

# IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWS LETTER OF THE  
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## **Commanders Report**

Compatriots and fellow members of the J.C. Pemberton Camp 1354:

We will be moving into a new meeting room in time for our next meeting of March 4, 2014. Our new meeting location is 216 Miller Street in the Disabled American Veterans building. The new room will be larger; have better parking and has air and heat available. The only drawback is we have to move and soon. I am looking into getting some help at this time. The room is on Miller Street. This is the 1st street on the right after you pass the Wal-Mart intersection headed south on hwy. 61. It is #214 or 216 anyway it is the first building on the left when you turn on Miller Street. It is a metal building on a large lot by itself. We will be sharing the building with the Disabled American Veterans. The best parking is on the left side close to the grassy slope. Sorry about not letting everyone know before, we just had to get the kinks worked out.

Will let you know details as they unfold,

Thank you Wayne McMaster

## **Update**

Compatriots, everything came together today (Monday) for Joel and I to get all the heavy things and the books, flags, tables etc. moved into the new bldg. at 216 Miller St. I made Southern Culture an offer to buy the chairs; the director said she would bring it before the board at their meeting tonight (Monday). So we will back the old chairs until we can do better. Joel and I plan to meet there in the morning (Tuesday) at 9:00 am to finish up with everything. Plan on being completely out by 12:00 if possible. Any one that wants to come by and help would be appreciated. Everything just plied up in the new bldg. at this time and has to be spread out. Bill Fryer is going to send a map to the new place to everything, but it is easier to find than our old place. Thank you,

Wayne McMaster

## **Directions**

From the red light on 61 south and Pemberton Blvd, go south about 0.4 miles and turn right onto Miller Street. Go about 0.1 miles and the DAV building is a metal building on the left. If you get to the campground you have gone too far. Go to our Web site for more directions. Thanks Bill.

## **Upcoming meetings**

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings start at 7:00 pm. Our meeting location has changed to 216 Miller Street in the Disabled American Veterans building. Visitors are always welcome. If you would like to present a program, please contact Commander Wayne McMaster at [waynemcmasteris@gmail.com](mailto:waynemcmasteris@gmail.com). Below is the list of upcoming meetings and speakers.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
March 4, 2014	Mike Madell, Supt	Vicksburg Military Park
April 1, 2015	Glen Shows	TBD

## **Thanks**

The John C. Pemberton Camp owes a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Dan Edney for providing our meeting location for many years.

## **February Meeting**

Our February meeting was very special. Sister Paulinus Oakes did a very good job with her presentation of The Sisters of Mercy. For those who would like to buy her book, it is for sale at the Military Park book store. The Sister was a fitting closing to the Southern Heritage Complex era of our camp.

