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Announcing Our 569th Meeting

The 27th Annual Frank Rankin Lecture
"Supplying Meade's and Lee's Armies During the Campaign
and Battle of Gettysburg: A Study in Contrast"
Will be Presented by Kent Masterson Brown

DATE: Sunday, January 15

Location: Big Spring Country Club

COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER (\$32.00): 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet Our Speaker - Kent Masterson Brown

We welcome back Kent Masterson Brown who will deliver the **27th Annual Frank Rankin Lecture**. Kent was born in Lexington, Kentucky on February 5, 1949. He is a 1971 graduate - and in 2014 named a distinguished graduate - of Centre College and received his juris doctor degree in 1974 from Washington and Lee University School of Law. Kent has practiced law for forty-four years with offices in Lexington and Washington, DC. Kent has published six books, all on the Civil War, including *Cushing of Gettysburg: The Story of a Union Artillery Commander*, *Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics and the Pennsylvania Campaign*, and *One of Morgan's Men: The Memoirs of Lieutenant John M. Porter of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry*; they have been selections of the History Book Club and Military Book Club. All of them have received rave reviews and numerous national awards. His most recent book is about George Gordon Meade and the Gettysburg Campaign, which we will have for sale at the meeting.



Kent has also written, hosted, and produced eight award-winning documentary films for public and cable television, including: *Bourbon and Kentucky: A History Distilled*, *Henry Clay and the Struggle for the Union*, *Unsung Hero: The Horse in the Civil War*, *Daniel Boone and the Opening of the American West*, and "I Remember The Old Home Very Well:" *The Lincolns in Kentucky*. All Kent's films have been widely broadcast throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas. Two of his films, *Daniel Boone* and *The Lincolns in Kentucky*, won the regional television ratings when they were premiered on Kentucky Educational Television. All have won Telly Awards; *Unsung Hero* was nominated for an Emmy Award.

A nationally known speaker and Civil War battlefield guide, Kent was the first chairman of the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission and the first chairman of the Perryville (Kentucky) Battlefield Commission, a seat he held for eleven years overseeing the expansion of the Perryville Battlefield. He served on the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and is now a member of the Kentucky Film Commission. He has also been a director of the Gettysburg Foundation. Kent is now the President and Content Developer for the Witnessing History Education Foundation, Inc. Kent lives in Lexington with his wife, Genevieve, and their three children, Annie Louise, Philip, and Thomas.

Supplying Meade's and Lee's Armies During the Campaign and Battle of Gettysburg: A Study in Contrast

Kent Masterson Brown will tell the story about how each of those armies were supplied with subsistence (feeding the men) and quartermaster (feeding the horses and mules) stores during the campaign into Pennsylvania, the fighting at Gettysburg, the retreat of Lee's army, and the pursuit by Meade's army, after the battle ended. The results he will discuss are surprising. Lee's army was actually in better shape with those stores than Meade's army. That gives one an understanding of how "ready for combat" Lee's men appeared to be once they reached the Potomac River, and how Meade's army was clearly in no shape to launch an attack against its enemy there.

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We Need Your Help with Reservations! Important Please Read!

Our meeting place, Big Spring Country Club, is implementing some policies that affects our reservation process. In the past, we could make 75 reservations and if only 65 people came to the meeting, we would be charged for 65 meals. Under the new policy, if we make 75 reservations and only 65 people come to the meeting, we will be charged for 75 meals. Why is this happening? If we tell Big Spring we have 75 reservations, they purchase food for 75 and hire adequate staff to serve us. The cost of food and staff has risen dramatically in the past couple of years due to inflation as we all well know! In our last three meetings, the Round Table has had to pay for 11 meals for people who made reservations and did not show up or cancel their reservation in a timely manner. On average between 5 and 10 reservations are not being kept each month. This is a problem we must address.

What You Can Do to Help!

- (1) Make your reservation before the cutoff time. For a Saturday meeting, the cutoff time would be Wednesday noon. For a Sunday meeting like this January meeting, the cutoff is Thursday at noon.
- (2) If for some reason you decide you cannot attend, please email Bryan or call Doug by Friday at noon and cancel your reservation. This applies to Saturday and Sunday meetings.
- (3) If you are coming just for the program, please make a reservation for "lecture only". Also, we ask you to sit at one of the chairs set up for you at the back of the room.
- (4) Please understand that we are taking these measures to ensure that we have a great place to meet and great food. Since we began as a Round Table in 1961, Big Spring has been a very good host for us, and we want our meetings to continue to be held there. We do not think it is unreasonable to ask for your cooperation in making the reservation process as accurate as possible. We know that situations and emergencies arise when people cannot attend, and we will always be understanding when those occur.

