



SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

November 1996

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD SUNDAY NOV 17

The Annual Membership meeting of Save The Franklin Battlefield was held Sunday Nov 17, 1996. The meeting is held each fall as required by our bylaws in order to elect new board members, officers for the next year, and to report to the general membership on the activities of the past year. The meeting was attended by thirty two members and interested visitors.

Mr. Tom Bain, know as 'Mr. Brentwood Civil War', was our guest speaker. Tom is a long time resident of Brentwood, a past mayor, and a serious student of Civil War History of the Brentwood & Franklin area. His comments were a real treat for those in attendance.

Each year STFB presents the Tenny Pinkerton Dossier Award to persons or groups to recognize their accomplishments of the past year.

The 1996 Award was presented to Franklin Chapter #14 of United Daughters of The Confederacy for their continuing stewardship in the maintenance and upkeep of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery at Carnton Plantation. We will be planting a magnolia tree at the McGavock Cemetery with a marker. The date of the tree planting and dedication ceremony will be announced soon.

Three new board members were elected to replace outgoing members Tom Van Dyke, Colon Pope, and Mary Pearce. The new board members are Bobby Hargrove, Joe Smyth and David Fraley.

STFB officers elected for 1997 are:

E.J. Neeley	President
Peter Schofield & Ronnie Mangrum	Vice Presidents
Sam Huffman	Treasurer
Sam Gant	Secretary

E.J Neeley briefly reviewed the activities and successes of STFB in 1996. We erected a historic marker at the trench line on highway 96 west (near Texaco) and conducted a tour of the Battle of Thompson Station. We have completed the conversion of our membership records to our

new computer, and are publishing our newsletter monthly (these are not easy tasks for a volunteer organization).

Sam Huffman discussed the considerations of a web site on the internet for Save the Franklin Battlefield. After the formal meeting, Sam conducted a mock-up demonstration of a possible layout for the STFB web pages. Members who can help author a web site are asked to contact Sam at 370-3842. Also, if the Board decides to implement the web site, we will need someone to donate a fast modem to STFB.

During the break for refreshments, a drawing for several door prizes was held. Door prizes were generously donated by Judy Haynes at Williamson County Bi-Centennial Committee, Marvin Stalnaker, Franklin Booksellers, and PIP Printing.

DID YOU KNOW ??

The Hiram Masonic Lodge in downtown Franklin was built in 1823. This Gothic style building is the first three story building in Tennessee, the first and oldest Masonic Lodge in Tennessee and the first home of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Tennessee.

The Chickasaw Treaty was signed near this building on August 17, 1830 by President Andrew Jackson and Chickasaw tribal leaders.

During the war, both Confederate and Union forces used this building. From the roof the Confederates looked into Fort Granger. After the Battle of Franklin, the building used as a hospital for Union wounded.

The United States Government paid for war damages to the structure - but not until 1912.

132nd ANNIVERSARY MARCH

The 132nd Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin will again be remembered this year with a memorial march from Columbia to Franklin. This year we are asking for sponsors to pledge money for our re-enactors per mile as we retrace the

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footsteps of the Army of Tennessee. The money raised will be used to conserve the battle flag of the 21st Tennessee Infantry that was on this fateful march 132 years ago.

Our marchers will camp at "Elm Springs" in Columbia on Thursday, November 28. The first 14 mile leg of the march will begin early on Friday, November 29, and will end in Spring Hill that evening. We will camp in the same place that Cleburne's Division camped during that lost opportunity. Saturday, November 30, we will start north up the Columbia Pike through Thompson Station and past the Historic Harrison House. The last 14 mile leg of the march will finish atop Winstead Hill. We hope to arrive at Winstead Hill prior to the opening ceremonies that will begin at 3:30 P.M. The program will include a speech, prayer and some period music.

The public is invited to attend the Winstead Hill service and to join the march into Franklin. After this brief ceremony the marchers will retrace the Army of Tennessee's deadly march into history at the same time it was launched 132 years before. With a police escort, we will walk the final 2 miles to the famous Carter House, where we will dedicate a marker to Brown's Division who charged up Columbia Pike and broke the Union lines during the bloody Battle of Franklin. We will also plant 6 trees to honor the memory of the 6 generals that paid the ultimate price for their country at Franklin.

If you would like to sponsor a marcher to help raise money for the 21st Tenn's flag or if you need more information please call Thomas Cartwright at the Carter House, 791-1861 or Ronny Mangrum at the Lotz House, 791-6533.

SPECIAL THANKS

A big thank you to The Lotz House, Sam Huffman, Peter Schofield, Sam Gant, Joe Smyth, E.J. Neeley and Lynne Pope for all their help in putting together the newsletter. If you can help us (newsletter skills are a help but not necessary) contact Lynne Pope at 591-1774.

ILLUMINATION TOUR POSTPONED

The Illumination Tour of McGavock Cemetery has been postponed until next spring.

ITEMS FOR SALE

We still have a few commemorative paper weights (with felt backing) and belt buckles that were made for the 125th Anniversary re-enactment in 1989. Made of antiqued brass, they are 3 inches across and have the design shown above - including the names of the five Confederate Generals killed at Franklin. They are \$5 each and make great gifts and keepsakes.

We also have a few baseball caps and T-shirts left from previous events. The imprint on both is **I'm Helping SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD**. The caps are one-size-fits-all and sell for \$5. The T-shirts are all XL and sell for \$10.

When you order your book(s), include a note ordering the extra items. There is no sales tax and we'll deliver or mail your things for free.

Remember, every penny of your purchases go to STFB projects.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 30, 1996 - 132nd Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

Dec 7 & 8, 1996 - Carter House Candlelight Tour (790-1861 for more info)

NEXT STFB BOARD MEETING Monday, Dec 9

The next monthly STFB BOARD MEETING will be held on November 9, 1996 at the Williamson County Library Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are open to member, prospective members and everyone interested in protecting and preserving the Civil War Sites in Williamson County.

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