



Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47 NEWSLETTER

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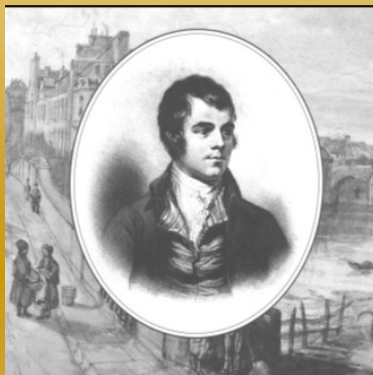


Camp Commander Don Lillicrap

From Commander Lillicrap

It looks like we will have a slightly busy summer this year. I will hopefully have us signed up for a booth down in Pilot Knob soon. I would also like to take this moment to request help at that booth. We will needs folks to help man it over that weekend. It was also brought up at the meeting about doing a day or weekend down at Fort Davidson. I think this is a great idea and maybe we can start talking about a date for that event.

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What does this Scot have to do with Lincoln? (see page 4)

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**Cemetery no longer burns!
See the latest Banner!**

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Save the Date: Allied Orders Central Region Association meeting October 2-3, Murphysboro, Illinois

Brothers and sisters,

We are making plans for the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic yearly meeting for October 2-3 in Murphysboro, Illinois. Murphysboro was the home of Gen. John A. Logan, whose G. A. R. General Order No. 11 helped solidify the observance of what we call Memorial Day. We are looking forward to spending an enjoyable time together and learning some things along the way.

Our HQ hotel will be the Rodeway Inn (2400 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale, Illinois), which is undergoing a rehab (soon to be a Comfort Inn). Since these dates are parent's weekend at the University of Illinois, it is important that you make hotel reservations quickly. There are other hotel, B&B, and Airbnb options in the Carbondale – Murphysboro area. Per Friday night tradition, we will find a local restaurant for food and fellowship.

Saturday plans are to travel to and tour the Gen. John A. Logan museum in nearby Murphysboro. There also will be an opportunity at the museum to inspect dozens of Civil War weapons, participate in a talk on vintage 1860s baseball, as well other topics. For our afternoon program, we hope to have a local reporter or two to talk about the best way of approaching the local press to cover our Allied Order events. Our business meeting will follow. We plan to have Saturday dinner at the award-winning 17th Street BBQ.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

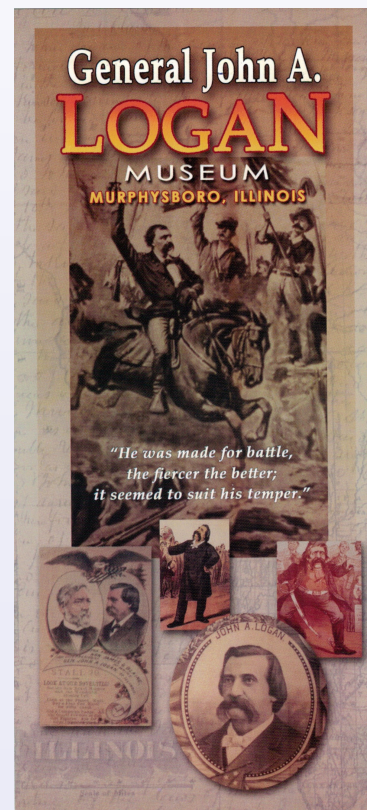
Sumner G. Hunnewell

Commander, Central Regional Association of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R.

<http://craalliedorders.org/>

HOTEL INFORMATION (some suggestions)

- HQ: Rodeway Inn, 2400 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale – Rate around \$89 a night; 618-529-2720. The price will go up once it becomes a Comfort Inn.



- Quality Inn, 1415 West Main St, Carbondale - Rate around \$90 to \$100 a night 618-549-4244
- Holiday Inn, 2250 Reed Station Road, Carbondale - Rate around \$149 a night; 618-549-2600
- Best Western, located at 801 N Giant City Road, Carbondale - Rate around \$110 a night 618-351-6611
- Home 2 Suites by Hilton, 200 West Elm St, Carbondale - Rate around \$180 to \$200 a night; 618-529-2555

Many more...