This is a Sunday Meeting!**Please Note the Price of the Buffet is now \$32!****Reservations**

RESERVATIONS: Please Note!!! If you email Bryan Winslow and **do not** receive a confirmation, you need to call Doug Krawczyk (502-592-6864) and make your reservation. Not receiving a confirmation via email means you do not have a reservation, and this is a problem for Big Spring as they need an accurate count of our reservations so they can prepare enough fried chicken for us!

RESERVATIONS: Call Doug Krawczyk (502-592-6864) to place your reservations. If you are making reservations for more than just yourself, please give the names of the others. If you leave your reservation on his answering machine, please spell out your name so he can correctly identify you. You can also make your reservation by e-mail by sending it to bryanw@macconstruction.com. If you do not receive a confirmation from Bryan, please call Doug and make your reservation. Please call or email **no later than Thursday, Thursday, January 12**, by noon. If you wish to join us just for the program, please call and make a reservation so that we can provide you with a chair. If you are only coming for the program, you can call Doug anytime up to 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Reminder for Table Reservations: We can reserve tables for parties of **eight**, and we need you to provide us with the names of all the people in your party when you make the reservation. This will enable us to manage our meeting space in a more efficient manner. Thank you.

Booksale Continues at the January Meeting!

Kevin Clark has donated his deceased wife, Mickey Peck's Civil War books to the Round Table to use to raise money for our organization. We will have these books for sale at the January meeting. These books are in excellent condition, and many are signed first editions. They will be priced to sell at bargain below market value prices. Hardbacks will be \$10, paperbacks \$5 and there are some miscellaneous books for \$2. All of these books are in like new condition and there are many classic studies of battles and leaders of the Civil War. There will be approximately 80 books for sale. Titles include: A.P. Hill by James I. Robertson signed; Crucible of Command: Lee and Grant by William C. Davis signed; John Bell Hood by Richard McMurry signed; Gettysburg Day Three by Jeffrey Wert signed; Shiloh by Timothy Smith signed; Boxed set The Civil War 3 vols. by Shelby Foote; Jeff Davis in Blue by Nathaniel Hughes signed; Antietam by Scott Hartwig signed; Pickett in Life and Legend by Leslie Gordon; A History of Ironclads by John Quarstein; Kentuckians in Gray edited by Bruce Allardice and Lawrence Lee Hewitt; Jeb Stuart The Last Cavalier by Burke Davis; Fighting for the Confederacy by Porter Alexander; The Devil's to Pay; John Buford at Gettysburg by Eric Wittenberg, signed; Lee's Lieutenants by Douglas Southall Freeman; First edition of R.E. Lee 4 vols by Douglas Southall Freeman; First edition of R.E. Lee 4 vols Pulitzer Prize edition by Douglas Southall Freeman, Leather bound, or and many, many others!

2022 - 2023 Schedule

Sunday January 15	Kent Masterson Brown	"Moving an Army: Logistics and Armies in the Civil War"
Saturday February 11	Robert Jenkins	"The Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Peach Tree Creek"
Saturday March 11	Chris Mackowski	"A Season of Slaughter: The Battle of Spotsylvania Court House"
Saturday April 8	Kenneth Noe	"Weather, Climate, and the Civil War"
Saturday May 13	Don Frazier	"The Civil War in the Texas Hill Country"

Our Field Trip in 2023, The Atlanta Campaign \$200 Non-refundable Deposit is Due!

We are now taking signups for the April 19-23 field trip to Atlanta. **The signup sheet will be at the January meeting.** We are also collecting the **\$200 non-refundable deposits**. You can sign-up



by emailing John Davis at johnd.davis@twc.com and mailing your \$200 non-refundable deposit check made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241. The \$200 non-refundable deposit is now due which will guarantee your reservation for the trip. We anticipate the cost of this year's trip will be between \$375 and \$400. We are going to cover the last half of the 1864 Atlanta Campaign in our next field trip. Our guide will be Robert Jenkins who has been studying, researching, and giving tours of the Atlanta campaign for several years. Robert will be our speaker in February when he will speak on "The

Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Peach Tree Creek". We are going to concentrate on the last half of the campaign from Kennesaw and Pickett's Mill through the battles in Atlanta. The tour will also include New Hope Church, Dallas, Pine Mountain, Gilgal Church, Kolb Farm, Peach Tree Creek, and Ezra Church. We will also visit the Atlanta History Center and view the newly restored Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama. And yes, there is plenty to see on these battlefields. The Atlanta campaign was arguably the most important and decisive event in the Civil War. Filled with high drama, interesting personalities and hard fought battles, its outcome would decide the Presidential election of 1864 and the fate of the Confederacy. Please mark your calendars for April 19-23, 2023 and join us for what will be a great field trip. We will be staying at the Fairfield Inn in Marietta. If you would like to get a head start on reading, there is no better one volume history than Albert Castel's wonderful, "Decision in the West: the Atlanta Campaign". For a briefer but no less brilliant outline, I recommend Richard McMurry's "Atlanta Campaign of 1864".

