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A word from the commander

For the better part of the past six months, I have been struggling with pain and limited movement in my right shoulder. For several months, I chose to ignore it and then after visiting with my doctor, he prescribed physical therapy for two months. When the pain and immobility increased, I requested an MRI which indicated a torn rotator cuff.

On 3 November, I had outpatient surgery where the rotator was repaired, some calcium deposits removed, some bone removed, and when they found a piece of tissue that they didn't wish to remove, they screwed it onto my clavicle. I have only recently returned to driving on my own and I can once again dress myself...something that would make my mother proud and makes my wife happy because she doesn't have to do it anymore. ☺ My surgeon just prescribed two additional months of physical therapy 3x a week.

This has been quite a setback and although I hesitate to use it as an excuse, it altered my schedule dramatically. It has been the reason we did not meet this past Fall and why a newsletter wasn't sent earlier.

Belated Holiday Greetings

With the uncertainty of many things in our world today and the financial issues that persist, it would be easy to get discouraged. However, our forefathers faced similar situations and persevered and I believe we can do the same. It is also at times like these that we need to remember the many blessings we do have. I for one am grateful of your membership and support in the Michigan

Commandery and extend best wishes for a great 2009.

Our 2009 meeting schedule

Our next meeting will be an informal Mid-Winter meeting at the Historic Fort Wayne (directions attached) on Saturday, 7 February, 2009 at 1:00 PM. Our meeting will be in Building 112 and you will have to tell the gate guards that you are with MOLLUS and there for a meeting. As usual, everyone is invited to lunch at 11 AM at the Ten Eyck Tavern (directions attached).

Our next meeting will be at 11 AM, Saturday, 11 July at the Fort, again at Building 112. Because this is one of the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition's biggest weekends, we will discuss at the February meeting whether we will meet for breakfast before the meeting or for lunch afterwards.

An October meeting date has yet to be determined.

The minutes from our first meeting at Historic Fort Wayne

The meeting opened at 1:30 PM. This followed a lunch at the Ten Eyck Tavern in Dearborn attended by Companions Bruce Butgereit (and wife Marcia), Keith Harrison, and W. Fred Roberts.

Companions present: Bruce Bugereit, Michael Davis, Charles DuCharme, (new Life Member from Canada) Adam Gaines, Keith Harrison, and W. Fred Roberts.

Guests: Tom Berlucchi (HFW Coalition), Marcia Butgereit (DOLLUS), Adam's father

whose name was unfortunately not recorded, and David Jamroz (co-author of book *Images of America – Detroit’s Historic Fort Wayne*).

Commander Butgereit opened floor to informal meeting following introductions.

A complete update on the work of the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition was shared by guest Tom Berlucchi. Given that the Commandery used to help support the Plymouth Historical Museum with an annual contribution of \$150, it was moved by Companion Harrison to give \$150 annually to the HFW, 2nd by Companion Davis and passed unanimously.

The Coalition and the Commandery have pledged support for each other and will look for future opportunities to work together to further the history of the Civil War and the Fort. Guest David Jamroz shared insight into the book, *Images of America – Detroit’s Historic Fort Wayne*, written by he and Bill Conway. Several copies were sold and signed.

The meeting closed at 3:30 PM. Following the meeting, Tom Berlucchi gave Companion Harrison and Marcia and I a full tour of the facilities, showing us the work they done and the areas the need more.

2008 Dues and Membership

As you recall, our Recorder was going to better align our dues collection with when our annual report is sent to National. Just to be clear, the payments that many of you have made recently were to cover the 2008 year. Dues for 2009 will be collected starting in January (with a March 31 deadline) and in January of each successive year.

As of the date of this newsletter, our PAID membership is as follows –

Bruce B. Butgereit	Bruce Butgereit, II
Colin Butgereit	William Dahling
Michael Davis	Charles DuCharme
David Eaton	Adam Gaines

Keith Harrison	Nathan Harrison
Lou Hoos	James McHargue
Weldon Petz	W. Fred Roberts
Harlan Scribner	Thomas Singelyn
Hal Smith	

2008 dues are still needed from –

George Bobier	Daniel Boutell
Jerald Everts	Timothy Killam
Ronald Risley	Walter Weart
Keith Zandy	

If I do not have your name in the proper table, please communicate with me as soon as possible.

Annual dues of \$25 should be sent to:

Bruce Butgereit, II
MOLLUS Recorder
1691 Summerfield St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508-6499

2009 Dues

Remember, 2009 dues notices will be sent out in January.

The Treasurer’s Report

		Jan - Dec 08
	Ordinary Income/Expense	
	Income	
	Annual Dues	350.00
	Application Fees	
	State Application	20.00
	Total Application Fees	20.00
	Interest	112.40
	Miscellaneous	
	Donations	135.00
	Total Miscellaneous	135.00
	Total Income	617.40

	Expense	
	Fees	
	Annual Dues	252.00
	Total Fees	252.00
	Total Expense	252.00
	Net Ordinary Income	365.40
Net Income		365.40

updating the informative and membership literature for the National organization.

Following a joint lunch with the Dames of the Loyal Legion, we toured the new visitor's center in Gettysburg. I highly recommend a visit to this wonderful facility. Afterwards, we participated in a short ceremony at the interpretive marker of Gen. Regis de Trobriand on the battlefield.

Get Involved

If any of you have any information or a story to share, please send it my way. I would be happy to include your contribution in a newsletter.

Respectfully,

Bruce B. Butgereit,
Commander

			Dec 31, 08
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
	Bank of America (CD)	3,070.29	
	Bank of America (Savings)	666.92	
	Total Checking/Savings	3,737.21	
	Total Current Assets	3,737.21	
TOTAL ASSETS			3,737.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
	Opening Bal Equity	3,775.60	
	Unrestrict (retained earnings)	-403.79	
	Net Income	365.40	
	Total Equity	3,737.21	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			3,737.21

2008 National Congress

The 2008 National Congress was held in Gettysburg, PA. Companions Keith Harrison (SVC-in-Chief) and Bruce Butgereit attended.

There were no major decisions made at this meeting. Business included officer reports, Commandery reports, and a few minor discussions. Companion Butgereit volunteered to and was assigned the task of

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

Take I-94 W

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

Destination will be on the left

**From Ten Eyck Tavern to Historic Fort Wayne
6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, MI**

Head southeast on OAKWOOD BLVD toward ROTUNDA DR

Slight right at DEARBORN ST

Turn left at W JEFFERSON AVE

Destination will be on the right

**To Historic Fort Wayne from East Detroit
6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, MI**

Take I-94 W

Take EXIT 215A on the left for LODGE FWY/STATE HWY 10

Merge onto M-10 S

Take the HOWARD ST exit

Slight left at 5TH ST

Turn right at W FORT ST/M-3

Turn left at CLARK ST

CLARK ST turns right and becomes W JEFFERSON AVE

Destination will be on the left