## **Upcoming events**

2014 April Confederate Heritage Month

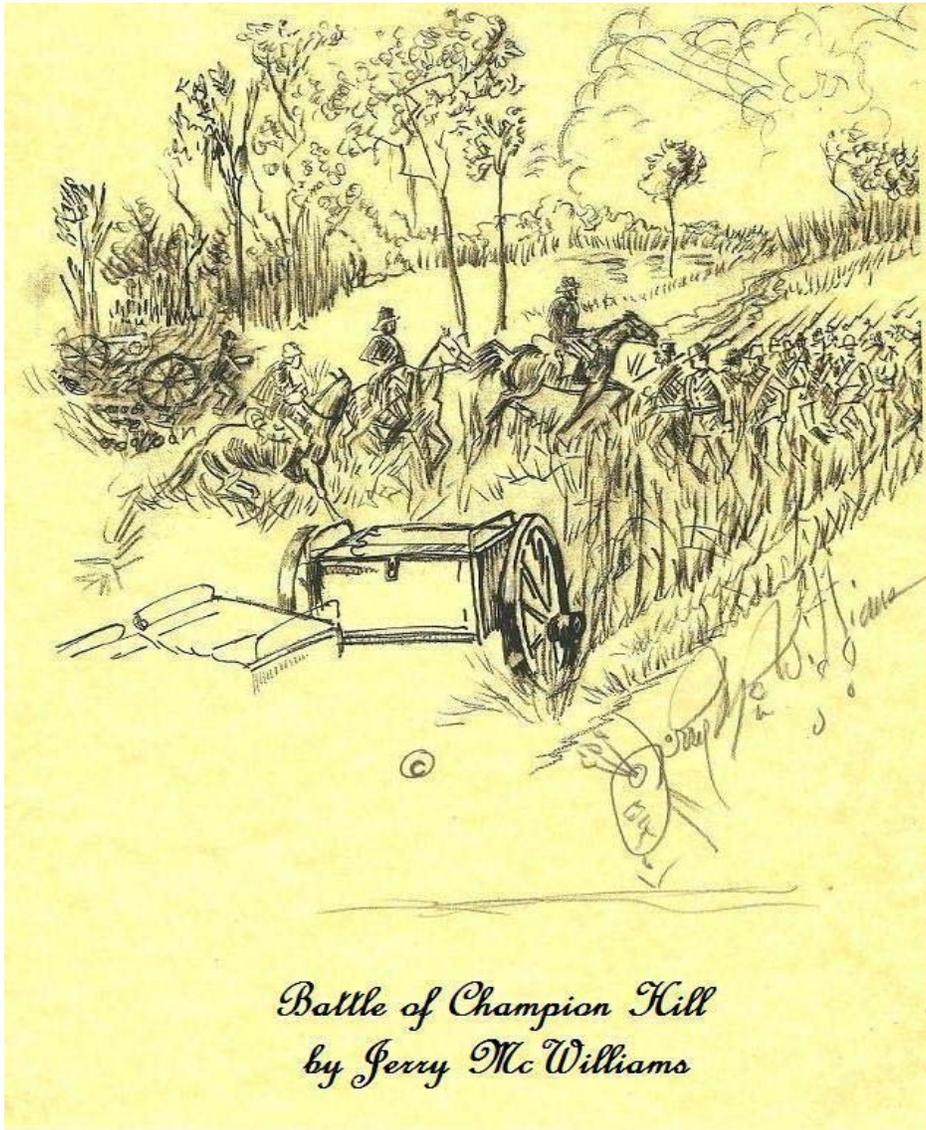
2014 Division Reunion will be held June 6-8, 2014 in Corinth, MS

2014 SCV annual convention July 16-19 in North Charleston, SC

## **Website**

Go to <http://scv-camp-1354.com/> to view our website. Thanks to our Webmaster Bill Fryer. Bill is creating a "Wall of Honor" for our ancestors. Check it out on the web site and add your ancestor. Email your info to [webmaster@scv-camp-1354.com](mailto:webmaster@scv-camp-1354.com) and he'll get it posted.

## Poets Corner



### *THE BATTLE*

*by: Joel T. Bailey*

*The flags are flying  
And men are dying  
As the battle rages on  
They give their all  
Answering the call  
Even when hope is gone*

*The guns are loud  
But they stand proud  
Fighting thru their fears  
Hear the rebel yell  
In a man made hell  
Of blood, sweat and tears*

*Old men and boys  
Thru smoke and noise  
They'll never quit or run  
Yes fight they will  
Until all is still  
And the battle is done*

## Newsletter

If anyone has read a good book, visited an interesting place or just has a thought they would like to share with the membership, forward the article to me ([charlescresap33@att.net](mailto:charlescresap33@att.net)) and I will place it in the next newsletter. Thanks to Commander McMaster, Chaplin Bryan Dabney, our Camp Poet and 2d Lt Commander Joel Bailey, our artist in residence Jerry McWilliams and adjutant Larry Holman for their input to the newsletter.

## **Confederate Catechism**

A new set of questions and answers will be posted each month. It is very important to arm ourselves with facts as the generation who lived it understood it.

