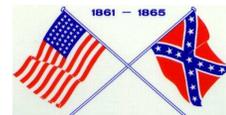


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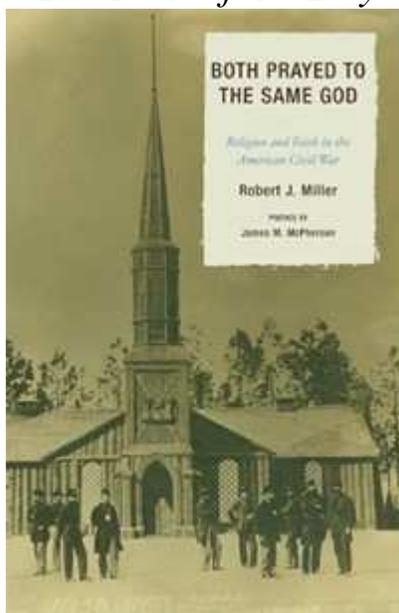



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Meeting at Indiana History Center

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## *The Plan of the Day*

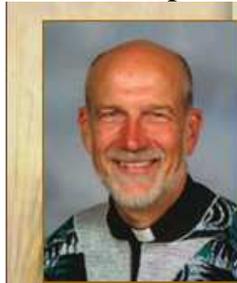


*Both Prayed to the Same God* is the first book-length, comprehensive study of religion in the Civil War. While much research has focused on religion in more specific contexts of the Civil War, this book provides a much needed overview of this vital yet largely forgotten subject of American history. Writing passionately about this subject, Robert Miller presents this history in a very accessible but scholarly fashion. Beginning with the religious overtones in the lead up to the war, and concluding with consequences on religion in the aftermath, Miller shows us not only a forgotten aspect of history, but also how our current historical situation is not unprecedented.

### **JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT SHAPIRO'S DELI!**

**All ICWRT members and guests** are invited to join us at 5:30 P.M. at Shapiro's Delicatessen, 808 S. Meridian St. (just south of McCarty Street) before the meeting to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

## *Our Guest Speaker*



**Robert Miller** holds a B.A. in Philosophy, Masters of Religious Education and a Masters of Divinity. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest and is currently Pastor of St. Dorothy Church, on the southside of Chicago. Between 1995-2002, he authored five books on various aspects of spirituality, Scripture, meditation and griefwork. From 2003-2006, he held official positions in the Civil War Round Table of Chicago, ([www.thecwrt.org](http://www.thecwrt.org), the founding group of the “Round Table” movement), culminating in helping lead two battlefield tours, and becoming President of that group in 2005-06. From January- June 2006, he took a sabbatical at Notre Dame University, taking courses on spirituality and, fulfilling a long-held dream, completed his sixth book, entitled ‘*Both prayed to the same God*’ – *Religion and Faith in the American Civil War*. He continues to travel in speaking and promoting the topic of Civil War religion, as well as pasturing St. Dorothy’s, and ministering around the Midwest.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2010-2011 Campaign*

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Tony Trimble

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Tony Trimble

If you have a short article, book review, or some other item that may be of interest to our members, please submit it via email to the editor at [jkt60@att.net](mailto:jkt60@att.net) by the tenth day following the preceding month’s meeting. Please list HARDTACK in the subject line and include your email address in case I need to contact you.

## *2010-2011 Campaign Plans*

January 10, 2011	“A Dark and Bloody Ground: Reaping the Whirlwind”	Michael Willever
February 14, 2011	Confederate Industrialization	Sam Mitrani
March 14, 2011	The history of the GAR badge	Dan Mitchell
April 11, 2011	Theodore Roosevelt and the Civil War	Gib Young
May 9, 2011	To Be Announced	Mike Marsh
June 13, 2011	The Trent Affair: Lincoln Dodged a Bullet	Howard Strouse

## *Other Camp Activities*

**Camp Tippecanoe Civil War Round Table** meetings at 7 p.m. at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation Building, 638 North Street, Lafayette, only a few blocks northeast of the downtown square and historic courthouse:

