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LEGISLATIVE DAY IN AUSTIN SET FOR JAN. 23RD

The Texas Division of the SCV will host a Legislative Day on Tuesday, January 23rd at the State Capitol in Austin. All Texas Division members, as well as family members and friends are invited to attend.

Everyone is asked to meet on the south lawn of the Capitol building (the river side of the Capitol) between 8:30 and 9:00 AM on January 23rd. Those in attendance will then proceed to each of the legisla-

tive galleries. Plans have been made in both the Senate and the House so that the SCV members will be recognized from the floor.

The goal is to fill the legislative gallery with pro-Confederates sending a clear message to the legislative members that we want our Confederate symbols preserved and protected.

The SCV wants members of the legislature to support a bill that will pro-

tect all historic monuments from the Texas War of Independence, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Persian Gulf War.

Those present will also be asked to visit with their own member of the Texas House of Representatives and the Senate. The idea is for Representatives and Senators to personally meet voters from their district.

Event Scheduled for January 20th in Temple

LEE-JACKSON DINNER SET

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 will hold its' 13th annual Lee-Jackson Dinner on Saturday night, January 20th.

The event will be held at the Best Western Inn at Scott & White located on South 31st Street in Temple. The annual event is set for 6:30 P.M, dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M.

Dinner will be a choice of the following: Roast beef

or country fried catfish, mashed potatoes and

will be \$17.00 per person.

The featured speakers for the event are the immediate past Texas Division Commander John Perry and his wife Sandra, from Salado. The Perry's will give a first person presentation on Confederate General John Gordon and his wife, Fanny.

This years meeting will mark the 13th Lee-Jackson Dinner held by Camp #1250. The first dinner was held in



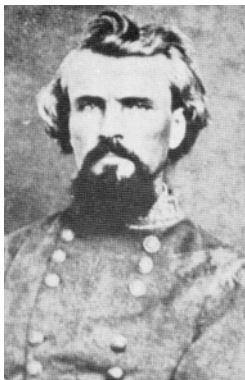
Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson

gravy seasoned green beans, and Key Lime pie or French silk pie. The cost

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FORREST ON RECONSTRUCTION

Editors Note: This is part two of a series on the views of General Nathan Bedford Forrest during Reconstruction. A reporter, from the Cincinnati Commercial newspaper, wrote the article in 1868, after an interview with Forrest. The interview occurred during the bloodiest part of Reconstruction, when the Radical Republicans controlled Forrest's home state of Tennessee.



Nathan Bedford
Forrest

"What are your feelings towards the federal government, general?"

"I loved the old government in 1861. I loved the old Constitution yet I think it is the best government in the world, if administered as it was before the war. I do not hate it; I am opposing now only the radical revolutionists who are trying to destroy it. I believe that party to be composed, as I know it is in Tennessee, of the worst men on Gods earth-men who would not hesitate at no crime, and who have only one object in view-to enrich themselves."

"In the event of Gov. Brownlow (Reconstruction Governor of Tennessee) calling out the militia, do you think there will be any resistance offered to their acts?"

I asked. "That will depend upon circumstances. If the militia are simply called out, and do not interfere with or molest anyone, I do not think there will be any fight. If, on the contrary, they do what I believe they will do, commit outrages, or even one outrage, upon the people, they and Mr. Brownlow's government will be swept out of its existence; not a radical will be left alive. If the militia are called out, we cannot but look upon it

as a declaration of war, because Mr. Brownlow has already issued his proclamation directing them to shoot down the Ku-Klux wherever they find them, and he calls all Southern men Ku-Klux."

"Why, general, we people up north have regarded the Ku-Klux as an organization which existed only in the frightened imagination of a few politicians"

"Well, sir, there is such an organization, not only in Tennessee, but all over the South, and its numbers have not been exaggerated."

"What are its numbers, general?"

"In Tennessee there are over 40,000; in all the Southern states they number about 550,000 men."

"What is the character of the organization; May I inquire?"

"Yes, sir. It is a protective political military organization. I am willing to show any man the constitution of the society. The members are sworn to recognize the government of the United States. It does not say anything at all about the government of Tennessee. Its objects originally were protection against Loyal Leagues and the Grand Army of the Republic; but after it became general it was found that political matters and interests could best be promoted within it, and it was then made a political organization, giving it support, of course, to the Democratic Party."

"But is the organization connected throughout the state?"

"Yes, it is. In each voting precinct there is a captain, who, in addition to his other duties, is required to make out a list of names of men in his precinct, giving all the radicals and all the democrats who are positively known, and showing also the doubtful on both sides and of both colors. This list of names is forwarded to the grand commander of the State, who is thus enabled to know who are our friends and who are not."

"Can you, or are you at liberty to give me the name of the commanding officer of this State?"

"No, it would be impolitic."

