



Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47 NEWSLETTER

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, we are the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic.



Camp Commander Don Lillicrap

From Commander Lillicrap

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas to you all and have a happy and prosperous New Year. We had a fun filled year and I'm sure the next will be no different. Also don't forget to get those dues paid to Alan.



**Have a fine
Christmas!**



Happily Ever After

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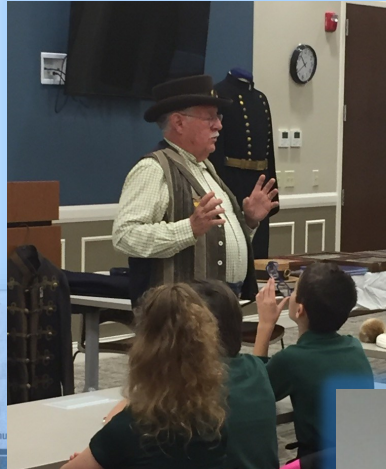
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Members Take Part in Salute to Veterans

PCC Doug Roussin presented his collection and gave talks during two days (November 11 and 12) of the 4th annual Salute to Veterans in Farmington.

Brother Roussin was also covered on the front page of the local *Farmington Press*.

He along with Brother Trodus and Sister Breland took part in the reading of the Sullivan Ballou letter at the Methodist Church in front of members of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association.



Reading of the Sullivan Ballou letter before the Missouri Retired Teachers Association



Fletcher Camp and Volker Auxiliary Attend “Historic Christmas”

The weekend of December 14-15 was a busy day for the members of the Camp and Auxiliary. Many members attended “Historic Christmas” at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob.



Fr. Christmas surrounded by members of the Camp and Auxiliary (as well as Brother Scheel from St. James Camp)

Annual Christmas Party

The Camp and Auxiliary celebrated with a party and swearing-in ceremony at the De Soto Community Center on December 14. Nearly 30 members and guests attended at this new venue. The food was plentiful and very good with the Auxiliary providing the cake.

This was also Abby Warren's sixth birthday, so she was sworn in as a junior member of the Auxiliary.

PP Kelly Noack provided these photographs.



One of the newest Auxiliary members takes her oath



**Brother Hunnewell receives a Letter of Commendation
from Commander Lillicrap**



**President Warren administers the oath to new auxiliary
members, Patti McClelland and Abby Warren**



**PDC Warren installs the
officers of the Auxiliary and
the Camp.**





Some more party
photos

Ringling Bells at Wal*Mart for Food Pantry

Sister Noack and Brothers Trodus, Roussin, and Arbuthnot braved the poor weather and ice storm to ring bells on December 15 at the De Soto Wal*Mart. Brother Trodus believes that \$200 was collected for the De Soto Contact Food Pantry.

Brothers Roussin and Arbuthnot doing good deeds for
the community.



DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 meeting minutes (unapproved)

14 December A. D. 2019, De Soto Community Center, De Soto, MO

Attendees: Sons: Steve Alexander (SVC), Mark Arbuthnot (Council), John Griffith (Council), Sumner G. Hunnewell (Secretary), Bernard Labain, PCC Don Lillicrap (Commander), Colton Noack, Duncan Noack, Don Roussin, PCC Doug Roussin (Council), Alan Trodus (Secretary), PDC Chris Warren (Chaplain).

Auxiliary: Colissa Alexander, Susan Breland, Patti McClelland, President Twyla Warren, Kelly Noack (PP), Katie Roussin, Colleen Warren, Abby Warren.

Guests: Sarah Alexander, Regina Bowen, Joy Griffith, Shirley Johnson, Dave McClelland, Gary Noack, Hannah Noack, Jim Flynt-Smith.

Sumner worked the room getting signatures for Form 4 (transfer out of Brother Richard Dunham) and Form 22 (Certification of Election and Installation Of Camp Officers).

The meeting started 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Brother Mark, followed by an opening prayer from Brother Chris, who also provided tickets for door prizes (Civil War books and DVDs).

Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Abby Warren, who turned six that day.

Commander Lillicrap presented Brother Sumner with a Certificate of Commendation for his work in the camp and editing an award winning newsletter.

Dinner was soon served afterwards. We were treated to roast turkey breast, roast beef, salad, rolls, and vegetables. The Auxiliary brought a cake and members brought various desserts. If anyone left hungry, it was their own fault.

Sister Noack took pictures of all members for our upcoming directory.

Old Business

We need to get on making some new weapons for sale. Wood working days need to be discussed later.

There was a reminder for those people, who were going to ring the bell and collect money for the De Soto Contact Food Pantry, to meet at the Wal*Mart in De Soto from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Business

Two new Auxiliary members were sworn in, Patti McClelland and Abby Warren, by President Twyla Warren.

PDC Chris swore in the Auxiliary officers. He followed by swearing in Camp officers.

The banquet ended at 9:00 p. m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for DECEMBER 2019

Balance from last report (November 2019)	910.58
Expenditures	
Christmas Banquet and donation to Desoto Community Center #1269	350.00
Income	
Christmas Banquet meals (29 persons)	290.00
Donation - Don Roussin Jr.	20.00
Raffle of memorabilia (winner Alan Trodus)	17.00
Dues (2020) Doug and Don Roussin	77.00
Dues (2020) Alan Trodus	9.00
Dues (2020) John Robinson III	38.00
Dues (2020) Don Roussin Jr	38.00
Dues (2020) Don Lillicrap	38.00
Dues (2020) Bernard Laiben	38.00
Donation Bernard Laiben	2.00
Dues (2020) Sumner Hunnewell	9.00
Current Balance (16 December 2019)	1136.58
Checking Account	1086.01
Cash	50.57
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
End Balance	1136.58

Final financial report for 2019.

—Alan R Trodus, Treasurer



Sherman Day 2019

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CALENDAR

REMINDER: NO MEETING IN JANUARY

**But plenty of time to get in your
dues to Treasurer Trodus!**

Ulysses S. Grant

President Grant's son has told of the time his father bought him a watch for Christmas. After solemnly swearing the other members of the family to secrecy, he surprised them by taking the watch out of his pocket at the dinner table, several days ahead of time, and presenting it to the boy.

"Why, Lys," said his wife, "you were going to give it to him for a Christmas present."

"He doesn't want to wait till Christmas," said the President sheepishly, "and neither do I."

From *These Truths We Hold Sacred* (c. 1960), 124.

Happy New Year!