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DETACHED TENT #23

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LINCOLN QUOTES

“It’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”

“Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.”

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

“Don’t worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.”

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

“Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.”

“Whatever you are, be a good one.”

HOLIDAY LUNCH WITH THE DELANAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sisters from Tent #23 joined members of the Delavan Historical Society for a holiday lunch at the Village Supper Club on Saturday, December 5. Special holiday entertainment was provided by the DDHS Lydian Choir (*see photo below*). Many unwrapped gifts were collected for the Santas for Seniors program which delivered them to local nursing homes and assisted care facilities in Walworth County. See page 2 for more pictures from the lunch.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre at 6:30pm
on Tuesday, March 22, 2016



Sisters from Tent #23 enjoying a yummy holiday lunch at the Village Supper Club on December 5.



“PRESIDENT LINCOLN’S LITTLE KINDNESS”

(article published in The Beacon, January 1, 2016 page 15)

“At the start of the Civil War, many Wisconsin residents criticized Abraham Lincoln for exceeding the constitutional authority of the President. Many even sympathized openly with the South. Loyal Republicans chose Professor Damon Kilgore, head of the Evansville Seminary, to travel to Washington and warn Lincoln about the presence of traitors in the North.

“Professor Kilgore may have been among frontier Wisconsin’s elite, but he was not well-acquainted with the manners of polite society back east. Invited to lunch at the White House, he found himself seated right beside President Lincoln. Feeling painfully nervous, Kilgore nevertheless made it through most of the meal without embarrassing himself.

“But when the luncheon was nearly finished, a small bowl filled with water and a slice of lemon was placed before him. Finger bowls, used for dipping and cleaning the hands after a meal, had just come into vogue in America and Kilgore had never seen one. He assumed it was lemonade.

“Before the professor could commit the faux pas of drinking it, Lincoln leaned over and whispered discreetly, ‘Don’t sip out of that bowl. Watch me.’ The President then casually demonstrated its proper use and Kilgore was spared public humiliation. Later, when they were meeting alone, Lincoln confessed that he himself ‘needed a servant to keep him informed about those little things.’

“The editor who printed that recollection nearly 60 years later admitted that, ‘we cannot vouch for the truth of the story.’ But as the old saying goes, if it’s not true, it ought to be.

“This and many other fascinating stories about history in Wisconsin are available on the website of the Wisconsin Historical Society, www.wisconsinhistory.org.”

PLAN NOW FOR THE 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION!

The 2016 National Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Springfield, Illinois from July 21-25 this summer. Further details on the convention will be forthcoming, but if you would like to attend, you may want to get your hotel reservations soon! All of the Allied Orders will be holding their conventions there at the same time. This year is the 150th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was founded by Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson in Decatur, Illinois. Dr. Stephenson’s family farm was in Petersburg, Illinois, a short distance from Springfield, and it is in Petersburg that he is buried. While in Springfield, there are many Civil War and Lincoln-related sites to visit. Just a few of these include:

DUVCW Museum and Headquarters www.duvcw.org

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum www.suvcw.org/WRC/garmuseum.htm

Lincoln’s Home National Historic Site www.nps.gov/liho

Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery www.facebook.com/StateHistoricSitesOfSpringfieldIL

Lincoln’s New Salem www.lincolnsnewsalem.com

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum www.illinois.gov/alplm/Pages/default.aspx

Old State Capital www.facebook.com/StateHistoricSitesOfSpringfieldIL

Lincoln-Herndon Law Office www.facebook.com/StateHistoricSitesOfSpringfieldIL

Edwards Place (restored Lincoln-era mansion) www.edwardsplace.org

Elijah Iles House Museum of Springfield History www.ileshouse.org

For other things to do in the Springfield area, you can order the Springfield Visitors Guide and/or access it online at <http://www.visitspringfieldillinois.com/> (scroll to the bottom of the page and look for “Visitors Guide” in the pink box). Also of interest may be the Looking For Lincoln Exhibits, over 40 outdoor exhibits that show the influence that Springfield had on Lincoln’s life. www.lookingforlincoln.com