

THE BATTLE CRY



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NEXT PROGRAMS

April 11, 2017: Sandy Prindle: Lincoln Assassination.

May 9, 2017: Last Meeting of the 2017 Campaign.

Meetings **2nd Tues. of the month (7 pm) GRACE CHURCH ADULT ANNEX, 8000 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL 34236.** On occasion time and location of the meeting will be changed.

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE?

YOUR

Sarasota Civil War Round Table

By M. Bruce Maxian, editor

The 2016-17 campaign has been outstanding, thanks to efforts made by our president, Gordon Balme. The speakers that Gordon has produced have presented new and interesting material.

That said, our turnouts have diminished as our membership dwindles. Many round tables have folded or are close to extinction. What will be the fate of our SCWRT? It is evident that more of our number need to step up to help keep the round table viable.

There exists a very good chance that one of our members will no longer make our meetings. Another may not be able to continue in an official capacity. I, too, will be ending my editorship after the May, 2017 newsletter and meeting. After the death of my wife my future holds a move to Columbia, SC with my daughter's family. We have two houses to sell then I will be joining my daughter's family to Columbia. Which of you will continue the newsletter? Which of you will come up with some ways to fatten our treasury, which one of you will spearhead a campaign to increase our membership. We know that change cannot happen overnight, in a day, a week or more but it must begin how. I will miss this group and its efforts to help meet the challenges that are before us. It is only right to continue to address our future. Traditionally, at the final meeting of our campaign in May, we vote on officers for the next year, i.e., Sept. 2017 to May 2018. Almost consistently the same officers are voted in unanimously. We face a unique situation this year. All four officers may require replacements. What do you suppose will happen if no one meets the challenge that lies ahead? I apologize for the lecture yet this deserves every one of us to come to the May meeting with the purpose of volunteering for a position and to express thoughtful ideas to insure the continued success of the Sarasota Civil War Round Table.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- What act of courage did a Confederate sergeant perform along Marye's Heights?
- Name the Union officer in command of the Hornet's Nest at the time of its surrender.
- What was the "Sweatbox" on U.S. naval ships?
- When did Federal Troops occupy Charleston, South Carolina, after it was evacuated by Confederates?
- Where did Union cavalry win the first significant victory over Confederate cavalry?
- What famous Northern preacher was noted for shipping rifles to Kansas to use against pro-slavery settlers?

THE MARTYR

15th of April, 1865

*Good Friday was the day
Of the prodigy and crime,
When they killed him in his pity,
When they killed him in his prime
Of clemency and calm—
When with yearning he was filled
To redeem the evil-willed,
And, though conqueror, be kind;
But they killed him in his kindness,
In their madness and their blindness,
And they killed him from behind.*

*There is sobbing of the strong,
And a pall upon the land;
But the People in their weeping
Bare the iron hand:
Beware the People weeping
When they bare the iron hand.*

*He lieth in his blood—
The father in his face;
They have killed him, the Forgiver—
The Avenger takes his place,
The Avenger wisely stern,
Who in righteousness shall do
What heavens call him to,
And the parricides remand;
For they killed him in his kindness,
In their madness and their blindness.
And his blood is on their hand.*

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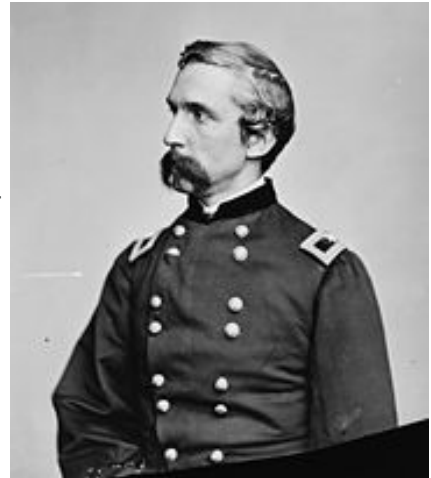
--Herman Melville, 1865



The Speech that Changed the Course of the US Civil War

by Phil Dourado April 2, 2012

Colonel Chamberlain The speech that rekindled loyalty and arguably won the US Civil War... Was not the Gettysburg address, it was the speech that Colonel Chamberlain gave to a large group of deserters that had been given to him the day before the biggest battle of the entire war. He desperately needed them to join his Northern Maine regiment for the upcoming battle.



...in that battle many historians agree that it was Colonel Chamberlain's holding of Little Round Top that won the day, and was the turning point in the whole war, in favour of the North.

As you read his speech, made entirely off the cuff, note his skills at using the word "we", his constant linking of the overall aim of the war with the present choice the men face, and most of all his repeated use of three points together, as he spoke, one of the most powerful techniques in presentations. I have underlined the threes, because of their power.

Colonel Chamberlain approached all of the deserters just after they arrived, and spoke to them together, as a group:

"I've been ordered to take you men with me, I'm told that if you (laughs quietly) don't come I can shoot you. Well, you know I won't do that. Maybe somebody else will, but I won't, so that's that. Here's the situation, the Whole Reb army is up that road aways waiting for us, so this is no time for an argument like this, I tell you. We could surely use you fellahs, we're now well below half strength.

Whether you fight or not, that's up to you, whether you come along is... well, your coming. You know who we are and what we are doing here, but if you are going to fight alongside us there are a few things I want you to know.

This regiment was formed last summer, in Maine.

There were a thousand of us then, there are less than 300 of us now.

All of us volunteered to fight for the Union, just as you have

Some came mainly because we were bored at home, thought this looked like it might be fun

Some came because we were ashamed not to

Many of us came because it was the right thing to do

And all of us have seen men die

This is a different kind of army

If you look back through history you will see men fighting for pay, for women, for some other kind of loot



Officers

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DUES FOR THE 2015-2016 CAMPAIGN ARE PAYABLE TO PAT McINERNEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DUES KEEP THE PROGRAMS AND NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE TO YOU.

Our Annual Campaign runs from Sept. through May, dues are \$30 .

Anyone interested in receiving "The Battle Cry" by e-mail please see Bruce Maxian at one of our meetings or e-mail me at:
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PLEASE WEAR YOUR T-SHIRTS TO THE MEETING. IN THE MEANTIME WEAR THEM WHEREVER YOU ROAM.
 OUR MONTHLY RAFFLE ALWAYS NEEDS YOUR DONATED BOOKS & MAGAZINES.

*They fight for land, power, because a king leads them, or just because they like killing
 But we are here for something new, this has not happened much, in the history of the world
 We are an army out to set other men free
 America should be free ground, all of it, not divided by a line between slave states and free – all the way from here to the Pacific Ocean
 No man has to bow. No man born to royalty
 Here we judge you by what you do, not by who your father was
 Here you can be something
 Here is the place to build a home
 But it's not the land, there's always more land
 It's the idea that we all have value – you and me
 What we are fighting for, in the end, we're fighting for each other
 Sorry, I didn't mean to preach
 You go ahead and you talk for awhile
 If you choose to join us and you want your muskets back you can have them – nothing more will be said by anyone anywhere
 If you choose not to join us well then you can come along under guard and when this is all over I will do what I can to ensure you get a fair trial, but for now we're moving out
 Gentlemen, I think if we lose this fight we lose the war, so if you choose to join us I will be personally very grateful."*

114 out of 120 deserters joined with the regiment immediately, with another 4 joined up later.

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LIMERICK FUN

**“The Constitution,” he ranted, “damnation!
 I tell you without hesitation,
 It’s a covenant with hell,
 And the North would do well
 To secede and then form a new nation.”**

Who am I?

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