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CONGRESSIONAL APOLOGY FOR SLAVERY

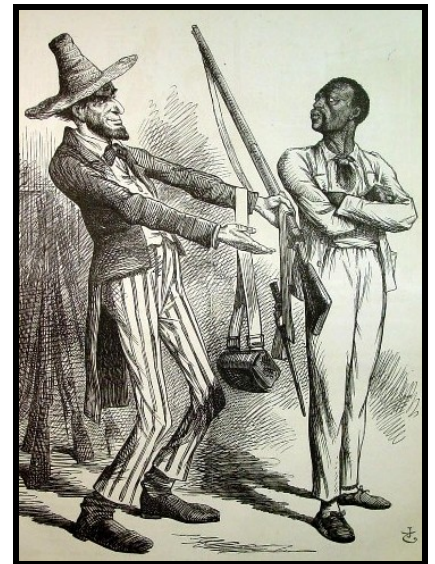
By Jack Hunter, The Southern Avenger

When the House of Representatives issued a formal apology for slavery last month, it wasn't the least bit surprising. In this age of identity politics and political correctness, such behavior is never a shock, no matter how ridiculous or unjustified.

American slavery is a funny business. Not because it has long ceased to exist, but because it still exists in the minds of those who can't decide whether its memory is too hard to bear or too profitable to bury. Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, and others would not have careers if they did not have an eternal chip on their shoulders and were against exploiting the fact that there's nothing perhaps that weighs more on the modern man's conscience than the notion of owning another.

But in reality the wagging finger of today's slave drivers has more to do with politically correct fashion than logic — Sharpton, Jackson, and

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THE SDL INSTITUTE PRESENTS JEFFERSON DAVIS VS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN

THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS are now taking registrations for the Stephen D. Lee Institute seminar on February 6-7, 2009, at the Hotel Francis Marion in Charleston, South Carolina. The cost for a registration is \$150 per person. The cost for SCV members and spouses will be a discounted rate of \$125 for a limited period of time. Registration will include breakfast, lunch and banquet on Saturday, February 6, 2008.

Friday, February 6, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Edwin C. Bearss: A Conversation with Ed Bearss- The Assassination of Jefferson Davis, The Dahlgren Raid.

Saturday, February 7, 2009, 8:30 am.

Thomas DiLorenzo: Host and Moderator

Clyde Wilson: A Sacrifice for his people: Jefferson Davis's Persecution and Imprisonment

Brian Cisco: Davis, Lincoln and the Rules of War

Marshall DeRosa: The Confederate Experience in Constitutional Government.

Kent Masterson Brown: Jefferson Davis, Constitutionalist

Donald Livingston: Davis, Lincoln and Liberty

Samuel C. Smith: Davis, Lincoln and Christian Faith

Please register today. You can register by calling The Sons of Confederate Veterans at 1-800-MY DIXIE (1-800-693-4943).

Hotel reservations at a discounted rate can be made by calling the historic Hotel Francis Marion at 1-877-756-2121 or 1-843-722-0602 or by visiting their website: www.francismarioncharleston.com.

As summer winds down and with school starting back, I hope all compatriots have had a nice summer and vacation. I would encourage all camp members to renew their effort to attend camp meetings and support SCV projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for bringing guests to our meetings, as this is one of our most effective means of recruiting. Scott James is doing an excellent job following up on these people but it would be helpful if you could give them a call and a word of encouragement.

As November approaches, it is time to give careful consideration to our two elected positions, Camp Commander and Adjutant. This camp has been blessed to have capable men serve in these capacities in the past. Our camp has 200+ members, many who have business and managerial backgrounds that would lend itself to these positions. The SCV camp handbook manual published by National list the following as a job description for Commander:

The commander has a unique responsibility to lead, encourage, assist, guide, maintain esprit de corps, and above

all, to work to achieve harmony within the camp. While an SCV camp is a democratically run organization, the camp commander does have the overall responsibility for the camp he has been elected to serve. The commander presides at all meetings or otherwise designates his subordinate officers to do so. He is nominated for office by a nominating committee, or from the floor. He will appoint all non-elected officers and all necessary committees and will perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. He will fill all vacated offices occurring during his administration until the next election of officers, with the advice and consent of the camp executive council.

Compatriots, I have served as Commander from 1999-2001 and 2008, and was honored to serve one of the best camps in the Division. I have no desire to serve another year at this time. I would like to see someone assume this position that has fresh ideas and energies and someone that can take our camp to the next level. Please give this consideration and let me or someone on the executive committee know of your interest.

Just a reminder that dues for 2009

are due. At this writing I have been informed that about 80 compatriots have renewed. This is excellent for August 1 but it still leaves about 120 that have yet to renew. Please see the Adjutant's column below that addresses dues.

