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CHRISTMAS IN THE SOUTH

As Christmas Day draws near, it is obvious that everyone is in the “hustle and bustle” mode for you can see shoppers with their packages rushing from store to store to obtain that special item which happens to be on sale. And one can only sit and observe the children with a Christmas “glow” of excitement rushing to see Santa in order to whisper their Christmas list of toys for him to leave under their tree. Television is playing the old and new Christmas movies for the family to view as Mom is baking in the kitchen creating the aroma and scent of the season. And for some, the memory of dad cutting down the Christmas tree and hauling it into the living room is a fond childhood scenario imprinted on our memory forever.

German-born Charles Minnegerode, a teacher at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, introduced the first Christmas tree in America in the South in 1842. He asked permission of his friend Judge Nathaniel Beverly Tucker to prepare a Christmas tree for the Tucker children.

Today we decorate our trees with all different types of ornaments. One is known as a Chrismon, which means Christ’s Monogram and is used in many churches and in the homes of Christians. The symbols used represent a variety of biblical and theological concepts that are well known among most believers. Technically, if the ornaments on a Christmas tree are comprised mostly of Christian symbols, the tree is known as a “Chrismon Tree.” Most Chrismons are white with gold or silver decorations of beads, ribbon, and glitter.

One Chrismon is the crown that is a visible symbol of a ruler’s power and authority. For Christians the crown symbolizes the ultimate sovereignty and majesty due the Son of God. At His return, Jesus will be crowned with “many crowns” and reign as “King of kings and Lord of lords.” (Revelation 19:12, 16)

The star, which is a familiar symbol, is best known at the Christmas season because of its appearance to the Wise Men at the birth of Christ. Matthew records: “And lo, the star, which they saw

in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” (Matthew 2:9-10)

The Alpha and Omega is the first and the last of the Greek alphabet, the Alpha and Omega represent the One in whom creation began and by whom it will one day end. Its usage as an early Christian symbol is based upon Revelation 1:8, “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

In the original Greek text, Jesus Christ is written IHSOUS XRISTOS. From earliest times these two letters have been combined into a beautiful symbol representing the Christian’s faith that Jesus is “the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the Living God.” Matthew 16:16. Today is known as the Iota Chi.

The dove symbolized peace and the Holy Spirit. The dove with an olive branch symbolizes not only peace but also safety and God’s desire for reconciliation with mankind. The Scriptures record of the dove coming back to Noah in the evening with an olive leaf in her mouth so Noah knew that the waters were abating from off the earth.

The cross symbolized that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a Cross. The Chalice is a symbol of Christ’s shed blood for our sins. Matthew 26:26-28. Gold ball ornaments is symbolic of

God the Father while white ball ornaments is symbolic of Jesus Christ His Son.

By the Middle Ages, the three interwoven arcs of the triquetra had come to serve as a beautiful symbol of the Trinity...the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Identical in nature, each arch expresses the equality of the Trinity. The continuous form of this symbol also shows the unity and eternal nature of the Divine God-head.

In the original Greek text, the word “Christ” was written XRISTOS. The letters Chi (X) and Rho (R or P) were combined into one of the earliest known Christian symbols. It has been found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs dating back to the 2nd century. In Hebrew the word “Christ” is translated “Messiah” which means “the anointed one.”

In its early years, Christianity was an illegal religion. Because of this, the “Sign of the Fish” became a universal symbol that secretly identified believers to one another. The Greek word for “fish” is IXOYS. These five letters were also the first letter (in Greek) of the words Jesus Christ, God’s Son Saviour. By drawing the “Sign of the Fish” Christians revealed both their identify and the basis of their faith.

As a symbol of hope, the anchor is one of the most ancient of all Christian symbols. Its usage is based upon the Apostle Paul’s words in Hebrews 6:19: “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.” The anchor is one of the oldest inscriptions to be found in the catacombs, dating back to the second

century. During times of persecution, the anchor took the shape of a cross to those who knew its hidden meaning.

Today the American Christmas tree adorns ornaments made from glass, wood, different medals, and porcelain in numerous designs and figurines; many far from the real meaning of Christmas. However, we still have the tree filled with lights.