- December 14: “Wilder and the Lightning Brigade” Donald Parman
- January 11: “Modern President: Lincoln and High Technology in the Civil War” Vernon Dahlstrom
- February 8: “Steamships and the Civil War: The Role of Cornelius Vanderbilt, American’s First Tycoon” Jim Kaiser
- March 8: “Confederates in Indiana: The Raid of John Hunt Morgan” Jim Turley
- April 12: “The Real First Day of Chickamauga (September 18, 1863)” Dale Philipps
- May 10: “Demobilizing Union Soldiers: The Grand Review Victory Parade in Washington” Bob Bain

**Carmel Civil War Round Table** meetings at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Carmel Clay Historical Society’s Monon Depot Museum at 221 First St. SW in Carmel:

- March 16: “CSA Brig. Gen. William E. ‘Grumble’ Jones” Phil DeHaven

**Indianapolis Crossroads of America 2010 Civil War/ Political Show:** This show will be held Friday, April 1 (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, April 2 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) in the main gym of Beech Grove High School. All profits will be donated to the Beech Grove High School Student Incentive Fund. For more information, contact Harvey W. Warrner at [Ironbrigaderelics.com](http://Ironbrigaderelics.com) or 317-784-2617.

## *Special Orders*

**Political Cartoons of the American Civil War:** This 52 page book of contemporary cartoons from many sources, accompanied by a Powerpoint disc, is available for \$14.95 postage paid (or for \$10 each in quantities of five or more, plus postage) from the Civil War Round Table of St. Louis, P.O. Box 220982, St. Louis, MO 63122.

**New Civil War TV series:** ABC is reportedly setting up a new Civil War era TV project under the direction of writer/executive producer Carlton Cruse and writer/director/producer Randall Wallace.

**The Friends of the Lincoln Collection of Indiana:** Over the past few months, The Friends of the Lincoln Museum have transitioned into a new organization, The Friends of the Lincoln Collection of Indiana. Their mission is to continue to support and promote the McMurty Lecture (both in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis), special exhibits at both the State Museum and the Public Library and other programs. They are now custodians of the endowment that was established to support the Lincoln collection. They are currently engaged in a \$12.5 million fundraising campaign to provide for current expenses and to establish an endowment to care for the collection in perpetuity. Those interested in joining this organization will receive discounts in the Museum Shop at ISM, Lincoln Lore, a \$5 discount on membership to the Indiana State Museum, and a discount on Lincoln and Civil War books published by Southern Illinois University Press. For more information, please contact them at Friends of The Lincoln Collection of Indiana, Inc., P.O. Box 11083, Fort Wayne, IN 46855.

**1863 Civil War Journey: Raid on Indiana:** Conner Prairie will open a new 8,800 square feet exhibit on June 4 to bring the drama of Civil War Indiana to life. They will use projected images, video, theatrical sound, staging, hands-on experience and their first-person interpretation to tell the story of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's cavalry raid through Dupont during July 1863. The characters in the exhibit are based on real people who lived in Indiana during the Civil War during the invasion. Visitors will take on the role of civilian volunteers who joined the Indiana militia to defend the state from rebel raids.

### *Official Records*

**Attendance:**

November – 25

**Alan T. Nolan Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund:** The Executive Board of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table has established this fund to provide membership dues, annual tour expenses or other worthwhile purpose for any full-time student of any age. Please see Tony Roscetti to donate to this fund.

**Book Raffle:**

*Bruce Catton's Civil War, Three Volumes in One*, by Bruce Catton

*The Civil War Battlefield Guide*, edited by Frances H. Kennedy

*The United States Infantry: An Illustrated History 1775-1918*, by Gregory J.W. Urwin

*Deeds of Valor: How America's Civil War Heroes Won the Congressional Medal of Honor*, edited by W.F. Beyer and O.F. Keydel

*The Civil War: The American Iliad, Volume One*, by Ralph Newman

**\*Anyone wishing to donate books for upcoming raffles should either bring them to Tony Roscetti at the December meeting or contact him to make arrangements for pick up.**

### **War in Tennessee**

Another trip is being planned for next summer. Dates are July 13-17. We will try again for a tour of Civil War sites in Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Richmond, KY. More information in the form of a handout similar to last year will be forthcoming soon. In the meantime, put the dates on your calendar and I hope to see you on the bus!!