AIRBNB

- Murphysboro [Airbnb](#)

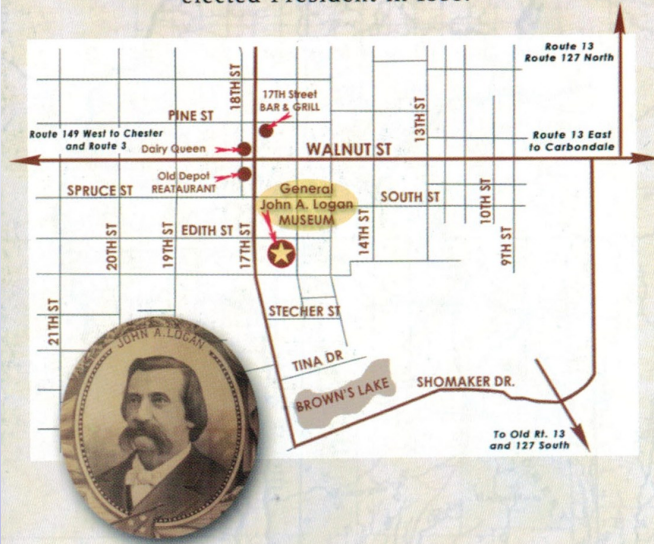
OTHER OPTIONS

- Historic Hull House Inn, 1517 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois; 618-525-3460
- Kite Hill Vineyards B&B, 83 Kitehill Road, Carbondale, Illinois; 618-684-5072
- Blue Sky Vineyard B&B, 3150 S Rocky Comfort Rd, Makanda, Illinois; 618-995-9463
- Giant City Lodge cabins, 460 Giant City Lodge Road, Makanda, Illinois; 618-457-4921

General John A. Logan (1826-1886) is the most significant nineteenth century native Illinoisan. Creator of Memorial Day, he's named in the state song with Lincoln and Grant. The General John A. Logan Museum's mission is to interpret the turbulent life and times of Logan.

Logan entered politics as a pro-Southern Democrat. Despite this, he joined the Union as Colonel of the 31st Illinois Infantry. By war's end, he commanded the Army of the Tennessee.

The war changed Logan. He reentered politics as a Republican who fought for African-American rights. In 1884 he narrowly lost the vice presidency. Had he not died suddenly in 1886, he could well have been elected President in 1888.



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MUSEUM HOURS

JUNE - AUGUST

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER - MAY

Tuesday - Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Closed Holidays, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve

Suggested Donation

Developed in association with the
Murphysboro Park District

BROCHURE DESIGN BY CHRISTINE JACCOOT

Editor's note: Robert Burns dinners are popular inside and outside of various St. Andrews Societies around the world. One important part in the evening is called "The Immortal Memory" - a 15-30 minute talk having to do with some aspect of Robert Burns, Scotland's beloved poet. It is an honor to be chosen to give "The Immortal Memory." At this year's St. Andrews Society of St. Louis, Dr. J. S. McLaren gave this following speech. It should be read with a grain of salt, a few dates and places may be off but the sentiment is certainly spot on.

The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns

January 25th, 2020

By Dr. J.S. McLaren

At the Frontenac Hilton, St. Louis.

St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis

On a dark and stormy night... the room was warmed by a large fireplace and cigar smoke wafted towards the chimney... the assembled group were attentive as his words generated a commanding presence...he was reciting from "To a Mouse"....

**I'm truly sorry man's dominion,
Has broken nature's social union,
An' justifies that ill opinion,
Which makes thee startle,
At me, thy poor earth-born companion,
An' fellow mortal.**

A young sergeant at the back leant over to the General next to him, and quietly asked, "What is he talking about?" "Well", replied the General, "it's a poem written by a young farm boy called Robert Burns who lived in Ayshire, Scotland. He recites a Burns' poem almost every day". The 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, continued...

**Still, thou art blest, compar'd wi' me!
The present only toucheth thee:
But Och! I backward cast my e'e,
On prospects drear!
An' forward tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear!**

The year was 1865 and the Civil War had just ended. Was the President reciting “To a Mouse” as a token of recognition for the strife and suffering that had just been endured by so many? He would have been well-aware that Burns had written “To a Mouse” exactly 40 years after the massacre of the Scottish Clans at Culloden... and that some believe the poem is also a recognition of the suffering of the Scottish Nation during the last British civil war.