As each family decorates their tree and home for the Christmas holiday reflect back to the first Christmas night filled with bright shining stars, exaltation, and angels singing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and GOD BLESS

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Officer Reports

Recording Secretary – Rebecca Sardella

I would like to thank the ladies of the Tennessee Division for electing me to the office of Recording Secretary. I pray that everyone within the Tennessee Division UDC has a blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rebecca Sardella
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1st Vice President – Matilda Speck

The Remembrance of 150 Years pin has arrived. This is a great pin to wear on your coat or scarf. The pin is \$25 plus \$2 shipping. You may contact me by email for more information on ordering the pin.



INFORMATION FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL: CURRENT 2012 INSIGNIA ORDER FORMS – These are the ONLY Insignia Order Forms that will be accepted. NO earlier version will be accepted as they do not have the current pricing. Therefore, PLEASE discard any previous insignia order forms!!! All current Insignia Order forms are available on the UDC website. All Insignia Order forms MUST be signed by the Chapter Vice President.

Merry Christmas and may each of you have a blessed and healthy New Year.

Matilda Speck

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2nd Vice President – Lisa Thomas

During this Christmas season, it is so easy to forget some of the ones around us who are truly in need of just a simple visit and warm smile. I hope each and every one takes this challenge to make someone's day or invite them to your Christmas dinner. A little attention goes a long way.

May God bless you during this season of the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Mrs. Lisa Thomas
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3rd Vice President – Eleanor Satterfield

A very Merry Christmas to all! Please be collecting monies for the CofC project "We Can" for our wounded soldiers. Thanks for all your help in advance.

Eleanor Satterfield
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Chaplain – Karen Emerson-McPeak

Merry Christmas Ladies,

This is a great time of year to remember why we are members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy – to honor our gallant defenders. It's time to remember their hardships and the hardships of their loved ones left behind to get through another Christmas without their husband, father, brother, friend. It's also a time for thanksgiving that our ancestors loved their Southland so much they wanted only to protect their way of life for their loved ones. Let us also remember what we can do today to honor the men and women of the 1860s.

Karen Emerson-McPeak
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Treasurer – Elizabeth Donnelly

Tennessee chapter treasurers need to be sure that they have given me their email addresses so I can send them their chapter's Per Capita Report for 2011-2012 (membership rolls for 2012-2013 dues). This year, I am trying to get all information to the chapter treasurers via email and return email messages. The Per Capita dues to Tennessee district and National will be due

February 28th. If any chapter wants to make contributions to the magazine ads, scholarship funds, etc., they can send the checks to me. Also they can make contributions on the Per Capita Remittance Sheet which will be sent with the Per Capita list of membership for the 2011-2012. The Per Capita Remittance Sheet will include obligation dues and request dues. If you have any questions, please contact me via email.

Elizabeth Donnelly
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Parliamentarian – Jennie Jo Hardison

To all my UDC Sisters,

I would like to say how much I appreciate your friendship and your loyalty to our historic organization! During this season, I very much want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and healthy Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. My best to you,

Jennie Jo Hardison
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Committee Reports

Patriotic Activities – Beverly C. Boyd

I would like to say "Merry Christmas", and wish all of you a safe and blessed holiday season. Don't forget all of our Veterans while planning your holiday activities.

Beverly C. Boyd
Chairman

Benevolent Activities – Phyllis Wilson

To all TN Division UDC members,

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a very healthy and happy New Year!! God bless you every one.

Phyllis Wilson
Chairman

Confederate History Month – Sharon Cain

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hope all of you are preparing a great agenda for Confederate History Month. It is not too early to start at least thinking about what your chapter can do. Things we can do are: attend reenactments, do a living history, visit schools, do grave markings, place an Iron Cross, etc. Let's make this coming April of 2013 one of getting the true history of the South out into the public. Be sure and put your events in the newspaper, and if possible, on the radio/TV. Be sure and keep copies of everything to turn in with your yearly report.

God Bless Dixie!!

Sharon Cain
Chairman

Great Granddaughters Club – Jeannell Kutterer

At the 119th General Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Great Granddaughters Club met at 7:45 a.m. Sunday morning. Displayed on an easel, the members were able to view pictures of one of the projects the club had financially supported in the previous year. The pictures were of a maple tree and plaque denoting the source of the funds needed. This tree was planted at the Museum of the Confederacy, Appomattox, VA.

The Club has received a new order of pins. Due to the increase in price, the cost of the pins has increased to \$40. Members need to send their pin orders to Cindy Waters, 207 Sunny Acre Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. Your chapter

Registrar may verify your membership and lineage.