– Tony Trimble

### **Final Muster**

Harold Johnson, member of our Round Table since 1986, passed away on November 6, 2010. He used to do our book raffle in years past. He will be greatly missed.

### *Test Your Civil War Knowledge (with Trimble's Trivia)*

Name the Civil War personality associate with each of these nicknames:

1. "Old Buck" (2 persons)
  
2. "Old Fuss and Feathers"
  
3. "Old Slow Trot"
  
4. "Prince John"
  
5. "The Savior of Gettysburg"

Answers to the November quiz:

1. One incident was repeated seven times during the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania. What was it? \*\*\* On seven occasions, his men shouted, "Lee to the rear!!"
2. Name the Federal commander known for the "Shirrtail Skedaddle." \*\*\* Judson Kilpatrick
3. What battle ended with the capture of seven Confederate generals and the loss of one-fourth of Lee's army? \*\*\* Sailor's Creek
4. Name the regiment whose colors were first to be unfurled on Lookout Mountain. By whom? \*\*\* 8<sup>th</sup> Kentucky; Captain John Wilson
5. Who was known as "Black Dave"? \*\*\* Maj. Gen. David Hunter

## *The Soldiers Speak*

Abraham Lincoln, to Newton Bateman, superintendent of public instruction for Illinois, during his first campaign for the presidency: “It seems as if God had borne with this thing [slavery] until the teachers of religion have come to defend it from the Bible, and to claim for it a divine character and sanction; and now the cup of iniquity is full, and the vials of wrath will be poured out.”

Popular anonymous abolitionist saying: “The President would like to have God on his side, but he must have Kentucky.”

Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson to the Reverend J.B. Ramsey when Jackson taught at the Virginia Military Institute and was a major in the Virginia Militia, 1860: “Why should Christians be disturbed about the dissolution of the Union? It can come only by God’s permission, and will only be permitted if for His people’s good; for does He not say, ‘All things work together for good to them that love God?’ I cannot see how we should be distressed about such things, whatever be their consequences.”

Chicago sculptor, Leonard Volk, talking about Lincoln posing for him in 1860, in *Century Magazine*, December 1881: [Lincoln] entered my studio on Sunday morning, remarking that a friend at the hotel had invited him to attend church, ‘but,’ said Mr. Lincoln, ‘I thought I’d rather come and sit for the bust. The fact is,’ he continued, ‘I don’t like to hear cut and dried sermons. No – when I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees!’”

“Stonewall” Jackson, when asked by Capt. John Imboden on July 24, 1861, how he had appeared ‘so utterly insensible to danger in such a storm of shell and bullets’ after his hand was hit at the first battle of Bull Run: “Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about *that*, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. Captain, that is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave.”

Abraham Lincoln, Order for Sabbath Observance, November 15, 1862: “The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, desires and enjoins the orderly observance of the Sabbath by the officers and men in the military and naval service. The importance for man and beast of the prescribed weekly rest, the sacred rights of Christian soldiers and sailors, a becoming deference to the best sentiment of a Christian people, and a due regard for the Divine will, demand that Sunday labor in the Army and Navy be reduced to the measure of strict necessity.”

Diary entry of CS Corporal James E. Hall, December 29, 1861: “It is horrible to anyone not used to it, to hear the blasphemies of the soldiers. I know there is an apparent special Providence directing the affairs of our country, and over every battle field. His care seems to be doubly manifest, but I could not wonder if He should turn against us – seeing so much wickedness.”

Jefferson Davis, at his inauguration in Richmond, Virginia, as president of the Permanent Government of the Confederate States of America, February 22, 1862: “My hope is reverently fixed on Him whose favor is every vouchsafed to the cause which is just.”

