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Meetings

Second Wednesday
of the month at 7 pm
at Blue Ridge Mall,
40 Hwy & I-70, in
the Community Room,

Visitors

Always

Welcome

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from the soon-to-be-immediate-past-Pres...

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Oh yea, well just let it snow, ice and sleet and look what will happen to our Annual Christmas Party. Canceled once and re-scheduled, canceled again and re-set and finally changed to a combination Christmas Party, New Year's Party and January meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2004, at the Blue Ridge Mall Community Room.

Set up starts at 11:30 am with the dinner starting at noon. We will still have the gift drawings, items for the gift table are still welcome. One of the items will be a set of Missouri Historical Review Quarterlies which cover nearly a 30 year period from 1963 thru 1990.

We will have the 99% fat free sliced turkey, 95% fat free roast beef and low fat ham with all the fixins' for sandwiches. The orange slush mix will be available if you wish to get slushed. The slush alone should be enough to encourage everyone to attend.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a small side dish of some kind, but if that is a problem, don't worry about it, there is always plenty.

There will be a premier showing of the 22 minute video *A Matter of Conscience*, featuring several area people. This is the one which was filmed at Missouri Town in 2003.

This will be followed by the drawing for gifts. Each member of the Round Table will get two tickets and all guests will get one ticket.

Be sure to sign your name on the back of the ticket before you put it in the jug. And sign it so it can be read by a half blind, half deaf, half wit.

This will be followed by the formal Election of Officers for 2004.

Update on Monuments book...Only 41 color books remain. Maple Hill Cemetery ordered one just before Christmas. The black and white books are on sale for \$10. Postage is \$2.00 if they are mailed. I am placing ads in the Sun papers the week after Christmas listing the \$10 price.

So many of you have asked about Mary Ann Hazzard I thought I would pass along some news about her. She got married last year and is living in the Chicago area. I have sent her a monuments book, a couple of newsletters and a Little Blue Tour booklet. Beverly has her address, if you care to write.

2004 Dues are Due. Please send check to Beverly or bring to Party.

Dr. Anderson is being moved again, back to his former hospital, as soon as a room opens up. Hang in there Doc. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. We will give out the address as soon as we have it.

Hope you had a Merry-Merry and have a Happy-Happy.

On the Calendar January 2004

Saturday, January 10th, 11:30-3pm
First Ever Combined
Christmas and New Years Party
and Elections for 2004,
at the Community Room at the
at the Blue Ridge Mall

Wednesday, January 21, 7 pm
Board Meeting
Site to be announced

Looking Ahead

Wed., Feb. 11, meeting

March 10th, meeting

March 29-April 2

Updated Lincoln's Schedule

Monday, March 29, in Lincoln, Nebraska

9:30 am, Parkview Christian School

1:30 pm, Park Elementary School

7 pm, First United Methodist Church (Drama)

Tuesday, March 30, Lincoln, Nebraska

9:30 am, Clinton Elementary School

1:30 pm, --OPEN--

7 pm, Eastview Christian School (Drama)

Wednesday, March 31, Nebraska City Area

9:30 am, Syracuse, (Nebr.) Elementary School

1:30 pm, Pending--Nebraska City Junior. High

7:00 pm, G.A.R. Museum, Nebraska City (Drama)

Thursday, April 1, Travel Day

9:30 am, Auburn, (Nebr.) Elementary School

1:30 pm, Mt. Gilead School Historic Site, Kearney

1615 Hours, Officer's Club, Fort Leavenworth

1900 Hours, Bell Hall at Fort Leavenworth

Friday, April 2, in Kearney Area

9:30 am, Mt. Gilead School Historic Site,

For Home Study Students

1:30 pm, Summit Ridge School, Kearney (Pending)

7:00 pm, First Christian Church, Kearney (Drama)

Saturday, April 3, Pending--Watkins Mill

1840's Presbyterian Church and 8 sided School House

Lincoln Trivia Quiz

from Lincoln Trivia Book, Vol. 1

The Toughie

1. Actor on stage when Abe was shot...

2. Young lady who pursued Lincoln...

3. Exact size of Lincoln's shoes...

4. Number of ceremonies enroute home...

5. Orchestra leader who stopped stage play
to play Presidential Introit...

6. Street on which Ford's Theater stands...

7. Number of Lbs. Abe lost during term...

8. Lincoln and Tad visited Richmond how
many days before Lee surrendered...

9. Mary Todd Lincoln's "friend" 1864-65...

10. Conspirator who was on speakers stand
during Second Inaugural Speech...

11. Booth's room number at National Hotel...

12. White House Guard who later became a
military officer...

Clay County, Missouri

On Saturday, July 2, 1864, Captain B. W. Kemper, of Co. C, 9th Missouri State Militia (M.S.M.), who had been in command of the post at Liberty for some weeks, set out into the county after the bushwackers.

He struck straight for the Fishing River country, a locality rough, broken into hills, hollows and defiles by the river and its numerous little branches, withal wooded and timbered--a favorite place for the "knights of the brush".

At first Kemper had a considerable detachment, but this he divided into three or four squads, the more effectually to scour the country. Sunday night a shower fell, and Monday morning a trail showing that a considerable number of bushwackers had passed was struck by Kemper's party of about thirty men, and they followed it hard and fast.

A short distance below the ford over Fishing River, where the road leading from Liberty to the old (Wm.) Laidlaw farm crossed a high, overhanging bank caused by a sharp curve in the stream, overlooked and commanded the crossing.

Upon and behind this bank about twenty-five guerillas, under Fletch Taylor, were in ambush, waiting their enemies. (Other reports state Taylor had only 10-12 men with him.)

Unconscious of immediate danger, the Federals rode into the ford and halted to allow the horses to drink.

Immediately the bushwackers from their place of concealment opened at almost point blank range a withering fire on the soldiers, who, surprised and terrorized no doubt, wheeled about in disorder and fled. (back along the trail toward Centerville)

Two Federals were killed. Sergt. J.W. Kirby was killed instantly, and Private James Colston died in an hour. Captain Kemper himself was severely wounded in the leg: Corporal John R. Robertson was severely and Private Colston slightly wounded.

The bodies of the two killed were buried at Liberty the next day. The bushwackers did not loose a man. (note-Burial at College Cemetery, near trenches)

Editor's note. The two men mentioned in this writing are the two who were among those moved to Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, along with the 17 from the mass grave at William Jewell College and the 5 others, in 1912.



