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Meeting Schedule for 2010

Our meeting schedule for 2010 will be:

27 FEBRUARY

1 MAY (BUSINESS MEETING)

30 OCTOBER

All meetings will be conducted at:

**10 o'clock AM at
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(Address and directions at end of newsletter)

Annual Dues

Annual dues for 2010 are now due. Our By-laws dictate that dues be received by 1 January of each year.

Dues of \$25 should be sent to:

Bruce Butgereit, II, Treasurer
4191 Nature Trail Dr. Apt 10
Kentwood, MI 49512

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Companions in attendance included:

Bruce B. Butgereit
Adam Gaines

Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison
Dr. Weldon Petz
Jon Reed
Walter F. Roberts, Jr.

Officer Reports – Commander

As Commander-in-Chief Harrison has placed an emphasis on getting the National

Organization to back to basics of what the MOLLUS represents, promotes and does, Commander Butgereit shared similar thoughts in regard to the Michigan Commandery.

The first priority is to announce the schedule of meetings so as to encourage the best possible attendance.

The second priority is to follow as closely as possible the Order of Business for meetings as dictated in our Commandery By-laws.

The third item included announcing the annual business meeting at which the proposed slate of officers will be voted upon.

New Business –

With the Michigan Commandery hosting the 2010 National Congress, Commander Butgereit put out a call for support in coordinating the many functions of a Congress.

The site of the 2010 Congress will be:

**Grand Rapids Holiday Inn – Airport
3063 Lake Eastbrook Blvd.
Kentwood, MI 49512**

8-10 October

The tentative agenda includes:

Friday PM – Registration & opening reception with a speaker

Saturday AM – Breakfast & business meetings

Saturday PM – Lunch followed by group tour of 4 Civil War-related historical sites in Grand Rapids.

Evening formal banquet with speaker

Your attendance would be greatly appreciated as assistance with registration and more will be needed.

Comaraderie & Conversation –

With the special visit by Honorary Companion Dr. Weldon Petz, we were able to view a copy of two of his most recent works about Abraham Lincoln.

Copies of these two books may be purchased thru the State of Michigan Museum e-Store:

<http://apps.michigan.gov/MichiganeStore/public/Home.aspx>

The first is titled “Seeking Lincoln in Michigan” and the other is “Michigan Remembers Lincoln”.

Other items discussed included the GAR Building in Detroit, the Lincoln Highway, and some recent material found at the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan that relates to the Michigan Commandery.

The newly designed advertising brochure for the National Organization was reviewed. You will find several copies in this newsletter for you to distribute. It was designed by Bruce B. Butgereit.

Election of officers –

The current list of officers for the Commandery includes:

Commander – Bruce B. Butgereit
Senior Vice-Commander – Walter F. Roberts
Junior Vice-Commander – Adam Gaines
Recorder/Treasurer – Bruce Butgereit, II
Registrar – Keith Harrison
Chancellor – Charles DuCharme
Council – Daniel Boutell

Council – Tom Singelyn

Council – Hal Smith

Upcoming Events

(Exact date and time to be determined)

11-12 February – Lincoln Birthday Observance in Washington, DC

17 April – Lincoln Death Day Observance in Springfield, IL

May – Memorial Day educational program at the John A. Logan Elementary School in Detroit.

10-11 July – Civil War Days at Historic Fort Wayne

27-29 August – Jackson Civil War Muster

Loyally yours,

Bruce B. Butgereit,

Commander

**To Ten Eyck Tavern from East Detroit
20301 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI**

Located in the Dearborn Inn; a Marriott Hotel

Take I-94 W

Take exit #206B/OAKWOOD BLVD NORTH onto OAKWOOD BLVD

Destination will be on the left.