Jeanell Kutterer
Chairman

Records of Internment of Confederate Veterans – Marissa Lemley Brown

Christmas is a wonderful time to remember those who have gone before us. It is also a great time to honor our Confederate Veterans. This Christmas you may consider making a donation to a cemetery or decorating a grave with seasonal flowers.

You could also ensure the veteran's gravesite is on our UDC registry. By placing them on the registry, we remember the important role our ancestors played in the history of this country. To link to the Records of Internment website visit:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~alicudc/index.htm>.

If you have any questions, please email me: marissalemleybrown@gmail.com

May God bless us all during this Christmas season and coming New Year.

Marissa Lemley Brown
Chairman

Public Relations – Robin Ramsey

Chapters, remember to keep one copy of your newspaper articles for the State Pressbook. It would be great if you could go ahead and mail me the Sept. – Dec. articles in January. This year I would like to have only originals and no photocopies **if at all possible**. Have a Merry Christmas in Dixie!

Robin Ramsey
Chairman

Website – Laura R. McCallister

Thank you to Linda Fritz, TN Division President, for her kind support of the TN Division website and for placing her faith in me to act as your TN Division Website Chairman and webmaster. It is a continued honor. I'd also like to thank Barbara Parsons, past TN Division President, for her support over the last two years. She was a joy and a pleasure to work with.

Ladies, it is our goal that the 2012-2014 period will bring about some new and exciting opportunities for the development of the Division website. I am working with our new Division President on some preliminary plans for how we might enhance the 'Information for Members' section of the website to make it more useful and informative for our members. We have not finalized any of the plans yet but we will keep you informed as changes occur. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcomed and can be sent, via email, to info@tnudc.com.

More exciting news! The TN Division Awards won at the 119th Annual General Convention have been posted on the website – http://www.tnudc.com/TNDiv_info_for_members.html.

If your Chapter does not have a Chapter website, please consider adding this to your Chapter goals. Keep in mind that new Chapter websites must be approved by the Division Website Committee prior to being published in the public domain. If you are interested in starting a website for your Chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to provide you with information and assistance. Hint, hint – there may be some awards this year relating to Chapter websites.

Also, I would like to make you aware of an issue you may notice when visiting the Division website. I noticed it on my own computer recently and have just completed some research on the matter. It is called 'Text Enhance (and third party browser objects)' and it appears in the form of

'hover links' with certain spam advertisements. This issue is not a virus or problem with our website. It affects individual users. If you are seeing advertisements on our Division website, then your browser is infected, not the website. The solution is based on the type of Internet browser you are using. I found an excellent article that contained the solution for removing this from my particular browser (IE8). The article may be accessed at <http://botcrawl.com/how-to-remove-text-enhance/>. I hope this will help if you are experiencing this problem. I want to assure you that we do not have any type of advertisements on our website so if you are seeing ads, you most likely have this type of problem.

I am always here if you have questions or need assistance pertaining to our TN Division website or TN Division Chapter websites. You may contact me at lauramccallister1@gmail.com or info@tnudc.com. In UDC service,

Laura R. McCallister
Chairman

Catechism - Ask Miss Jennie

Dear Miss Jennie,

How did President Jefferson Davis' family celebrate Christmas during the War?

Answer: According to Varina Davis' letter describing the Davis' Christmas of 1864, the family spent several days prior to Christmas working with friends to make and repair toys and treats for the orphans of the Episcopalian home, who needed a Christmas tree, presents, and a special toy for the most orderly girl in the orphanage. The Davis family and friends made gifts, strung popcorn, and presented a special dollhouse for the special gift. As per <http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/on-the-homefront/culture/christmas.html>.

Miss Jennie Harper



beans (with ham!), 7 pans of cornbread, homemade brownies, oatmeal cookies, relish, and onion (of course!) for the reenactors taking part in the Living History at Clifton, TN on December 15, 2012. This was part of the 150th Anniversary of Forrest's Crossing of the Tennessee River at Clifton into West Tennessee.