The following was written by Lyon Gardiner Tyler who *was the son of President John Tyler and First Lady Julia Gardiner Tyler, born in Virginia. He graduated in 1875 at the University of Virginia. From 1888 to 1919, he served as the seventeenth president of the College of William and Mary (W&M), and is widely credited for restoring the college's financial condition following the deterioration which took place in the wake of the American Civil War.*

### **1. What was the cause of secession in 1861?**

It was the fact that the Union consisted from the first two jarring nations having different interests, which were brought to the breaking point in 1861 by the intemperate agitation in the North against everything Southern. The breaking point was nearly reached in 1785 when the North sought to stop the development of the South by giving the Mississippi River to Spain, in 1801 when it attempted the immoral act of turning the presidential ticket upside down and making Aaron Burr President, and in 1833 when it imposed upon the South a high protective tariff for the benefit of Northern manufacturers. The breaking point was finally reached in 1861, when after unmitigated abuse of the South, a strictly Northern President was elected by strictly Northern votes upon a platform which repudiated the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States authorizing Southerners to carry their slaves into the territories. This decision gave no material advantage to slavery, as none of the remaining territorial domain was in any way fit for agriculture, but the Southerners resented the attitude of Lincoln and his party as a challenge to their constitutional rights and as a determination on the part of the North to govern the Union thereafter by virtue of a mere numerical majority. The literature of those times shows that such mutual and mortal hatred existed as, in the language of Jefferson, "to render separation preferable to eternal discord." The choice was between remaining in such a Union of hate, and seceding. There was no real peace, and the South seceded because it wanted peace and not strife or war.

## **Mississippi Division 119<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

The 119<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose will be held in Corinth, Mississippi on June 6-8, 2014. It will be hosted by the Colonel William P. Rogers Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #32. The registration form can be found in the winter issue of the Mississippi Division newsletter. To see the newsletter, go to the Mississippi Division Website. For information contact Larry Mangus [lmangus1941@gmail.com](mailto:lmangus1941@gmail.com) or (H) 662-287-0766 (C) 662-872-9180

## Chaplains Corner

For the Brethren:

In Ecclesiastes 12:1 we read, Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. These are sobering words to the faithful and damning words to the unregenerate. If one is born again of the Holy Ghost, one will have a heart for God— a desire which seeks to please our heavenly Father— while for the ungodly, there is only the urge to seek after the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life (I St. John 2:16). In St. John 5:24, our Lord said that, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. The operative phrase is found at the beginning of that passage— He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me—for if one both hears the words of Christ and believes on the Father who sent him then such a one shall have eternal life and avoid perdition. When we combine these lessons we find that it is best to come to the Godhead early in life. To do otherwise will likely result in a person being made castaway— lost to God in this life as well as in the next. Sadly, that is not how the contemporary versions of the Laodicean church view the matter. They do not teach such things because their master is not the humble carpenter of Nazareth, but the fallen angel known as Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12): the god of this world (II Corinthians 4:4) and the father of lies (St. John 8:44). The Devil has sought from the beginning to turn mankind against his Creator, all the while diverting their worship to himself (St. Luke 4:5-7). Witness the words of St. Paul who wrote in his epistle to the Romans in Chapter 1, because when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools (v.21)... who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen (v.25). In the parable of the Sower (St. Matthew 13:18-23), our Lord warned of the Devil's power to remove the seed of the word which has been sown by our Lord into hearts of men. Like the godless revolutions of the past and present, Satan has sought to tear down the existing godly order only to set up his novus ordo seclorum which includes his ersatz gospel. This false testimony may contain a thin veneer of the one true gospel: one that has been redacted to a mere figment of the same. And given the current state of affairs within Laodicean Christianity, it begs the question: "How can a person remember his Creator if he or she has not been accurately informed about him?" Logically speaking, such cannot happen. Godly instruction should include a proper understanding of the Godhead. Sound Bible doctrine teaches us that God is real; that his word and commandments ought to be observed and respected; that we must believe on his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins, and that only a true and

