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398th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, December 18, 2007

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

Social Hour-Cash Bar-6:00p.m.

Dinner-6:30p.m.

DECEMBER 2007

Meeting to include musical entertainment, special guests, door prizes, as well as our silent book auction, so bring your money and books and buy a few books for the good of the Round Table and Monnett Battle of Westport Fund Inc., pay your dues while you're at it, avoid the rush and make sure you don't get left out of the roster for 2007.

SILENT BOOK AUCTION

HELP!!!!

If you want to receive the Border Bugle my mail or by e-mail, please let Paul Gault know when you renew your dues so he can in turn let me know, also, please don't forget to let us know of any changes you make to either your address or e-mail or we can't get the Border Bugle to you. Thanks, Mike.

MEMBERSHIP

2008

DUES

*Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Dec. 14. Return reservation
In the enclosed envelope with required payment of \$20.00 per person to;
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If you have questions or your payment is unavoidably tardy, please contact either Treasurer Paul Gault at 816-741-2962 or Assistant Treasurer Betty Ergovich at 913 441-6462.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

SPEAKERS FOR 2008

I'm afraid we don't have all the particulars on the 2008 speakers as of yet due to circumstances beyond our control, so I will give you what I've got. Mike.

January 27; Deryl P. Sellmeyer, Author of: Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade."

February 24; Arnold Schofield, "New Discoveries in The Border War."

March 24; Tim Rues portraying Jim Lane and his relationship with Abraham Lincoln.

It sounds like a real nice start! Then in May we will have another silent book auction, no meals in the three summer meetings, but they have always been good, try to make one or three!

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MENU FOR DECEMBER 2007:

Same as November, at least what the newsletter said!

Ceaser Salad, London Broil, Twiced Baked Potatoes, Green Beans with Almondine Ratatouille, Pecan Pie with Chocolate Bourbon Sauce.

Editor's

Note:

I just want to thank everyone in the Round Table for all their support over the years. It's been a pleasure, most of the time, to be your editor for the Border Bugle. Please let me know if there is anything you want to add to it or if I make a mistake, like the menu in November. Thanks, Mike.



James Henry Lane-Jayhawker

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A SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS

"Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one-bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
And to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different,
It was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier,
Once I could see clearly.
The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?
I realized the families that I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers who were
willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the children would play,
And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my god, my country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,
 I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
 I kept watch for hours, so silent and still
 And we both shivered from the cold night's chill.
 I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,
 This guardian of honor so willing to fight.
 Then the soldier rolled over,
 With a voice soft and pure,
 Whispered, "carry on Santa,
 It's Christmas day, all is secure."
 One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
 Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night.

by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan



By [Greg Toppo](#), USA TODAY

Civil War enthusiasts this weekend will get a rare glimpse at what a handful of scholars are calling the most significant find of its kind in generations: a pair of stereoscopic photos, purportedly of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg before he delivered his famous address.

Photos of Lincoln are incredibly rare; only about 130 exist. Until now, there was only one known photo of the 16th president at Gettysburg — sitting in a crowd of dignitaries on Nov. 19, 1863, just after delivering the legendary speech.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF: [Lincoln at Gettysburg](#) (http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-11-15-gettysburg-images_N.htm)

The new photos are enlarged details from much wider crowd shots; they were discovered by a Civil War hobbyist earlier this year in the vast trove of Library of Congress photographs digitized since 2000, and provided to USA TODAY.

They show a figure believed to be Lincoln, white-gloved and in his trademark stovepipe hat, in a military procession.

"It is just staggering to look at," said Harold Holzer, author of several books on Lincoln and vice chairman of the Lincoln Forum, a group of more than 250 enthusiasts who meet annually at Gettysburg. On Saturday, the group gets a chance to gaze at huge projections of the images and decide for themselves. Holzer will lead a discussion on the find, seen until now by only a few experts.

Thank modern technology — and a dogged amateur historian — for the discovery.

John Richter, 51, of Hanover, Pa., had loved Gettysburg since he was a kid; for 20 years had been

collecting stereoviews or stereographs, which use special viewers to turn pairs of images into a 3-D view.

A board member of the non-profit Center for Civil War Photography, he had always been interested in the Gettysburg stereoviews, available free for the past several years on the Library of Congress website. When he saw negatives 1159 and 1160, taken seconds apart, he said to himself, "I think I see something going on."

Like the scientist who discovered Pluto because he knew where to look, Richter knew from historic descriptions of the ceremonies that the 4-by-7-inch plates of the troop procession ought to have Lincoln in there somewhere. "If I wouldn't have seen Lincoln there, it would have been a surprise," he said.

So he asked the center's president, Bob Zeller, to request much larger, more richly detailed computer files. Richter zoomed in tight and found what he was looking for: Lincoln on horseback — or so he believes. He and Zeller haven't distributed the images until now, so only one official at the Library of Congress has seen them. She hasn't committed to a positive identification, but Holzer, for one, is convinced.

"I don't see any reason to think it's not Abraham Lincoln," he said. "I'm going to start the session by saying, 'You may have seen the most important Lincoln photographic discovery in 40 years — what do you think?'"

Holzer, who wrote *The Lincoln Image* and co-wrote *The Lincoln Family Album* and *The Confederate Image: Prints of the Lost Cause*, said he'll begin a campaign next week to have the stereoviews displayed publicly. He hopes to persuade the Smithsonian Institution to exhibit them so the images are life-size and the public can decide for itself.

"All it takes is a wall," he said. "And they've got plenty of walls."



Antietam, Maryland, September 17, 1862

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2008

The Membership Dues for 2008 remain the same as last year. As you are aware, it is our annual dues that cover expenses associated with obtaining quality speakers, principally for transportation and lodging, as well as for the mailing and printing costs of the Board Bugle and Annual Roster. Dues for 2008 may be paid at any time prior to December 31, 2007. Observing this deadline will insure timely distribution of our Annual Roster. You may remit these separately, or include them with your November or December dinner reservations. Please complete the form below to insure that we have the correct information for the roster.

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