Division Scrapbook – Nancy Todd

I would like to see every chapter be represented in the Tennessee Division Scrapbook. I plan to allow around 4 – 6 pages per Chapter. Please send me programs, photos, and newspaper articles of your chapter's most interesting events that take place between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013. It would help if you would send them throughout the year, rather than waiting and sending everything at the end. When sending photos, be sure to identify everyone in the photo, including the date and location. Mail to: 6092 Sugar Tree, Bartlett, TN 38134 or email: toddanse@bellsouth.com.

Nancy Todd
Chairman

Chapter Reports

Capt. John H. Culp Chapter 2577, Waynesboro

The Capt. John H. Culp Chapter 2577 in Waynesboro, provided 7 pots of homemade white

The Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Festival of Trees and asked all non-profits to participate. The UDC/CofC Wartime Christmas tree was displayed in the Wayne County Courthouse with information about what Christmas would have been like in Wayne County during the WBTS and pamphlets on how to join our chapter. Chapter members and CofC members made the decorations (although the tree skirt is a real antique!), cut the tree, set it up, and

decorated it. The weird thing is that during 1864-65, Wayne County had practically NO trees!

Armies from both sides took everything, destroyed most everything, and cut down all the trees.



Capt. W.Y.C. Hannum Chapter 1881 - Maryville

The main Patriotic focus for the 2011-2012 year for the Captain W. Y. C. Hannum Chapter 1881 was the Veterans

History Project (VHP). This was the first time the Hannum Chapter had participated. As General has partnered with the Library of Congress on this, it was felt to be important that the chapter take part and honor our living veterans in this way before it is too late to get their story.



Pictured from left are: Bob Ergenbright, retired Veteran member of the US Navy Band and Sea Chanters; Judy Hayes, Hannum Chapter VHP Chairman, and Ralph Bradley, volunteer videographer.

During the 2011-2012 year, a total of 14 interviews were completed by a four-member chapter interview team and a non-member husband and wife team that volunteered to serve as time keeper and videographer. Each interview was a minimum of 30 minutes and up to 1 hour in length, and all were videotaped. The required official paper work was completed, which included biographical information and release forms from each of the veterans, the interviewers, and the videographer. A video time log was required for each interview.

Several of the veterans interviewed were residents of Asbury Place, a health care center in Maryville. To make this possible, an interview room was set up at Asbury so that residents did not have to leave the

campus. Additional interview sites were set up to accommodate the other veterans interviewed. Each veteran received a DVD copy of his own interview. A second DVD copy of each interview was made. The extra DVD copies of Asbury residents were put in their library. Asbury plans to use the DVDs as patriotic programs for residents of the facility. In appreciation of Asbury and its Veteran residents, the chapter donated a book to their library. The book, "Voices of War," is a book of stories drawn from the collections of the VHP and published by National Geographic. Some of the other DVDs were placed in church libraries where the veterans attended.

An article in The *Daily Times* about the chapter's participation in this project was featured in the Memorial Day Sunday, May 27, 2012 edition. A minimum of 100 man/woman hours were spent on this project at a cost of about \$175 for copies, video tapes, DVDs, and postage, plus members provided refreshments for the veterans being interviewed. All total, from the planning stage to the day all required forms and video tapes were mailed to the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, the project took two months. The interviews have now been listed on the VHP website, and at some point, the videos will also be available for viewing.

The word has spread throughout Blount County of the Hannum Chapter's participation in the VHP. Twelve (12) interviews have already been completed so far for the 2012-2013 year, with six more scheduled for the month of November and more waiting in the wings. All chapters are encouraged to participate in the VHS. You will find it a moving experience. An informational brochure, all forms and information for your chapter to participate can be found on the VHP

website at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>. If the Hannum Chapter can be of help in any way to others interested in this most worthwhile project, please feel free to contact us.

Clark Chapter #13 - Gallatin

Clark Chapter 13 UDC hosted a free Christmas Open House at Trousdale Place, 183 West Main Street in Gallatin on November 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We also had storytellers there to tell stories between tours of Trousdale Place.



Clark Chapter members Claire Chumley and Martha Gann at the Trousdale open house.

Clark Chapter #13 UDC hosted a genealogy seminar presented by professional genealogist J. Mark Lowe on September 29, at Gallatin City Hall to benefit Trousdale Place. Forty-five participants attended from across the mid-state and adjoining states.



Pictured at Trousdale Place, front row from left, Kathryn Hopkins, author Bill Puryear, and Laine Sutherland; back row, Betty Callis, Martha Gann, Virginia Watson, and Nancy Parker.