abiding faith in him will lead us to eternal life in his coming kingdom. And we are to watch for his coming again when he will bring an end to the rebellion of the Devil and all who follow him, as well as his restoration of that which had been lost by the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden. If one accepts those things previously listed, then it should be understood that teaching folk the tenets of the one true God is crucial to the success of the faith. Likewise, it should be understood that Satan is ever ready to counter such teachings via his army of false ministers and false doctrines. These include their attendant practices—which may seem innocuous—such as the use of sacred journeys, the breathing and exercise techniques of pagan practitioners, as well as those activities and beliefs which God has clearly stated are abominable. The Bible tells us that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils and not to God (I Corinthians 10:20a). You cannot be counted with the saints of the most high God if you are in the camp of the enemy and paganism is a product of the Wicked One. “There are no ifs, ands or buts about it.” Just look about us at the various synagogues of Satan masking as temples of the living God. They are run by hirelings and not true shepherds of Christ. They teach a false gospel taken from edited bibles, developed by redactors of the truth of Christ, rather than proclaimers of his glory. And like their bible editors, many of them deny the deity of Christ, his resurrection and his coming again. They teach a soothing, abridged Christianity that contains no judgment, and no perdition. Through their doctrinal abridgements and revisions, they have changed the truth of God into a lie. God has clearly stated that there will be judgment, and that hell and the lake of fire are the ultimate end for all who are living in disobedience to his word written. Those who hold to the orthodox teachings of Christianity are often chided for being judgmental, strident, and exclusive in their understanding of the true faith. But what does the Bible tell us? It tells us in rather straightforward language that God does indeed have an exclusive understanding regarding who enters his kingdom. Consider the First Commandment: I am the LORD thy God...Thou shalt have no other gods before me (Exodus 20:2-3). Such is self-explanatory. God’s exclusivity also applies to behaviors. He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for their abominable deeds (Genesis 19:1-25). As St. Jude warned us in his epistle: I will therefore put you in remembrance though ye once knew this, how... even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire (vv. 5-7). Occasionally, you may hear some carnal Christian remark that “We are not under the law but under grace.” True enough, we are under grace but does that make the law of no effect? Not at all. While it is true that we no longer are under the ceremonial aspects of the law, we are obliged to keep the moral aspects and these are affirmed within the epistles in the New Testament. So then what was the purpose of the Law of Moses? St. Paul answered that question in his epistle to the Galatians wherein he wrote, Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer

under a schoolmaster (3:24-25). The law was given to reveal the infirmity of our human nature under original sin. We cannot do anything of our own selves to remedy this condition and that is why we are in need of a Saviour.

That is the orthodox understanding of grace versus the law. You and I cannot work ourselves into God's good graces. We must accept that we are sinners doomed to an eternal separation from the Godhead. Ergo, the only course of action for us is to embrace the atoning work of our Lord. Christianity— real, orthodox, authentic Christianity— is exclusive. You cannot expect God to accept you into his eternal kingdom if you have lived a life marred by the abominable, the sinful and the wicked and never confessed to him the error of such a life. That's a "fool's errand," but modernist Christianity teaches just that. Our Lord warned his listeners that, As... the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of the world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (St. Matthew 13:40-42). Consider also what the apostles Paul and Silas said to the Philippian jailer when he asked, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house...And he... was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And...he... rejoiced, believing in God with all his house (Acts 16:30-34). We have been commanded to obey the teachings of our Lord who said, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you (St. Matthew 28:19-20). That was true for the early church which— for some three centuries following the ascension of our Lord— busied itself rooting out heresy and proclaiming the truth of our Lord to the world. We must therefore do likewise. We must study the scriptures and learn from them. We must daily petition God to assist us as we labor in his harvest. If we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend, then we ought to live in obedience to his will and pleasure as found within the pages of Scripture. So do indeed remember thy Creator by being doers of his word and not hearers only and avoid Satan's false religion which will only lead you away from him who truly loves us and seeks our eternal good.

Let us pray,

Holy and gracious God, fill us with thy most holy Spirit, that we might better serve thee and keep to that strait gate and narrow way which leads unto everlasting life; for this we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen