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Company Meeting on the Horizon

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Greetings:

Seasons Greetings and happy Holidays to you all. Another year is fast coming to a close and I find myself reflecting back upon a year filled with many great moments in re-enacting. I must say that the beginning of the year was abundant with trepidations about being the president of our humble group. I admit that it was a surprising pleasure to have served you all as administrator and I hope that my efforts in some small way made the year the success that it was. Certainly the majority of the success we enjoyed was not due to my efforts but to you; our members and participants. I am very proud of our little band and the way we behaved and re-enacted. I say this with the confidence afforded to me not only by my own observations but also by the observations of our peers and fellow re-enactors. I have been pleased by the continued and positive comments passed along by others, including the officers and members of such noble units as the Tenth Tennessee and Second Wisconsin Volunteers.

We certainly have a way to go and much improvement can still be looked for. But the way we handled our rations, pitched in, and got the job done was inspiring. Seldom did a canteen call or a wood detail have to be ordered by the CO as men on their own volunteered and got the job done. It certainly felt at those times that we were a band of comrades that had seen much together and we looked after each other like only brothers-in-arms will do. I especially want to thank our NCOs, in particular Marc Reed for his leadership and kindness.

Your humble servant, Terrence Lemke

BIG NEWS:

In the September issue I alluded to the fact that some of our members participated in the filming of the recreation of the Draft Riots for The Milwaukee Public Television station on July 24th. (I hope we'll have plenty of warning to set our VCR's for when the production finally airs.) I also alluded to the fact that MPT was grateful enough to send us a stipend for our participation. At the time I did not know the amount to be donated

but to my great surprise it looks as if we will be netting an grant of almost \$360.00!
Once again, my thanks to those that participated and to MPT.

Paymaster's Report: The balance of the coffers as of September was \$141.03. Disbursements totaling \$56.23 were made to cover rations. A deposit of \$358.60 was made (after taxes) by MPT, leaving a balance of \$443.40 in the war chest. No further dues were paid leaving us with the following paid members as of this date.

ANDY ACKERT	NANCY TROXEL
MARC REED	JIM SCHUMANN
JOHN FRITZE	JOHN VAN BECKUM
TERRY LEMKE	KEN & BETH SOCH
BRAD BODA	DAVID BUSHMOLE
MIKE RUSSEL	KENT AND ZACH COCKROFT
KEVIN WEINSHROTT	

Company Meeting:

My final duty as President for this year is to call and hold a company meeting for the purpose of concluding Company E business, elect officers and set a preliminary schedule for 2005. After placing a call out for dates it looks as if January 15th or 16th would work the best. Mike Russell was good enough to volunteer a room at his place of employment but only has it available for the 15th. We have not yet found a place for the 16th but as we would like to have it in the Milwaukee area perhaps one can still be found by those close by. If those dates do not work for you please send me an e-mail. Once we settle on a date and a place we'll get it posted along with directions. I would recommend we set the time at about 1:00PM. Please bring a snack or treat to share and what you would like drink.

Wade House: This year's Wade House event was one of the better organized events held at Greenbush. Many of the issues which gave us pains in the years prior had been addressed by the staff. I myself noticed that a much better effort to have water brought to the camps was made. Wood was abundant and after only small filtering of the provided rations, quite a bit of usable fodder was laid out. There was however, a sad "malfunction" of the Speaker system near our camp but it somehow did not detract from our experience. (PS. Ask Mr. Munt about that!) On Saturday the Confederates performed the Execution of a Southern deserter. Thanks to the efforts of



“Brother” Abraham Fleming (Jason Reinholz) and George Washington Hall (Andy Ackert) and the participating units it went off very well. It was a solemn and important experience and one I had not taken part in before. Those that were there know how Saturday’s battle went – enough said. The problems were solved on Sunday the Feds fell in heaps. Not to be outdone, the Confederates fell in Doves!

Coon Valley: Coon Valley was a great success. We not only had great weather but our unit experienced some of the best re-enacting we have seen in several years. The commander, Brad Bodoh, did an excellent job in commanding and scenario building. Certainly the Boys in Blue must also be commended. The post-action wounded, dead and captured left many spectators (and other re-enactors) impressed. If you missed this event you certainly will want to attend next year!

2005 Events: The event schedule will be one of the major topics on the agenda for our January meeting. Some of the dates put forward thus far are below. By no means are these the final events AND dates are not guaranteed to be correct. They are however presented now for your consideration. We may also want to consider finding time to visit the Grant Home in Galena this year -- Perhaps in May? If you have other suggestions or would like us to consider a National event please bring that information along.

