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1st Lieutenant's Column

Gentlemen,

Happy New Year to everyone. The 2014 season is sneaking up on us quickly. I will be attending the Longstreet's Corps meeting on Saturday, January 18th. The F Company annual meeting will be on Saturday, February 22nd. The Executive Committee will meet on Friday evening, February 21st. The times and directions will appear in the February newsletter. The annual camp of instruction will be held at the fort in Amelia from Friday, March 21st – Sunday, March 23rd. Please keep these dates in mind and try to keep them open so you may attend.

F Company has picked up a couple new recruits. I believe I mentioned Chris Martin in the last newsletter. Chris joined at the civil war show. Ricky's friend, Stephen Jensen has also joined since the last newsletter. Welcome aboard to both of these gentlemen.

The 1st Sgt. is currently working on the event list for 2014. It will not be finalized until after the Corps. Meeting when we find out what the Corps. wants to concentrate on. If you have any info on events that you would like to have considered, please contact the 1st Sgt.

I am looking forward to the new season and to seeing everyone at the various events. Please make every effort to be at the meeting as well as the C.O.I..

Respectfully,
1st Lt. Gammon

Chaplain's Corner

1 Corinthians 10: 31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Whatever we do, let's make sure we do it for God's glory and not for the praises of men. The following article touches on that topic.

Enjoy,
1st Lt. Gammon

The Night No One Came

January 6, 2014 — by *Julie Ackerman Link*

Do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. —Matthew 6:1

One winter night composer Johann Sebastian Bach was scheduled to debut a new composition. He arrived at the church expecting it to be full. Instead, he learned that no one had come. Without missing a beat, Bach told his musicians that they would still perform as planned. They took their places, Bach raised his baton, and soon the empty church was filled with magnificent music.

This story made me do some soul-searching. Would I write if God were my only audience? How would my writing be different?

New writers are often advised to visualize one person they are writing to as a way of staying focused. I do this when I write devotionals; I try to keep readers in mind because I want to say something they will want to read and that will help them on their spiritual journey.

I doubt that the “devotional writer” David, whose psalms we turn to for comfort and encouragement, had “readers” in mind. The only audience he had in mind was God.

Whether our “deeds,” mentioned in Matthew 6, are works of art or acts of service, we should keep in mind that they're really between us and God. Whether or not anyone else sees does not matter. He is our audience.

That my ways might show forth Your glory,
That You, dear Lord, greatly deserve!
With Your precious blood You've redeemed me—
In all my days, You I would serve! —Somerville

Serve for an audience of one.

1ST Lt. Gammon

1st Sergeant's Report

Gentlemen,

Just to recap, there is quite a bit of information concerning dates that can be found in the LT's article. Please be attentive to those as they will be very important as we move forward.

I am currently putting together a list of potential events for our 2014 Season. So far you can expect our "typical" events. However, there are lots of new opportunities as we recreate 1864. If any of you have any information or event opportunities that you feel could be helpful don't hesitate to send me some info.

I would hope that you are all checking through your gear during the offseason. Make sure you pull your gear out and check items like buttons, shoe laces, braces, buckles, etc. Also, using shoe grease on your brogans is a great way to help preserve the material. Make sure your muskets are clean and in working condition. Basically, just make sure you are ready to step on the field tomorrow if need be, that way, when you pack your gear the night or two before camp, you can be sure nothing will be out of place.

I look forward to seeing all of you, and I look forward to getting this 2014 season kicked off.

Respectfully,
1st Sgt. M. Gammon

Ode to Joe

