



# 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'd like to thank Doug for hosting our last meeting and thank everyone who brought a dish to share at our camp cook out.

I'd also like to take a moment to mention the passing of Lenny Wright. He was a good friend to the camp and will be deeply missed. We've unfortunately been dealing with a few passings of family members lately with our camp. Please keep these folks in your thoughts. This is one great benefit of our Civil War family, we are always here to help each other out.

The next meeting will be at a new location, more details to follow but we will be back in De Soto!

**STOP PRESS!**  
**Latest News from the National Encampment!**  
  
**This newsletter wins the Marshall Hope Award for the Best Camp Newsletter!**  
  
**The Unionist wins the Marshall Hope Award for the Best Department Newsletter!**



**What is up with this?  
The Provel Professor explains all.**  
  
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**Central Region Association  
Allied Orders of the G. A. R. a success**

Vincennes, Indiana

October 2-3, 2020

First off, if you plan on driving to Vincennes, Indiana, avoid U. S. 50. "Short cuts make long delays," as a hobbit once said.

The CRA meeting was moved from Murphysboro, Ill., to Vincennes, Ind., at the suggestion of Brother Walt Busch. The overall participation was about half of what it usually is but during these times, it was well-attended with about 30 members from all five Allied Orders.

Checking in, everyone received their welcome packet, and evening fellowship on Friday was spent at a local Mexican Restaurant.



**Postcard of the GAR  
monument and some  
members of the CRA**



Saturday morning, we traveled a couple of miles to the GAR monument at the courthouse. It is a huge, impressive monument. One can hardly imagine what it would take to create and pay for this today.

After our photo opportunity, we went a few blocks away to the George Rogers Clark National Historic Site. This was considered the site of Fort Sackville, which was surprised and taken from the British by Clark's rugged Revolutionary War soldiers. The monument was erected in 1936 and dedicated by President Roosevelt in a ceremony there (the recording is readily available on-line). The interior of the monument contains a large statue of Clark, surrounded by murals. There are curiosities inside the monument...heating grates with dragons on them...and incorrect Roman numerals on the Clark statue...



**George Rogers Clark Memorial**

there. Lunch was catch-as-catch-can. Afterwards, a few of us traipsed across the Wabash River bridge into Illinois, where there is a monument to Lincoln coming into the state. It was erected in 1938 by the Daughters of the American Revolution. It reads “In the late winter of 1830 a few weeks after his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday / Abraham Lincoln passed this way with his father's family / entering the state of Illinois for the first time.”

Our meeting started in the afternoon. After the preliminaries SUVCW Past C-in-C Jim Pahl gave the program “Our Extraordinary Civil War,” which was very well received. We determined that we would meet in Murphysboro, Ill., in 2021 as we had planned. The group held elections with the following results:

- Commander PP Cindy Norton, WRC PNP
- SVC Tom Schmitt, SUVCW PCC
- JVC Ed Krieser, SUVCW Past C-in-C
- Secretary/Treasurer PP Walt Busch, SUVCW PDC (three year term)
- Historian PP Alan Teller, SUVCW PDC
- Color Guard Linda Manning, DUVCW PTP
- Patriotic Instructor Linda Navarre, WRC VP
- Guide Erin Mongelli, LGAR Nat'l JVP
- Chaplain PP Jim Pahl, SUVCW PCinC

The business being completed. We repaired to a barbeque buffet where some (not this editor) enjoyed—among other things—frog’s legs.

Some people trundled off to the Indiana Military Museum close by and were very impressed with the artifacts



**Lincoln monument - banks of the Wabash**

## A Brief History of Provel Cheese: an ancient cheese part one

by Don Lillicrap

*Leading researcher and historian on provel*

*“The Provel Professor,” University of Missouri*

Pliny the Elder was known to love provel cheese for lunch. Plato was said to have eaten it for breakfast. Some even say Hannibal came over the Alps just to get at the heart of provel production in ancient Rome. Perhaps true and perhaps not. But what follows is roughly what we know on the subject.



**An ancient Egyptian treating his lady right with a plate of provel**

Provel cheese is thought to have been first developed in Mesopotamia. Sanskrit references to it have been found but very little is known. Some scholars believe that perhaps this would have been an early form or proto-provel if you will. Much later the provel recipe would spread to both Egypt and Greece. It is in Greece though that we can finally find some concrete evidence of the impact of provel on the daily lives of ancient peoples. It is here that many claim the cheese was first sliced thin and laid upon fresh hot flatbreads.

