

# SOUTHERN CONSTELLATION



February, 2013

## Message from the Commander

Commander James Siske

I want to thank all of you who attended the Lee-Jackson Banquet at the Painted Plate, also to thank the O.C.R. ladies led by Joyce Philips in helping with the banquet and for all of the great deserts.

I would also like to thank Don Saunders for his service and time in commanding the Col. John Sloan Camp. He put a lot of time and effort in over the years and all of us have greatly benefited for it.

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**SCV Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens and  
Commander Don Saunders at the Lee-Jackson Banquet**

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There is a little romance in the life of Mrs. G. B. McClellan not generally known. It appears that she was engaged some seven years ago to Gen. A. P. Hill the rebel. Her present husband has since had several "engagements" with the rebel General.

The Greensborough Patriot,  
February 19, 1863

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Our speaker this month will be Mark Simpson and the program will be Lincoln on Trial, this will be a good one and I hope to see all of you there.

Also don't forget that March 5<sup>th</sup> is Confederate Flag Day, be sure to show your colors proudly. I know I will.

## The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain David A. Long, III

By the time you receive this paper, Ash Wednesday will have passed. We of the Christian faith are preparing ourselves for Easter, which falls this year on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Ash Wednesday falls on February 13<sup>th</sup>, one day before Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, Shrove Tuesday will be observed. Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Tuesday. I thought that it might be helpful if I explained these days to you.

You know the name Mardi Gras. It is celebrated around the world but you may know of the celebration which is held in New Orleans, LA. It is "carnival time" and usually lasts a week. The word "carnival" means literally "to put away flesh". This time in New Orleans there was the Super Bowl and carnival time. The word Mardi Gras is a French word for "Fat Tuesday". It is the time of the year when the people "let it all hang out". It is the time when the pantry is cleansed of baking powder, eggs, butter, cooking oil, and flour. The Old Testament refers to the leaven and in order to be ready spiritually for Easter and the Resurrection, the holiest day on the Christian calendar, the leaven must be removed from our lives. What better way to clean the pantry than to eat PANCAKES? The Jews had a meal but they had a Passover meal and part of the ritual was to take a feather and a candle and give the house a symbolic dusting, using the feather as a duster and the lit candle as light. Today we know the term as "spring cleaning". The Jew would give all of the offensive materials in the house to a Christian neighbor with the agreement that following Passover, the material would be returned.

When the material has been taken from the pantry and disposed of, then the person is ready for cleansing. Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the fact that the sins in one's life have been "shriven" from them. "Shriven" is an old English word meaning, "to get rid of". Sins which are confessed are "shriven" - "gotten rid of".

The first time I saw ashes which had been applied to one's face I was in the army, stationed at Ft. Chaffee, AK. One of the soldiers came in the barracks with a large "smudge" applied to his forehead. I saw this and I told him that the First Sergeant would give him hell if he saw his face! He said that he was a Catholic and was observing "Ash Wednesday". As a Presbyterian, I had no idea what Ash Wednesday was all

about. It was later that I saw the value of such debasement in our lives and I have participated in Ash Wednesday services at Buffalo Church. The ritual of Ash Wednesday is the first day of LENT, which means "lengthen". At Lent, the days are getting noticeably longer. Lent is the period of 40 days (representative of the 40 days that the Lord Jesus was in the wilderness) and then he was tempted by the devil.

By the time this paper arrives we shall be observing the Season of Lent. The Season of Lent is commonly known as a time for giving up something. Max Dry, who was my friend in Kannapolis and a good Lutheran, said that he "gave up eating Hummingbird eggs at Lent". Lent is, however, a time that we do something for someone else. It may be ourselves as we refrain from eating too much and giving the money we saved to others who are hungry or it may be visiting a sick neighbor and taking them a meal. An observance of Lent can be a blessing for you and your neighbors.

## Charge to The Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principals he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General  
United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906

### Annual Vidalia Onion Sale



You can start taking orders now for our annual Vidalia onion fund raiser! A 10 lb. bag for \$10.00 (assuming last year's pricing). Take no payments now, just orders. The onions will be delivered in early May.

# The Greensborough Patriot

Feb. 5, 1863

People of Guilford: The military commander of North Carolina believing it necessary for the defense of the State, that the companies and regiments now in the state, should be filled up to their maximum number, has detailed an officer from each company to visit the counties in which their respective companies were raised to solicit men to volunteer. And the Governor of North Carolina has also issued an appeal to the people, urging them to volunteer for the defense of the State. It is evident that more soldiers are needed, and rather than you should be conscripted and assigned to companies not of your choice, the Conscript law is now partially suspended, expressly for the purpose of allowing you to volunteer and join any company you prefer.

We are here, by order of Maj. Gen. G. W. Smith to receive volunteers for our Companies, and solicit all those over 18 years of age, and able to perform military duty, to come forward and volunteer. By so doing you will receive \$100.00 bounty, and be entitled to all the privileges secured by law to volunteers. Our regiments are composed of soldiers of good moral character, and are noted for their upright deportment and good behavior. If you do not volunteer now, you will positively be called for about the 1st of March, and be assigned to such companies as the Conscript Commander may think proper.

To those who are absent from their commands without permission a full pardon is now offered, if they will immediately return to their companies and commanders. And we appeal to the citizens everywhere to persuade and use their influence to induce all absentees from the army to return immediately. All persons now at home belonging to our companies are requested to report to us forthwith. We will be found at the Court House, except when absent on duty.

R. C. DONNELL, Lieut.

Co. C, 45th Regiment, N. C. T

SAMUEL HANNER, Lieut.

Co. I, 63rd Reg. N. C. Partisan Rangers

Recruiting Officer

## The Lee-Jackson Banquet

(Photos Courtesy of Mike Myers)



## Calendar of Events

### 355<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting (Col. John Sloan Camp #1290)

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM  
 Capt. Bill's Seafood  
 6108 West Market St.  
 Greensboro, NC 27409  
 (336) 852-5162

Speaker: Mark Simpson to give a program on "Lincoln on Trial".

### Civil War Show

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
 Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Holiday Inn Salisbury  
 530 Jake Alexander Blvd South  
 Salisbury, NC 28144

### Confederate Flag Day at the NC State Capital

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Festivities start at 2:00 pm with SCV National Heritage Officer, Gene Hogan, delivering the keynote address.

North Carolina State Capital  
 1 East Edenton Street  
 Raleigh, NC 27601

### The Battle of Rockford / 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bond School House Shootout

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 11:00 AM – "Bond School House Shootout"  
 2:00 PM – "Battle of Rockford – Part 1"  
 Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 10:30 AM – Period Church Service  
 2:00 PM – "Battle of Rockford – Part 2"

#### [Rockford General Store](#)

5174 Rockford Road  
 Dobson, NC 27017

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### Camp Staff

James Siske - Commander  
 Josh Myers - Lt. Commander  
 Sammy Scott - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander  
 Thad Tucker - Treasurer  
 Mike Myers - Adjutant  
 David Long - Chaplain  
 John Pugh - Color Sergeant  
 Rahlo Fowler - Chief of Staff  
 Jeff Frank – Newsletter

### Mailing Address

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