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CAMP 20
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE
CIVIL WAR
"PRESERVED BY THE GRACE
OF GOD..."



2009 CAMP 20 OFFICERS

COMMANDER JOHN R. KEITH
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GUIDE: JOHN BREWSTER
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SIGNAL OFFICER: JOHN C. KEITH
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:
BILL COSTELLO, STEVE REDINGER AND ART
BONNELL

REMINDER- our next camp meeting, the first one of 2010, will be **Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010 at 7pm.** Camp 20 meets on the first Tuesday of the month, March through November, at the Oshtemo Branch of the Kalamazoo Public Library, located at 7265 West Main Street.

**THANKS TO ALL UNITED STATES
VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

****CONGRATULATION TO CAMP 20 BROTHERS JACK SHOEMAKER AND CLIFF BURHANS FOR THEIR SUCCESS IN WORKING FOR A VETERAN'S MEMORIAL IN PLAINWELL, GREAT JOB BROTHERS, IT LOOKS GREAT!****

Reminder:

2010 dues are to be paid by March 1st, 2010. Dues are still \$31. You can mail them to-

**JOHN C. KEITH
CAMP 20 TREASURER
4347 117TH AVENUE
ALLEGAN, MI 49010**

ELECTIONS FOR 2010 CAMP 20 OFFICERS TOOK PLACE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

(The following are Camp 20 officers for 2010)

COMMANDER-Bro. John R. Keith

SR. VICE COMMANDER-Bro. Jeff Baker

JR. VICE COMMANDER-Bro. Dennis LaPoint

CAMP SECRETARY-Bro. Daniel Knight

CAMP TREASURER-Bro. John C. Keith

MEMBERS of the COUNCIL:

Bro. Bill Costello, Bro. Steve Redinger and Bro. Art Bonnell

At the November meeting it was decided that Camp 20's Annual Installation Dinner will again be at the Blackhawk Bar and Grill on Saturday, January 9th, 2010 at 6 pm. Makeup date if needed is January 16th, same time.

Invitation to all Camp 20 Brothers---

The ladies of
Cornelia Stockbridge Sheldon Tent # 58
Daughters of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
1861-1865

request the honor of your presence
at their first annual
Christmas Party

on
Friday, December 11, 2009

at
6:00 p.m.

at
Main Street Pub
Mattawan, MI

RSVP

Sally Redinger
President

269-668-3966

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We hope you all can join us!!

ALL:

I'm hoping if any Camp 20 member would be interested in writing the quarter report on Camp 20 for the Michigan Messenger. With my work schedule, I'm finding less and less time to submitting a report.

Also, would anyone like to make a wooden box to store our swords in? The box would need to be no shorter than 36 inches inside,, and 6in X 6inches?

Please contact me at 269-720-5251 or email me, I thank you in advance!

In F, C and L:

John R. Keith CC

CIVIL WAR FACTS OF INTEREST

In the Civil War glasses with colored lenses were used to treat disorders and illness, yellow-tint were used to treat syphilis, blue for insanity, and pink for depression. Thus we get the term, to see the world through rose-colored glasses.

General Stonewall Jackson never ate food that tasted good, because he assumed that anything that tasted good was completely unhealthy.

The average American in the 1860's could not afford to paint his house, and a painted house was a sign of affluence? In order to keep up appearances, they used cedar clapboards.

When a woman mourned for her husband in the 1860's, she spent a minimum of two-and-a-half years in mourning? That meant little or no social activities: no parties, , no outings, no visitors, and a wardrobe that consisted of nothing but black. The husband, when mourning for his wife, however, spent three months in a black suit.

President Lincoln had a mild form smallpox (varioid) while he gave the Gettysburg Address. On the train back to Washington he quipped, "Now I have something that I can give everybody."

INTERESTING BUT USELESS INFORMATION

Wilma Flintstone's maiden name was Wilma Pebble Slaghoopal, and Betty Rubble's maiden name was Betty Jean Mcbricker.

Ben and Jerry's send the waste from making ice cream to local pig farmers to use as feed. Pigs love the stuff, except for one flavor: Mint Oreo.

Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

The longest word in the English language, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis. The only other word with the same amount of letters is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconioses, its plural.

If you toss a penny 10,000 times, it will not be heads 5000 times, but more like 4950. The heads picture weighs more, so it ends up on the bottom.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

If NASA sent birds into space they would soon die, they need gravity to swallow.

Armored knights raised their visors to identify themselves when they rode past their king. This custom has become the modern military salute.

Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.

The phrase "sleep tight" derives from the fact that early mattresses were filled with straw and held up with rope stretched across the bed frame. A tight sleep was a comfortable sleep.

Please submit items to be added to this newsletter to-

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