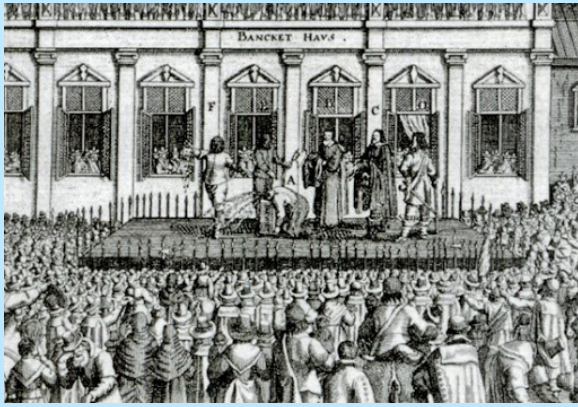
The Greeks would eventually take the recipe and secrets of provel to what is now Italy. The Romans are well known to have enjoyed provel cheese. A very lucrative trade would eventually be established between the Romans and Egypt. Around this time the production of provel would be thoroughly established in Rome as the Greeks lost the edge. Provel production would eventually cease in Greece and Egypt after the declines in their own respective civilizations. This truly left Rome as the source of provel for the next centuries.

The stranglehold on provel production in Rome would eventually come to an end. Even after various sackings by various barbarians, the secrets of provel were well guarded. This would all change during the Protestant Reformation. A rather obscure monk named Martin



**Luther burns the Pope's papal pull and his Deep Dish Pizza recipe**

Luther would see to that. Very much is known and discussed about what Martin Luther did in regards to Christianity but what did he do for provel? By this time the Catholic Church was selling provel cheese at inflated prices. Only the most wealthy could afford to indulge the creamy goodness that is provel. As the Reformation continued to change the religious landscape across Europe, many came to question why the Catholic Church controlled the provel.



**Beheading of Charles I due to his refusal to share in provel revenues**

In one of the biggest mysteries to ever bedevil us historians, the provel recipe escaped the coffers of the Church. Little is known but by around the time of the Second English Civil War the secrets of Provel got loose in England. Many claim that Oliver Cromwell became smitten with the cheese and demanded it served at every meal. Provel would make it through the turbulent times and soon be established as a popular local dish. England would soon be the largest producer of provel as many folks across Europe imported the cheese due to the Roman Catholic stranglehold. Many have claimed the English Empire was kick-started by this event. The reason being the large amounts of wealth flowing into England at the time for the rare delicacy. This would soon lead to the transport of the secrets of provel across the Atlantic and to the New World. Thirteen rather unimportant colonies would come to be addicted to the cheese. The issues with production and procurement and eventual taxation of provel would be a small but significant event in the lead up to the American Revolution.

**You can see where this is going...**



## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

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

15 October A. D. 2020, Chez Roussin, 5904 State Raod P, De Soto, 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)

**Auxiliary:** Colissa Alexander (Council, Chaplain), Susan Breland, PP Kelly Noack (Secretary, Treasurer), Kathie Roussin (Vice President)

**Guest:** Paula Arbuthnot

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Mark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no report from Commander Don. Alan presented his treasurer's report.

Kelly covered Volker Auxiliary's activities. \$50 was sent out for bereavement.

Otherwise status quo with the Camp and Auxiliary.

Our Christmas party is good to go as planned. Steve will be contact point person. Doug asked that the camp cover any overage in event not enough people pay in to cover any minimal charges from venue.

Redeemer Lutheran (1620 Boyd St., De Soto) will be meeting location next month. Mark and Paula to spearhead. If not available, then Grace Lutheran will be our secondary choice.

Volker Auxiliary voted to keep status quo on elected positions.

Fletcher Camp nominations were held. The slate is:

- Commander and Historian: Doug Roussin
- Senior Vice Commander: Steve Alexander
- Junior Vice: Chris Warren
- Patriotic and Council: Mark Arbuthnot
- Council: John Griffith
- Council: Don Roussin
- Secretary and Graves Registration Officer: Sumner Hunnewell
- Treasurer: Alan Trodus

Mark made motion to accept and elect the nominees. Steve seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Two types of chili were served.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer's Report for OCTOBER 2020

Balance from last report (Sep 2020)	824.99
Expenditures	
None	
Income	
Sale of donated 3-D viewer	3.00
Current Balance (13 Oct 2020)	827.99
Checking Account	786.11
Cash	41.88
Checks (not yet deposited)	0.00
End Balance	827.99

Sword Raffle status: 57 chances - \$43 donations

—Alan R Trodus, Treasurer

### **New Camp Fundraiser**

5 tickets for \$4.

10 tickets for \$7.

Drawing to be held after Veterans  
Day parade NEXT YEAR.



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## CALENDAR

25 October - Sherman Day, Calvary Cemetery (St. Louis)

8 November - DAR Veterans Day event, Bellefontaine Cemetery (St. Louis)

5 December - De Soto Christmas Parade (tentative)

12 December - Christmas Party

Who knows what 2021 will bring!?

**Camp/Auxiliary Meetings**

19 November  
12 December

**October birthday**  
**2nd Bernard Thomas Laiben**

**November birthdays**  
**14th Kelly Noack**  
**20th Katherine Sago Wortham**  
**26th Chris Warren**