After the seminar, participants and the general public were invited to Trousdale Place to tour the house and to view displays of the forthcoming land grant trilogy book, the "First Southwest" by Bill Puryear and Jack Masters.

Old Hickory Chapter 747 - Dickson

Taken from "The Ladies' Pearl", Vol. 2, Nashville, February 1854, a monthly magazine devoted to the various interests of Females of the South and West.

Reflections on the Past Year by S.J.H.

Another year has passed with its joys and sorrows, its hopes and disappointments, leaving us innumerable testimonies of the goodness and mercy of God.

The Old Hickory Chapter 747, Dickson, wishes everyone a beautiful Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Abner Baker Chapter 1404 - Knoxville

Unveiling of the Monument

With the wind reminding us who makes the wind, under a threatening Confederate gray sky, men and women came together for one purpose on Saturday, October 27th at Ft. Pulaski: To honor the fallen heroes and the survivors of the Immortal Six Hundred. As the President of the Abner Baker Chapter 1404 in Knoxville, Darlene Hammond, I had the privilege and honor of unveiling the monument at this very solemn ceremony. We paid tribute to the soldiers that were intentionally abused by their captors in this prison over 148 years ago. "Lest we forget..."



William Wesley Elam Chapter 2557 - Celina

Wishing all of our Confederate sisters across the state of Tennessee and their families a Merry and Joyful Holiday Season!

Kate Litton Hickman Chapter 597

The Kate Litton Hickman Chapter enjoyed their monthly meeting at Nero's Grill on November 17th. We signed cards for Corinne Davenport, our Real Daughter, for Thanksgiving and her birthday. Our

project for this month was to put candy canes in small bags to take to a local assisted living facility for their residents. At our December meeting, we will have our annual "Dirty Santa" meeting. Also, we still have some t-shirts in small and extra large sizes available for sale for \$15 each. Hope everyone has a blessed Christmas!

John Quincy Adams Shaver Chapter - Dayton

The Old Washington Bicentennial Celebration Festival was held on Saturday, October 6, at David Campbell Memorial Park off Highway 30 in the Old Washington community in Rhea County. Activities were open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The daylong festival included booths presenting the history of the area, tours of significant sites in the 1800s town, music, food and a formal program commemorating the town's establishment. This event was sponsored by Rhea County Historical and Genealogical Society, Old Washington Baptist Church and friends of the Old Washington community.

This is the town of Old Washington (Rhea County) Tennessee Bicentennial. Linda Hinds was a hostess, and with Teresa Littleton and Marcia Shaver manned our table at this event. On display were a photo of Rev. John Quincy Adams Shaver (our chapters' name sake), 150th Remembrance Book by the Tennessee Division UDC showing Rhea County's historic sites, and the Rhea County Confederate Veterans Gravesite Book by Betty Broyles (now deceased chapter member). Many people stopped by the booth to research their ancestors that may be buried in Rhea County. We also

gained two potential members who took applications to join our chapter!

Pictured below are Brayleigh McBryar, Tina Burdge's daughter (both mother & daughter are members of our chapter), and Linda Hinds (Registrar of our chapter & Brayleigh's grandmother) at Old Washington Bicentennial. The photo is of Rev. John Quincy Adams Shaver, Confederate Soldier during the Civil War and Linda's Great Grandfather, Tina's Great - Great Grandfather, and Brayleigh's Great - Great - Great Grandfather). Our chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) is named for him, "John Quincy Adams Shaver Chapter, Dayton, TN."



Capt. Sally Tompkins 2123 - Cookeville

My dear UDC sisters, as we face a world of unknown future, let us remember the songs of Christmas, of JOY to the world, our Lord is come!

A special favorite of mine is this verse of "The First Noel:"

"Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;

Who hath made heaven and earth of naught;

And with His blood mankind hath bought;

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,

Born is the King of Israel!"

Traditional English Hymn

Phillippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice!

"Rejoice the Lord is King; Your Lord and King Adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing,

And triumph evermore;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!"

Chorus: "And Can It Be"

Amazing Love!

How can it be;

That Thou, my God,

Should die for me!

= 2 hymns by Charles Wesley 1707-1788

When the world is falling apart around us, we can look to the author and finisher of our faith, the Lord, Jesus Christ. All glory to him!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Love, Barb Parsons