It is now the year 2020... and we are here tonight to celebrate the birth and immense works of Robert Burns, The Bard. A legend in his own time... that young man accomplished more with simple words than most Kings, Queens, and Emperors had ever done... with all their resources!

Frequently, Immortal Memory presentations start with mention of the auld clay cottage and the birth of Burns in 1759. Tonight, I started with a story in America, 69 years after the death of Robert Burns. I did this in recognition of the close connection that President Lincoln felt for Robert Burns, even although the two men had never met.

As young boys, both had endured the hardships of farm work ... and the adversity of being poor, at least in a financial sense. Both came from families that had a strong work ethic but gave priority to education and extensive reading. These early experiences helped shape men that later gave hope to the fallen, courage to the weak, fear to tyrants, inspiration to their respective nations, supported freedom over oppression... and left passionate visions for all humanity.

Burns had an incredible sense of what it means to be human and his work often has embedded various wisdoms... some being subtle and many being more direct. For example, he wrote a poem called “To a Louse”, for those who think too much of themselves...

**O, wad some Power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder free us,
An' foolish notion
What airs in dress an' gait wad lea'e us,
An' ev'n devotion!**

Lincoln loved the satire and especially when Burns used it to highlight the qualities of the common folk... as in “A Man’s a Man for a’ That”:

**Ye see yon birkie ca'd a lord,
 Wha struts an' stares, an' a' that;
 Tho' hundreds worship at his word,
 He's but a coof for a' that.
 For a' that, an' a' that,
 His ribband, star, an' a' that,
 The man o' independent mind
 He looks an' laughs at a' that.**

Although the sentiment in those words seems appropriate enough today, things were quite different back then. Burns was born only 13 years after the end of the failed Jacobite rebellion.... and those were still dark days in Scotland.... The Burns family itself had already suffered for their allegiance to the House of Stuart.

Due to concerns over being arrested for sedition, A Man's a Man for a' That and several other poems were published... but only publicly recognized as being the work of Rabbie Burns after his death.

According to his own words, Lincoln was also greatly inspired by Burns' work concerning freedom and the natural rights of man. In those days, the "natural rights" was not an environmental term but referred to the basic tenant of equal opportunity for all... and "man" meant mankind as in all humanity. Freedom was always a centerpiece of his patriotic works... the Burns song "Scots Wha Hae" became the unofficial anthem of Scotland for two centuries...

**By oppression's woes and pains!
 By your sons in servile chains
 We will drain our dearest veins,
 But, they shall be free!**

Powerful stuff but there's more to it. Based on private letters written by Burns, he was clearly an active figure in the Scottish Enlightenment and supported reformist ideas. Another of the verses in Scots Wha Hae...

**Now's the day, and now's the hour;
 See the front o' battle lour;
 See approach proud Edward's power—
 Chains and slavery!**

While framed as a speech by Bruce at the 1314 battle of Bannockburn, “now’s the day and now’s the hour” was written in 1793 on the very day and hour when a judge sentenced the five Edinburgh martyrs to penal servitude in Australia. Yes, chains and slavery! The Edinburgh martyrs were found guilty of sedition because they had publicly proposed term limits and that everyone over the age of 21 should have an equal vote. Again, we find Burns being the outspoken voice of the people by hiding the covert messages in plain sight. The American Colonies were not alone in thinking that George III was a tyrant. Lincoln loved it!

Talking about having a way with words. Burns also applied his creative genius to the romantic side of his short life. From “Tam O’ Shanter”...

**The pleasures are like poppies spread,
You seize the flower its bloom is shed.
Or like the snow falls in the river
A moment white then melts forever.**

Or from “My Love is Like a Red Red Rose”...

**Till a’ the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi’ the sun!
And I will love thee still, my dear,
While the sands o’ life shall run.**

Who talks like that? The answer is a young man with many girlfriends!

Burns never stood in America, but he surely came here.... He arrived in the minds and hearts of countless pioneers and immigrantsas part of an eternal heritage. In St Louis, at the corner of Skinker and Forsyth, just west of Forest Park you will find a full-sized bronze statue of Robert Burns. It is one of 13 in the United States. The statue was first erected in 1928 and the bronze was restored in 2007 with the help of the St Andrews Society, the Scottish Games, and several people here in this room.

