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Pledges

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Salute to the Confederate Flag

I salute the confederate flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands.

Salute to the North Carolina Flag

I salute the North Carolina Flag and pledge to the Old North State Love, Loyalty and Faith.

The Charge

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

-Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, 1906

From the 1st Lt. Commander:

Thanks to everyone who bought and sold tickets, the gun raffle was a huge success. The raffle has brought us in over \$1800 dollars. Congratulations to the winners. First place was J.P. Liddane, second place was Mike Hardy, and third place was Rick Jackson. I know we all enjoyed the excellent program given by Peggy Johnson about her Confederate ancestors at the April meeting. The Jefferson Davis Highway Marker is looking great after some attention from Kevin B., Joey, and their families. Joey also helped the Roxboro camp with some work at the Moses L. Oakley Cemetery. Our members truly continue to do good things in our community, and shed a good light on our organization.

Thanks for all that you do,

Kevin Roberson

1st Lt Commander

NEW RECRUITS

When was the last time you tried to recruit a new member for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Bullock Camp?

Do you ever approach anyone and ask if they are interested?

Try it once in a while and you might be surprised to find out that there are prospective members just waiting to join!

Don't just wait for someone to ask you first.



Words To Remember...

All that the South has ever desired was that the Union, as established by our forefathers, should be preserved, and that the government as originally organized should be administered in purity and truth.

Robert E Lee

From the 2cnd Lt. Commander:

Can you remember just who it was in your life, that generated the great love and respect that you have for your Southern Heritage? Who sparked that love that burns in your heart today? Maybe a parent or grandparent's stories they told while you sat on their knee as a child. Could it have been a school teacher or maybe even a friend? Whoever it was, we all owe them a great deal of thanks. Without them we would have never known or cared about the strife and struggles of the people who came before us, those who paved the way for us all. I sadly see so many people who could care less to learn anything at all about our brave forefathers. They know no history and pick and choose what they want to believe instead of having any knowledge of historical facts. Therefore, they know not the truth. We all need to know the facts so we cannot only be proud of our history, but so we can also defend our history.

One day, our children will be reading about our time in history. What will the history books tell them about us? Will they feel the southern pride in their hearts when they read about us? History does not make itself, people make history. Now is our time to stand. Let's all stand proud. Our Confederate ancestors are not famous for winning the war for southern independence but they are famous for the fight they had in their body, soul and spirit against overwhelming odds for four long and bloody years. Do we have that fight in us? It's my prayer that our Heavenly Father will lead and guide us through all the battles that the future holds for our Southern Heritage. Surly the fight is not nearly over. God bless us all.

William Jackson

2cnd Lt. Commander

Financial Panics and Copperhead Uprisings

Not surprising was the resistance of the Northern war munitions industry to peace initiatives; after defeat in 1856 the new Republican party saw future victory in wooing northeastern industrialists through protective tariffs and corporate welfare schemes, and protecting their interests at the expense of the agricultural South. From March to early June, 1864, Capt. Thomas Hines devoted his time in Canada to rounding up Southern prisoners of war who escaped across the border to freedom. From June on, Hines and the Confederate Commissioners planned bold moves to open a northern front against the enemy.

Bernhard Thuersam, www.circa1865.org

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"While Hines rounded up the escaped prisoners of war to form his tiny "squadron," as he would call it in later years, [Confederate Commissioner in Canada Jacob] Thompson set out for Niagara Falls to contact "potent men of the North" to learn how they felt about peace.

Leading Copperheads like Fernando Wood, ex-mayor of New York City, and ex-governor Washington Hunt of New York, met with him at the Clifton House [hotel]. New York and the East were not ready for peace or an uprising, they told Thompson. War [munitions] manufacturers there were too powerful and were on the alert to "neutralize" any peace efforts.

Thompson next turned to Secretary [Judah] Benjamin's favorite project: trying to create a financial panic in the North by buying up gold and smuggling it out of the country in order to weaken the gold security for the Union dollar. A Nashville banker named [John] Porterfield, who was living in exile in Montreal, was selected by Thompson as the proper man to set this in motion.

Porterfield was furnished with fifty thousand dollars. He went to New York, opened an office under a fictitious name and began to purchase gold, which he exported to England and sold for sterling bills of

exchange. Then he converted the sterling bills into dollars which he used to buy more gold.

The transaction was a costly one, showing a loss due to the cost of operations, trans-shipment, etc. Porterfield continued until his losses were twenty thousand dollars . . . [but by] this time he had exported five million dollars in gold, "and had induced many others to ship much more [gold]." His buying up gold and sending it out of the country began "showing a marked effect," as Thompson said in his official report to Richmond, when the Federals cracked down.

A former partner of Porterfield's was arrested by General Ben Butler for exporting gold, and thrown into Lafayette Prison in New York Harbor. Porterfield fled back to Canada . . . [but] still retained the twenty-five thousand dollars remaining to continue the exporting of gold through "fronts" in New York.

By the first week of June, 1864, Hines was in touch with his Copperhead friends in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and in communication with [Clement] Vallandigham, who was now [exiled] in Windsor [Ontario]. A meeting was set for the 14th to plan the Copperhead uprising and the release of the Rebel prisoners in Camps Douglas, Morton, Chase and Rock Island.

Hines and Thompson met with Vallandigham on the 14th . . . [at] St. Catharines, Canada . . . [and the latter] detailed for Hines the strength of the Copperheads. Membership totaled about 300,000. Illinois had furnished 80,000, Indiana, 50,000, Ohio, 40,000 and Kentucky and New York States, the rest. A "feeling of fatigue" was sweeping through the North, Vallandigham told them, following Lincoln's call for 500,000 more men . . . [and] he added: "If provocation and opportunity arise, gentlemen, there will be a general uprising."

(Confederate Agent, A Discovery in History, James D. Horan, Crown Publishers, 1954, pp. 88-90)



April Meeting: Living History



3rd Place Raffle Prize Presented By Wade at CCOS



Jefferson Davis Highway Marker



Moses L. Oakley Cemetery