Apr 30, May 1	Dousman Inn, Elmbrook Historical Society - Brookfield, WI
June 4,5	VA Administration, Milwaukee, WI - Company
June 25, 26	Cudahy (10 th Tennessee)
July 16,17	Old Falls Village, Menominee Falls, WI - Company
July 23,24	Muskego (3 rd WI)
Aug 6,7	Boscobel, WI
Aug 13,14	Green Bay RR Museum, WI (Possible on 20, 21 st)
Sept 24,25	Wade House, WI
Oct 8,9	Coon Valley, WI

Good of the Order: Many of you have had the opportunity to meet our newest recruit Dan Hunt. Dan is originally from Fond du Lac but has been living for some time in Beaver Dam. Dan had the opportunity to visit the Gettysburg National Park this fall and stay at a period house on the Battle Field. This house, converted into a Bed and Breakfast, was his base-camp and allowed him to almost never have need to leave the park. While there he understandably took many pictures. I would like to share a few of the special images he took there. Some of you may have seen these images at Wade House but I hope you enjoy the opportunity to see them again.

These images are of the trail that passes through the woods on the Rose Farm. This area is basically to the East of the “Triangular Field” behind Devils Den and to the South of the Wheat Field. Like most areas in that neighborhood on those hot steamy days of July, 1863 they saw much destruction and death. Dan was taking the trail and had his cameras in hand. Dan took an image just prior to entering the Rose Woods trail.

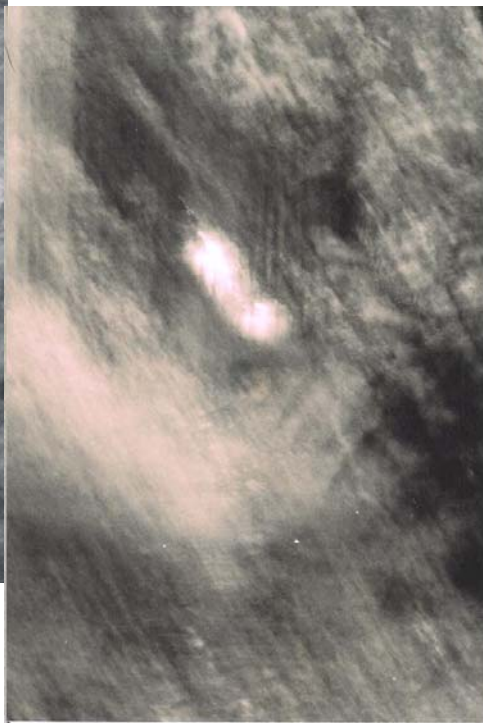
While in the Woods, Dan took several images. He also took several pictures after leaving the woods. The images which were taken just prior and after the Rose Woods were normal in appearance. Only those taken in the woods seemed to suffer from some energy or malfunction which produced some of the images below. This image was taken just



prior to entering the trail on the Rose Woods. As you can see it is quite normal. The opening is far down the trail. The three images below were taken while on the trail. Look closely at each one.



At first glance each image looks to be very blurry and show very little. Close examination reveals that strange things are afoot.





This first image shows what appears to be a man with a kepi walking in from the right. You can clearly see his left hand raised as if he were just charging the cartridge down the end of his barrel. Is this an apparition of a long dead soldier still fighting on?

The second image shows what appears to be a hand, complete with arm and coat sleeve, reaching down from the right – fingers extended as if to stop something or someone!





This last image is perhaps the strangest of all. In its borders one can clearly see to the left, the head of a bearded man, with a hat, looking to the right -- Perhaps still fighting the spirit in the first image! It is strange how this image appears in the front of the tree!

The second, or middle, circle shows what appear to be someone's initials. It is still in debate if they represent "J. K.G." or perhaps "J. R. G.". Do these belong to some lost son still trying to let his loved ones know where he lies over 140 years latter?

To the far right is very well defined numeral "3". Dan reports that the Third Corps was heavily engaged in this area. Is the three for the Third Corps? Or is the "3" for the 3rd of July? Now it would not surprise me if the reader simply wishes

to pass these images on as a camera malfunction or processing glitch. But certainly, paranormal activity in and around the fields and lots of Gettysburg is not a new claim. Indeed this event is not singular to the post-war history of the Rose Woods. Dan is not alone catching strange images from this locale on film. If you like, visit the site below for more! Thanks for sharing the images Dan!

<http://www.spiritsocietyofpa.com/rosewoods.html>

Image at Wade house provided by Jim Schumann.
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