiting for his "Old Brigade."

Chieftain - Hero - Christian - Soldier -  
King of men, and man of God!



Crystalized about his footsteps,  
Greatness marks the path he trod.

Soldiers! Ye who fought with Jackson  
Through the days and nights of strife;  
Bringing from the fields of battle  
But the bitter less of life:  
Ye whose lips have only tasted  
Ashen apples from the fray:  
Every wound ye won beside him,  
Knights ye on this field today.

Army of our old Virginia!

Would ye write a legend here,  
That shall win from friend and foeman,  
Honors' reverential tear?

Trace ye then upon this marble,  
With imperishable pen,  
Words that shout their own hozannas,  
STONEWALL JACKSON AND HIS  
MEN! ☛



## Important Dates in *Our War for Southern Independence*:

- Jan. 1, 1863: Confederates under Maj. Gen. John B. Magruder recapture Galveston, Texas, routing three companies of the 42nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.
- Jan. 2, 1863: Confederates and Federals battle at Stones River, Tenn., where more than 23,000 soldiers are killed, wounded or captured in three days of fighting.
- Jan. 9, 1861: Citadel Cadets turn back The Star of the West, a Union ship loaded with more than 200 Federal troops attempting to reinforce Fort Sumter. This action was the first in the War Between the States.
- Jan. 9, 1861: Mississippi secedes from the Union.
- Jan. 10, 1861: Florida secedes from the Union.
- Jan. 11, 1861: Alabama secedes from the Union.
- Jan. 17, 1864: Southern forces under Lt. Gen. James Longstreet rebuff Federals at Dandridge, Tenn., but are unable to pursue fleeing Yankees because of a lack of supplies.
- Jan. 19, 1861: Georgia secedes from the Union.
- Jan. 26, 1861: Louisiana secedes from the Union.
- Jan. 29, 1863: Union troops massacre Shoshoni Indians at Boa Ogoi, Idaho.

## The Annual Wade Hampton Camp LEE-JACKSON BANQUET



**January 21, 2011**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Seawell's Restaurant  
1125 Rosewood Drive  
Columbia, SC**



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