Several months ago I mentioned that Compatriot Dennis Todd was in the process of updating the SC Division history in book form. There is a section in the book that recognizes individuals that have received awards/certificates from the camp, state and/or national. To date, one compatriot has forwarded this information to me as requested. If you want your name and award/certificate included in the book I must have this information by August 31, 2008. If it is not received by this date it will not be included.

Our meeting for August should be most interesting. Division Adjutant Mark Simpson will provide our program. His topic will be "The War Conspiracy of 1861". We will meet on August 21, 2008 at Seawell's Restaurant, with supper beginning at 6:00 pm. I look forward to seeing all of you with your guest. ☮

CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

- LARRY BATES

Gentlemen:

Commander-in-Chief Charles McMichael has issued the following General Order:

General Order No. 2

Issued July 28, 2008
Shreveport, LA

In Consideration of the Orders issued by General Robert E. Lee declaring 21 August to be a "day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer," all men are directed to make preparation for such an observation.

By order of:

Charles E. McMichael, Commander in Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

I support Commander in Chief (CiC) McMichael's General Order. The order to which CiC McMichael refers is General Robert E. Lee's *General Order No. 83* issued on August 13, 1863. President Davis had appointed the 21 August as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer. In his order Gen. Lee stated, "A strict observance of the day is enjoined upon the officers and soldiers of this army."

Some 7 weeks after the loss at Gettysburg, Lee sensed that the army, in his words, had "cultivated a revengeful, haughty, and boastful spirit" and was relying "too much on our own arms for the achievement of our independence." As he knew God was their only refuge and strength, he asked the men to confess sin, ask God for courage, convert the hearts of our enemies, and hasten the end of the war. The army observed the day of fasting and prayer in great numbers and it had a great effect.

The challenges our organization and Camp face, both now and in the future, will require such humbleness and reliance on God that Gen. Lee and the Confederate soldier pursued if we are to be truly successful in fulfilling the Charge. All who are able and in good health are encouraged to participate voluntarily. If you do not feel you can devote an entire day to fasting and prayer, then perhaps skipping one meal and spending some time in prayer might be possible. When you begin, if you are like me, give yourself several minutes to get quiet and focus. Many times when I begin in prayer, it takes a little time to clear the issues and distractions of the day, people,

and a wandering mind that fills my thoughts before my heart is quiet and I am present to God.

First on General Lee's list was he asked the men to "confess sin," to examine their own selves. Let's do the same. The Confederate soldier was not perfect and neither are we. Boastfulness, condescension, reacting wrongly to our enemies and forgetting our successes are due to God's mercy and grace, are but a few of the temptations that can sneak up on us and jeopardize our defense of the Confederate soldier's good name. The scriptures tell us "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Fasting was an established practice in Bible times. In one instance, Judges 20:26-28, the Israelites fasted to determine direction in battle. Important decisions loom ahead for the SCV such as the Sesquicentennial and for our Camp, the Battle for Columbia re-enactment is an important project. Let's look to God for His help and counsel. ☮



The dog-days-of-summer is one of the busiest times of the year for the Wade Hampton Camp. With the National Reunion behind us, our camp officers now look toward a new year. The search for new officers is under way and everyone is once again focused on membership retention.

Since the early nineties the SCV has grown from an organization that defended our Confederate Heritage by drawing a line in the sand and saying "You can take no more" to an organization that is advancing our Confederate Heritage on every front. This can only be done with a

strong membership base, both renewing and new members.

Every day as renewals arrive, I'm overwhelmed with pride knowing that we are members of one of the strongest SCV camps in the Confederation. Working together we can protect and preserve our heritage while carry on the "Charge".

If you have misplaced the renewal package or have not received one, please mail your renewal to the address below: Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273, 201 Winding Way, Columbia, SC 29212.

New Members: National \$40.00 (this includes the \$5.00 recording fee and

\$5.00 SCV pin), Division \$10.00 & Camp \$15.00 for a TOTAL of \$65.00.

Renewing Members: National \$30.00, Division \$10.00, & Camp \$15.00 for a TOTAL of \$55.00

Reinstating Members: National \$35.00 (includes the \$5.00 reinstate fee), Division \$15.00 (includes the \$5.00 reinstate fee), & Camp \$15.00 for a total of \$65.00

See you at the next meeting and remember, **RENEW EARLY AND RECUITE A NEW MEMBER.**

APOLOGY

company completely ignore the slavery that exists in modern Africa, yet they can't stop talking about an institution that's been long gone in America.

Things have gotten so absurd that even alleged symbols of slavery like the Confederate flag are considered so offensive that major retailers often refuse to stock merchandise featuring them. Meanwhile, these same stores gladly stock merchandise that very well may have been made by actual slaves.