"Then I suppose that there can be no doubt of a conflict if the militia interfere with the people; is that your view?"

"Yes, sir; if they attempt to carry out Governor Brownlow's proclamation, by shooting down Ku-Klux - for he calls all Southern men Ku-Klux, if they go to hunting down and shooting these men, there will be war, and a bloodier one than we have ever witnessed. I have told these radicals here what they might expect in such an event. I have no powder to burn killing Negroes. I intend to kill the radicals. I have told them this and more, there is not a radical leader in this town but is a marked man, and if a trouble should break out, none of them would be left alive. I have told them that they are trying to create a disturbance and then slip out and leave the consequences to fall upon the Negroes, but they can't do it. When the fight comes not one of them would get out of this town alive. We don't intend they shall ever

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New Officers Elected At December

Central Texas Brigade Commander Jerry Nelson and his wife Betty hosted the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 at their home for a special Christmas season meeting on December 10th.

At the well attended meeting the Camp elected new officers for year 2001. Re-elected as the Camp's commander, for his second term, was Greg

Manning. Elected to serve with Commander Manning in 2001 are: 1st Lt. Commander Herb Cowan; 2nd Lt. Commander, George Ballentine, and Adjutant, Steve Wooley, who will begin his fourth term.

All the new officers will be sworn in at the 13th annual Lee-Jackson Dinner on January 20th at the Inn at Scott & White.

Lee-Jackson Dinner

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1989 in Hillsboro, held jointly with the Hillsboro camp. Speaker for the first dinner, at that time called the Robert E. Lee dinner, was Steve Brown.

Since 1992 the annual event has been held in Temple. In 1998, the event was renamed to the "Lee-Jackson" Dinner to not only honor Robert E. Lee, but also to honor Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Camp Schedule

January 5-7th:

Reenactment and Ball Chatfield, TX, Contact: leadpan@airmail.net

January 13th: Texas Division Executive Council Meeting, Conroe

January 20th: Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, Inn at Scott & White, Temple. Speakers; John & Sandra Perry

January 20th: Stock Show Parade, Ft. Worth TX, Contact: H.A. Schafer, Ft. Worth

January 23rd: Legislative Day at the Capitol, Austin, TX, Contact: Greg Manning

Lee-Jackson Dinner Set For January 20th at The Inn at Scott & White, Temple

LEE-JACKSON DINNER MEETINGS 1989 TO 2001

Year	Location	Speaker	Topic
2001	Temple	John & Sandra Perry	"John and Fanny Gordon" (First Person Presenta-
2000	Temple	Denne Sweeney	"Jefferson Davis, From West Point to the Presi-
1999	Temple	Gary G. Desalvo	"Spiritual Life of Lee &
1998	Temple	Dan M. Laney	"Bobby Lee & Stonewall"
1997	Temple	John C. Perry	"Lee Revisited"
1996	Temple	John C. Perry	"Lee & Jackson"
1995	Temple	Dr. David Yeild-	"Lee After Gettysburg"
1994	Temple	John C. Perry	"Lee: The Texas Connec-
1993	Temple	John C. Perry	"Lessons Learned From Lee"
1992	Temple	John C. Perry	"Robert E. Lee: The Man"
1991	Hillsboro	Arch McNamara	"The Lee Family"
1990	Belton	Dr. David Yeild-	"Post-war Years of Robert
1989	Hillsboro	Steve Brown	"Life of Lee"

Camp Commanders & Adjutants, 1988 to 2001

Year	Commander	Adjutant
2001	Greg Manning	Steve Wooley
2000	Greg Manning	Steve Wooley
1999	Jerry Nelson	Steve Wooley
1998	Jerry Nelson	Steve Wooley
1997	Jerry Nelson	Dick Epperson
1996	Ken Miller	Dick Epperson
1995	Ken Miller	Dick Epperson
1994	Will Port Hall	Dick Epperson
1993	W. Glenn Rucker	Will Port Hall
1992	Larry Jack Maxey	Will Port Hall
1991	Richard Kemp	Will Port Hall
1990	Jon Farrow	Will Port Hall
1989	John C. Perry	Buzzy Gover
1988	John C. Perry	Buzzy Gover

Forrest On Reconstruction

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get out of the country. But I want it distinctly understood that I am opposed to any war, and will only fight in self-defense. If the militia attack us, we will resist to the last, and, if necessary, I think I could raise 40,000 men in five days ready for the field."

"Do you think, general, that the Ku-Klux have been of any benefit to the State?"

"No doubt of it. Since its organization, the leagues have quit killing and murdering our people. There were some foolish young men who put masks on their faces and rode over the country, frightening Negroes, but orders have been issued to stop that, and it has ceased. You may say, further, that three members of the Ku-Klux have been court-martialed and shot for violations of the orders not to disturb or molest people."



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**Next Meeting:
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Inn at S&W
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