A peculiar fact, and perhaps a unique situation that speaks to the mutual respect for these great men, is that both Lincoln and Burns have statues in the native country of the other yet had never visited each other’s country.

From an early age, Abraham Lincoln carried the work of Burns with him, and it went all the way into the White House... In fact, Lincoln stated that the works of Burns helped him change from “prairie lawyer” into a President.

It may be self-evident but From the towering Rocky mountains to the smokey Blue Ridge mountains... From the high plains of Texas, to the head-waters of the mighty Mississippi... America embodies the spirit of humanity that Burns put into words those many years ago.

Returning to 1865 again... just two days after the American Civil War had ended.... President Lincoln had booked passage on a ship to Scotland for him and his wife to visit Burns Country. That evening he was assassinated.

Four years later, Mary Todd Lincoln fulfilled her late husband's desire as she travelled to Scotland and stood outside the auld clay cottage where Burns had been born.

Our humble ploughboy, turned Scotland's Bard ... has inspired many great people, and influenced many generations of human progress... His powerful, passionate words.... changed the very fabric of Scotland itself... and left us a heritage that has survived the sands of time.

Tomorrow, as we watch the sun rise over the Land of Lincoln and travel across our great country called America... there will again be hope, love, sadness, joy ... inspiration, bravery, and freedom. Rabbe Burns would have loved being here.

It has been my humble honor to present a brief recognition of the life of...

a true hero of Scotland, and great champion of humanity...

... Robert Burns of Alloway.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please charge your glasses and be upstanding.

I give you a toast in the immortal words of the Bard himself....

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

And never brought to mind.

We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,

For auld lang syne...

To the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

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

20 February A. D. 2020, First Methodist Church, Festus, Missouri

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

Auxiliary: Colissa Alexander (Council), Susan Breland (Council), PP Twyla Warren (President), PP Kelly Noack (Secretary/Treasurer), Kathie Roussin (Vice President), Abby Warren.

Guests: Bob Aubuchon, Marty Aubuchon, Joy Griffith, Nancy and Ted Howells.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Don at 6:50 p.m. Alan led us in the pledge of allegiance and Chris led the group in prayer.

Doug introduced our guests, Ted and Nancy Howell, whose ancestors we would be discussing later in the meeting. The Howells have been great advocates of our camp and auxiliary through their stories and photographs in various Leader Publications.

Alan presented the treasurer's report. One change was requested by Sumner to wit: Brother Dunham had transferred out and not resigned from the camp.

Alan said that nine people have to pay their dues. The SUVCW and SVR dues are needed by the March meeting. National SVR requires dues by March, SUVCW by April 15. Chris said he would talk to the Asberry's.

Sumner said that traditionally camps have provided a resolution when someone from their camp is being put forth as Department Commander. He asked that someone or group of people come up with a resolution (spelling counts) for the June department meeting. Doug requested that this be tabled until the next meeting. Sumner will try to provide an example next month.

Doug explained that we would like to have a Memorial Day weekend event for Ted Howell's great-great-uncle. Harrison Murdy (aka Murdock) was in the 6th Missouri Cavalry, Company L. He died of measles in Louisiana in 1865 and is buried there. The government had provided Murdy a tombstone with his name misspelled "Murdock," so they are under no obligation to provide a new one. Ted would like to have a memorial at the Horine Cemetery in Richwoods. He will have a cenotaph placed there. This event would take place on Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. Sumner said he would contact the Grant, St. James, and Wilhelmi Camps.

Doug said that he has plans for Farmington on April 8, 11:45 a.m. (Cadet Geoffery Howard). He is will waiting to hear back from Fredricktown. Kelly will check with Duncan Nowak whether he will do the same schools he did last year (Rolla, S&T, &c.). She thinks that Randal Burd does the legwork and Duncan presents. Sumner said he would get Doug the information on how to order the certificate and medals.

Doug will sell his three tables at the Jefferson Barracks swap meet to Mark. Anyone who would like some table space should get with Mark. Susan will be selling things there. Set-up is 7:30-9:00 a.m. The doors open thereafter.