As is always the case with identity politics, conventional notions of fairness always take a backseat to racial one-sidedness. For all the hubbub over the "evil" white man, has any black leader ever demanded an apology from today's West Africans for their ancestor's actions? Americans and Europeans could have never profited from slavery without the assistance of African slave traders, but this glaring fact is never mentioned.

For those who believe that the War for Southern Independence was fought purely over slavery, a notion as simplistic as reducing the war in Iraq to a war for oil, does anyone ever think to thank the 600,000 white men who died fighting to end human bondage on

American soil? No, because it serves no purpose.

If it were not for the white West, slavery likely wouldn't have been abolished as soon, if at all. British imperialism in the 18th and 19th centuries gave the West the leverage to eradicate slavery, while Africans, Arabs, and Asians fought bitterly to preserve the profitable institution. Can we expect a big, sloppy kiss from Congress in the near future, thanking white folks for their hard work? No, because there is no political gain or ax to grind by congratulating dead white men.

Slavery has been the norm throughout human history, not the exception. Who exactly had a hand in this dirty business is better understood through the eyes of historians, not politicians. There is no good reason for anyone living today, black or white, to apologize for slavery.

Being sorry that something happened is not the same as apologizing for it, which implies guilt on the part of the apologist. It is one thing for me to be sorry that a friend might be getting divorced; it's quite another to apologize for the divorce considering the fact that I had nothing to do with it. It's nonsensical. The collective

guilt argument (generations removed, no less) simply doesn't wash. White Americans should not feel the least bit of guilt over slavery, any more than black Americans should feel guilty over their own ancestors' transgressions.

Using the logic of identity politics, one could just as easily make the case that black Americans owe white Americans an apology for today's high black crime rate — a very real problem that affects people living in the present — yet accusations of "racism" would fly at the mere suggestion. But then again, it is the threat of being called "racist" that compels our leaders to do all sorts of goofy things these days.

There's no reason to believe the men and women on Capitol Hill who bowed at the altar of political correctness last month to apologize for sins they or their constituents never committed will be able to do anything to appease today's unforgiving "slave drivers." For Sharpton, Jackson, and their ilk, no apology will ever do.

Source: *The Charleston City Paper*,
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Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact
Compatriot Scott James: Phone (803) 781-1836, E-mail wscottjames@bellsouth.net
WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

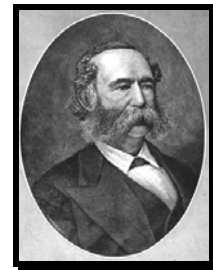


Important Dates in *The War for Southern Independence*:

Aug. 1, 1861 - Confederate troops skirmish with Apache Indians near Ft. Bliss, TX
 Aug. 5, 1862 - Major engagement at Baton Rouge, LA
 Aug. 5, 1864 - Battle of Mobile Bay, AL
 Aug. 6, 1864 - CSS *Tallahassee* runs past the Federal blockading fleet and head north to begin raiding northern shipping; destroys 30 ships in two weeks
 Aug. 8, 1863 - Gen. Lee offers his resignation as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. Offer rejected by Pres. Davis
 Aug. 9, 1862 - Battle of Cedar Mountain, VA
 Aug. 10, 1861 - Battle of Wilson's Creek, MO. Confederates are victorious in the major battle of the war in MO
 Aug. 14, 1861 - Brig. Gen. Paul O. Herbert is appointed commander of all the Confederate troops in TX
 Aug. 16, 1864 - CSS *Tallahassee* capture five enemy ships off the coast of New England
 Aug. 18, 1864 - Petersburg Campaign. Battle for the Weldon Railroad begins three days of intensive fighting
 Aug. 24, 1863 - In VA, Gen. Mosby's are active north of the Rappahannock River.
 Aug. 25, 1864 - Battle of Reams' Station, VA
 Aug. 26, 1862 - Beginning of the Second Manassas Campaign. Confederate Cavalry enter Manassas Junction and capture the rail point, supplies, and prisoners.
 Aug. 27, 1862 - Battle of Second Manassas. Troops under Gen. Jackson destroy Federal stores and facilities at Manassas Junction.
 Aug. 28, 1862 - For lack of evidence, accused Confederate spy Belle Boyd is released from the Old Capital Prison in Washington
 Aug. 29, 1862 - Battle of Second Manassas. The Federal drive against Gen. Jackson's troops end in failure.
 Aug. 30, 1862 - Battle of Second Manassas. Gen. Lee's army is victorious

Y'all Come!!!

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, August 21st
6:00 p.m.



Seawell's Restaurant
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC

Guest Speaker:
Mark Simpson,
Division Adjutant

Topic:
"The War Conspiracy of
1861"

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