The \$200 Non-refundable Deposit Explained

To guarantee your reservation for the April 2020 Field Trip, you will need to make a \$200 non-refundable deposit. We expect this trip to be a sellout. Please understand that once you make this payment it is **non-**

refundable for any reason after the February 11th meeting. If you need to cancel after February 11, only the amount of the trip fee above \$200 will be refunded. This policy is necessary because we must make several payments in February and March for the bus, insurance, and other items in advance of the trip. We also need a guaranteed count on the number of people going so we can keep the price of the trip as low as possible.

Frank G. Rankin, Our Founder

The Louisville Civil War Round Table owes its existence and success to one great individual and leader, Frank G. Rankin, the person we honor at each January meeting with the annual Frank Rankin Lecture. All those who



knew Frank and worked with him agree that Frank was a great leader and the driving force that inspired others until he passed away on January 20, 1994. He was born on August 13, 1906 in Louisville and grew up hearing firsthand Civil War Veterans tell their stories of the war. He knew Basil Duke and met and shook hands with John Mosby and walked the battlefields of Virginia with Douglas Southall Freeman. He was a collector of Civil War books and memorabilia before it became popular and amassed a rare and voluminous library of books and artifacts. After graduation from duPont Manual Training High School in 1922, He entered the grain business with S. Zorn & Company becoming sales manager in 1938. In 1942, he joined Gold Proof Grain Elevator Co., the second largest grain marketing cooperative in the United States. Here he rose

to the position of general manager. In this position he helped supply grain to many of Kentucky's major distilleries. Frank was a person who "knew everyone" from famous historians and scholars to governors, politicians, and business leaders of Kentucky whom he would call on to attend and to speak at the Round Table. Frank dedicated a significant part of his life to preserving and promoting Kentucky's regional heritage. In 1975 Governor Julian Carroll appointed him to the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board. Later he was chosen to head the Louisville Historic Landmarks and Kentucky Heritage commissions. In 1967, Frank was chairman of the Governor's Commission to commemorate Kentucky's 175th statehood anniversary. In 1958, Frank was elected president of the Kentucky Derby Festival Committee. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Lincoln Memorial University, the Bank of Louisville, and a member of the Harry Kendall Masonic Lodge,

Wanted: Treasurer

After several years of service, Paul Fridell is retiring from our Treasurer's position at the end of this season, in May of 2023. We want to thank Paul for doing an amazing job as the Round Table's Treasurer. He brought a level of professionalism and dedication to the job that allowed our organization to have probably the best Treasurer of any Round Table in the Country! Paul, you have done a fantastic job for us, and we owe you a debt of gratitude for your service.

Skills and Qualifications Needed for the Treasurer Office

The Treasurer's job is probably the most important job in the Round Table and requires a lot of time and skill. The Treasurer is one of the principal members of the Board of Directors of the LCWRT and is authorized to make deposits, write checks, and produce all of the Round Table's financial documents and reports. A prospective Treasurer should possess moderate computer skills and have access to a newer computer running Microsoft Windows 10 or 11 along with a laser or inkjet printer. Familiarity with bookkeeping or basic accounting principles

is also desirable. The Treasurer's job is very important to the Round Table. It requires a lot of work and dedication. The good news is that Paul will train you and show you everything you need to know to perform this job. Please contact Paul or President Doug Krawczyk if you are interested or want more information.

Paul Fridell - pfridell@twc.com Doug Krawczyk - rdklou1@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 2022 QUIZ:

1. In what year did Ulysses S. Grant graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point?
Grant graduated 21st out of 39 cadets in the class of 1843.
2. Where is Robert E. Lee believed to have said, "It is well that war is so terrible; we should grow too fond of it"?
He is believed to have said this at Fredericksburg, Virginia in December 1862.
3. What was Stonewall Jackson's first wife's name?
Her name was Eleanor Junkin.
4. What was the motto of the 22nd Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops?
It was "Sic Semper Tyrannis" ("Thus always to Tyrants"), which was also the motto of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
5. What was General U.S. Grant's first Civil War command?
It was the 21st Illinois Volunteers.

JANUARY 2023 QUIZ:

1. Who wrote TAPS and when and where was it written?
2. Who was the Confederate second-in-command at the Battle of Gettysburg?
3. For how long had Union General George Meade been commander of the Army of the Potomac before the Battle of Gettysburg?
4. How many Southern states had seceded by the time Fort Sumter, South Carolina fell?
5. What battle was named after two different kinds of trees?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Doug Krawczyk
President**