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*Duty, Honor, Integrity, Chivalry*

*Deo Vindici*

**March, 2013**

## CAMP MEETING

**Speaker: Keith Anderson**

**Topic: Reasons the South Seceded**

**March 11, 2013**

**7:00 p.m. at the Germantown Regional History  
and Genealogy Center**

## Northern Rule and Ruin

No comparative act in the history of any civilized nation of the world is to be found which is on par with the results brought forth by the wartime amendments and the Reconstruction Acts. It all grew out of results a new party in power initiated when, about 1858, the old regime of Southern hold upon the Congress gave way to Northern newcomers.

Senator [James Henry] Hammond of South Carolina in a speech on the Kansas Bill then used words of solemn and historical accuracy when he said, "You have complained of the rule of the South; that has been another cause that has preserved you.... We have kept the government conservative to the great purposes of government. We have placed her and kept her upon the Constitution, and that has been the cause of your prosperity.

The Senator from New York (Mr. Seward) says that is about to end; that you intend to take the government from us; that it will pass from our hands. Perhaps what he says is true, but do not forget – it cannot be forgotten – it is written on the brightest page of human history that we took our country in her infancy, and after ruling her for sixty out of seventy years of her existence, we shall surrender her to you without a stain upon her honor, boundless in her prosperity, incalculable in her strength, the wonder and admiration of the world.... Time will show what you will make of her; but no time can diminish our glory or your responsibility."

Time had indeed shown – a mere decade of it, from

1858 to 1868 – a Civil War and an attempted overturn of the American form of government. The South had been charged, she would "rule or ruin"; but it is shown that the North, "taking over the government," as the Southern senator stated, did "rule AND ruin" nigh half a great nation.

As the truths of 1861-65 emerge, we see but the barren Pyrrhic victory won on false pretenses, and memorialized on labored perversions and obscurities, a Lincoln of fabulous creation and facultative dimensions, the false god of idolatrous devotees, an "Olympian" that never was!

(Excerpted from: *The Constitutions of Abraham Lincoln & Jefferson Davis, A Historical and Biographical Study in Contrasts*, Russell Hoover Quynn, Exposition Press, 1959, pp. 44-45)

**Leonidas Polk** was born 10 April, 1806, the third of eleven children. His father and grandfather were both officers in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Grandfather Polk was one of the founders of the University of North Carolina. His first cousin would become the 11th President of the United States (James K. Polk).



The young Leonidas spent three years at the University of North Carolina; then he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at WestPoint. During his four years at the USMA he roomed with

another future Confederate general, Albert Sidney Johnston. Another roommate was a cadet two years Polk's junior, Jefferson F. Davis. One of Davis' classmates was Robert E. Lee.

During his last year at the Point, Leonidas was

baptized into the Protestant Episcopal Church in view of the entire Corps of Cadets. He was the first cadet to publicly accept Christ in the history of the Point. This started a revival of sorts at the Academy.

Six months after graduating 8th in the 1826 class of 38 he resigned his commission and entered the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. After graduating from seminary Leonidas was ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church. Over the next 30 years he rose to the office of Bishop of Louisiana (first such bishop in this state) after serving as Pioneer Bishop of the Frontier. For the period he was bishop of the frontier he traveled Tennessee, Arkansas, and other “frontier” states and territories.

While in this position he and his family established a home (Rattle and Snap plantation) in Columbia, TN and he served as pastor of St. John’s Church. Upon his elevation to the office of Bishop of Louisiana he and his wife Francis Ann Devearux moved to New Orleans. The Polks were the proud parents of eight children. During the period prior to the War of Southern Independence the bishop was the prime founder of the University of the South – his dream was for that institution to become the Oxford of the South.

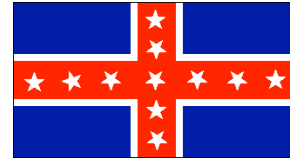
When the War of Northern Aggression broke out, former roommate and newly elected President of the Confederate States, Jefferson Davis called the Bishop to Richmond and persuaded him to accept a commission as a Major General with responsibilities in District 2. His initial combat encounter was against Major U. S. Grant at Island No. 10 near Belton MO. This encounter is considered by some to have been a Union victory – but it was the Union forces that withdrew and Polk’s command that maintained possession of the island. Next his command entered Kentucky (controversial move) to secure the river town of Columbus KY from occupation by the Union. Gen. /Bishop

Polk served at Perryville, Shiloh, and the Atlanta Campaign. Much controversy overshadowed his service, mainly due to the conflicts he and other commanders had with Gen. Braxton Bragg.

The bishop was killed 14 June 1864 at Pine Mountain, GA. He and Generals Hardee and Joe Johnston were surveying Union lines when a 3” artillery round ripped through his body. The general’s body was said to be void of blood when recovered.

In the left pocket of his frock coat was found four copies of Chaplain C.T. Quintard’s Balm for the Weary and Wounded. (Chaplain Quintard would

become Episcopal bishop of TN after the war). Three were inscribed as gifts to Generals Johnston, Hardee and Hood, ‘with the compliments of Lieutenant-General Polk, June 12, 1864.’ The bishop was initially interred at Macon Ga. And in 1974 his remains were moved to Christ Church New Orleans LA.