We will need to make wooden toy weapons for sale at various events this year. We have six rifles and 12 shotguns in inventory. If anyone has any lumber suitable for cutting out designs (say, 1" x 6"), we can use them. Doug can do the routing once he has the roughs in hand from John. We need a sanding / staining party once warmer weather kicks in.

Registration is open for Pilot Knob, so we need to get that taken care of soon. Doug will do this. Jim Flynt-Smith wants a table there with Susan. She should be able to man our table if it is close by. Kelly said that she should be able to fill in. Don can sit in on some of it but he would like to have someone committed to being there Saturday and Sunday.

Sumner walked through the calendar and will make updates for the newsletter. He mentioned that he went with Walt Busch to Murphysboro to scout out the area for the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. (October 2-3). It will be a good time and a reasonable drive, if people do not want to stay overnight.

Additional calendar items were discussed.

- April 17-18 Turner Brigade will have a school day on the 17th and might need help at stations. The 18th will be a training day.
- May 24 Horine Cemetery (see above).
- May 25 Memorial Day, Jefferson Barracks.
- In the future: Pilot Knob is willing to have us do an encampment. We have done this in the past according to Kelly and it was well received. If we plan ahead, Pilot Knob will promote it.
- In the future: Kelly asked for Pilot Knob clean-up date. No one knows, but last time the area was pretty clean, so maybe we can be involved with a project there.
- December 5 – De Soto Christmas parade.

Doug will be redoing his basement, so needs help. As the Department Quartermaster, he has the altar, 3-4 plastic tubs, and a portfolio with charters. He needs to move these out and have them stored for 3-4 months. Don could take the tubs and maybe the portfolio. Marty could take the altar.

Having no further business to discuss, Chris gave the benediction and the meeting was closed at 7:52 p.m.

February / March Birthdays

February ★Duncan Noack—24th

March ★Doug Roussin—3rd ★Mark Elmo Arbuthnot—6th ★Leonard Wright—7th

★David Scott—8th ★Jeffrey A. Asberry—25th

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020

Balance from last report (December 2019)	1136.58
Expenditures	
None	0
Income	
None	0
Current Balance (17 February 2020)	1136.58
Checking Account	1086.01
Cash	50.57
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
End Balance	1136.58

Eight Brothers have paid their 2020 Dues. One Brother transferred out of Camp #47 (Richard Dunham).

IRS Forms 990-N for 2019 for the Camp and the SVR were submitted and accepted by the IRS on 9 January 2020. Copies of the acceptance has been emailed to Capt Kent Peterson, Adjunct for the 4th Military District and Sumner Hunnewell for transmittal to the Department Secretary.

—Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

2021 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT UPDATE

Progress continues for the 2021 National Encampment in St. Louis.

- We continue to look for sponsorship and giveaways for 300-400 people.
- We are trying to mesh our activities with the DUVCW 1861-1865, which has its own schedule and traditions.
- Tours: (1) Montelle Winery/Daniel Boone Home (2) Civil War Museum (3) Transport Musuem.
- Medals:
 - The souvenir medal and coin are available for \$35.
 - There will be the regular encampment medal and an additional, special three Allied Orders medal (SUVCW, ASUVCW, and DUVCW 1861-1865).

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CALENDAR

- 14 March - Department Business Meeting (Jefferson City)
- 14 March - Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet
- 24 May - Memorial Day event at Horine Cemetery (Richwoods)
- 25 May - Memorial Day (Jefferson Barracks)
- 6 June - Department Encampment (Kansas City)
- 23-24 June - Grant Symposium (Thursday reception, Whitehaven)
- 18 July - Grant Remembrance Day, Whitehaven
- 13-16 August - National Encampment (Atlanta)
- 30 August - USCT event, Jefferson Barracks, Civil War Museum
- 26-27 September - Battle of Pilot Knob
- 2-3 October - Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. (Murphysboro, IL)
- 10 October - Department Business Meeting (Jefferson City)
- 25 October - Sherman Day, Calvary Cemetery (St. Louis)
- 5 December - De Soto Christmas Parade

Camp/Auxiliary Meetings	
19 March	16 April
21 May	18 June
16 July	20 August
17 September	
15 October	
19 November	