## Notes from the Field

This from Jefferson Smith of North Carolina to his wife:

“My lovely wife. I do so miss you, and the life we have there on the small plot of land God has given us. More and more, it seems that my thoughts are drifting back there to reside with you. Yet, as badly as I desire to be back home, it is for home for which I deem it best for my presence here with these other men. The proclamation by the Lincoln administration six months prior may appear noble. Were I here in these conditions, simply to keep another man in bondage, I would most certainly walk away into the night and return unto you. God knows my heart, and the hearts of others here amongst me. We know what is at stake here, and the true reason for this contest that requires the spilling of the blood of fellow citizens. Our collective fear is nearly universal. This war, if it is lost, will see ripples carry forward for five, six, seven or more generations. I scruple not to believe, as do the others, that the very nature of this country will be forever dissipated. That one day, our great great grandchildren will be bridled with a federal bit, that will deem how and if they may apply the gospel of Christ to themselves, their families and their communities. Whether or not the land of their forefathers may be deceitfully taken from them through taxation and coercion. A day where only the interests of the northern wealthy will be shouldered by the broken and destitute bodies of the southern poor. This my darling wife, is what keeps me here in this arena of destruction and death.”

Jefferson served under North Carolina Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew. Pettigrew was in command of Heth’s Division at Gettysburg after Heth was wounded. This letter was written two weeks prior to that fateful battle. Patriot Smith immortal soul left this world on the field of battle at Cemetery Hill on the third day of battle.

- Mark Buchanan, Brigade Commander

# Confederate Silver Dollar

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The coin itself is one troy ounce of .999 fine silver. It was minted in Washington State by the Northwest Territorial Mint (NWTM).

One side of the coin features the Great Seal of the Confederacy, showing Colonial George Washington astride his horse. The other side of the coin was designed in 2002. The scripture "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" is from Psalm 33:12 and celebrates the strong Christian faith and tradition of the old South. The centerpiece is an eagle from a U.S. 1830s silver half-dollar, a coin in circulation during the war. The Breastplate or shield has the "Stars and Bars" of the battle flag with CSA (Confederate States of America) above.

Much history rests in this coin. It can be kept as a treasured keepsake or given as a gift.

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## Commander's Corner

Gentlemen,

FEBRUARY'S CAMP MEETING was a great success. The program on Cotton gave a lot of incite to the growing of the crop 1860's style and the progress of it to today's process by mechanical means thus releasing the farmers of the massive labor force previously needed. We had 35 in attendance and are looking for the rest of you to join us. We have 70 paid up members on the roll and 88 who come from time to time. We need you, miss you and need your help on various camp matters.

NEW MEMBER to us but not the SCV is Cody F Childress who transferred in from the old Shelby Grays camp. Welcome Cody! Good to have you with us.

FORREST PARK and the other two (Confederate and Jefferson Davis) parks were discussed and Mark Buchanan brought us up to date on the activities and plans that are being made to recover the appropriate names for our parks. It seems so ridiculous for the city counsel of Memphis to expend time effort and money on the skull-drudgery and blatant racist activity they are engaging in rather than the obvious problems of to high city taxes, the moving of business and residents out of the area to Mississippi, and the multitude of real problems the city has and has created for itself in the last few years. You should have received several emails by now asking for you to write the city council and the mayor Please, please do so. You may also have received solicitations for funds to fight the renaming. Unless you receive an email form Mark Buchanan directing otherwise, I would suggest that you only donate to the Citizens to Save Our Parks, which is operated by members of the Forrest Camp.

GERMANTOWN HISTORIC TOUR is well on its way. The plan for the traffic has been approved by the Police Department and the city's traffic engineer. The (6) six stops are set and now we only need YOU to help us in any capacity you choose. We need folks to a man a recruiting table, be docents and guides, direct traffic and parking, ticket selling and punching at the stops. In other words, contact one of these people and ask if YOU can help. Mike Daugherty 758-8514 for the Pickering Center, Clark Doan 861-2401 for the

Presbyterian Church, Don Harrison 662/895-8064 for McVey Cemetery, Margie Potts 662/750-0724 for the Brooks-Woodlawn Plantation House, Betty Wern 490-4635 for the Depo and Mark Buchanan 570-1413 for the "Fort" Germantown. If you have any talent with art design, advertising or printing call me Tarry Beasley at 682-8000 or 240-2014. Each of these stop Captains will need substantial help in all sorts of ways call one of them today and volunteer to help in whatever capacity you chose. It will be appreciated greatly by everyone and help our camp put on a very successful and enlighten as well as educational and entertaining event. Each of the Captains will be having meetings with their people to familiarize them with the material and how the Tour will function at that stop so you will not be uninformed as to the process or your function.

CAMP COMPOSITES There are only 3 left so contact Arthur Oliver if you want one.

SCV TAGS are available when you get new tags for your car don't renew the old ones on your car - Get the SCV tags!

KROGER CARDS are available thru our Treasurer. With the Kroger Card you can have Kroger buy you a life membership in National, Division and the Lee Camp just by eating as usual and it doesn't cost a cent more you even get a 3 cent discount on gas too.

MARCH'S MEETING will begin at 7:00 pm at 7779 Old Poplar Pike in the TENGEN building see y'all there.

Tarry Beasley, Commander

American by Birth

Southern by the Grace of God

### In Memoriam

Compatriot William Albert "Beau" Rolen, III of Memphis, passed away February 25, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Baker Rolen and children, Virginia Rose Rolen, and William Duncan Rolen. Bill was a dedicated and true son of the South - a Christian man who loved the things in this world that ought to be loved and hated the things of this world that ought to be hated.



Mrs. Carol Perel, Executive Director of the West Tennessee Historical Society, addressed the February 11 meeting of the Robert E. Lee Camp, on the subject, *Cotton: Planting, Harvesting, and Marketing*. Her vast knowledge of the subject coupled with her unusually effective presentation skills generated an enthusiastic response from the large group in attendance. Pictured with the speaker are Mark Buchanan, Brigade Commander, and Tarry Beasley, Camp Commander.

**SCV LIFE MEMBERS ROSTER**

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