This was said to CS Major General Daniel H. Hill, who quoted it in *Century Magazine*, February 1894: “The manner in which the press, the army, and the people seem to lean upon certain persons is positively frightful. They are forgetting God in the instruments he has chosen. It fills me with alarm.”

Abraham Lincoln: “The fact is, General [Sickles], in the stress and pinch of the campaign there, I went to my room, and got down on my knees and prayed God Almighty for victory at Gettysburg. I told Him that this was His country, and the war was His war, but that we really couldn’t stand another Fredericksburg or Chancellorsville. And then and there I made a solemn vow with my Maker that if He would stand by you boys at Gettysburg I would stand by Him. And He did, and I will! And after this I felt that God Almighty had taken the whole thing into His hands.”

CS Maj. Gen. Daniel H. Hill, in *Century Magazine*, February 1894: “Jackson’s men loved him, then, for his victories, and not for his piety and purity of character. It is true that this love was mingled with a good deal of awe, because of his communings with Heaven; but his prayers, unaccompanied by heavy and telling blows, would have been looked upon as tokens of weakness.”

Robert E. Lee, General Orders No. 83, August 13, 1863: “Soldiers! we have sinned against Almighty God. We have forgotten his signal mercies, and have cultivated a revengeful, haughty and boastful spirit... Let us confess our many sins, and beseech him to give us a higher courage, a purer patriotism and more determined will: that he will convert the hearts of our enemies: that he will hasten the time when war, with its sorrows and sufferings, shall cease, and that he will give us a name and place among the nations of the earth.”

US Maj. Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain: “It was not uncommon incident that from close opposing bivouacs and across hushed breastworks at evening voices of prayer from over the way would stir our hearts, and floating songs of love and praise be caught up and broadened into a mighty and thrilling chorus by our men softening down in cadences like enfolding wings. Such moments were surely a “Truce of God.””

Abraham Lincoln, second inaugural address, March 4, 1865: “Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondman’s two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, ‘The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.’”

John B. Jones, diary entry April 7, 1865: “Negotiations are in progress by the clergymen, who are directed to open the churches on Sunday, and it was intimated to the

Episcopalians that they should pray for the President of the United States. To this they demur, being ordered by the Convention to pray for the President of the Confederate States. They are willing to omit the prayer altogether, and await the decision of the military authority on that proposition.”

John B. Jones, diary entry April 12, 1865: Gen. Weitzel publishes an order to-day, requiring all ministers who have prayed for the President of the Confederate States to pray hereafter for the President of the United States. He will not allow them to omit the prayer.”

### *Chaplain of the Month*



Photograph from Find a Grave; Information from Find a Grave, <http://www.irish-society.org/> and <http://johnib.wordpress.com>

The Reverend James Sheeran, a Catholic priest, volunteered as chaplain for the 14<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Regiment from New Orleans in General Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia ministering to those in need of religious support, caring for the sick and wounded, and performing innumerable acts of kindness for his fellow man. His determination and righteousness, grounded in God, inspired common soldiers and generals alike. His belief in duty, the Bible, and his home in the Confederacy seemed to guide him in every action, disagreement and situation. On November 10, 1864, Union troops arrested him for crossing into Yankee lines and imprisoned him at the old horse stables of Fort McHenry. He was ultimately set free. After the war, he served as a priest in New Jersey. He died of apoplexy on April 3, 1881. He is buried at Holy Rood Cemetery in Morristown, New Jersey.

## Re-enlist NOW for the 2010-2011 Campaign

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Please bring your completed re-enlistment form (below) together with your payment to Tony Roscetti, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

Tony Roscetti  
6270 Brixton Lane  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227  
Email: [anthony.roschetti@nationalcity.com](mailto:anthony.roschetti@nationalcity.com)

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*We must have a valid email address if you wish to receive the HARDTACK newsletter free of charge!*

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### *Historic Site of the Month*

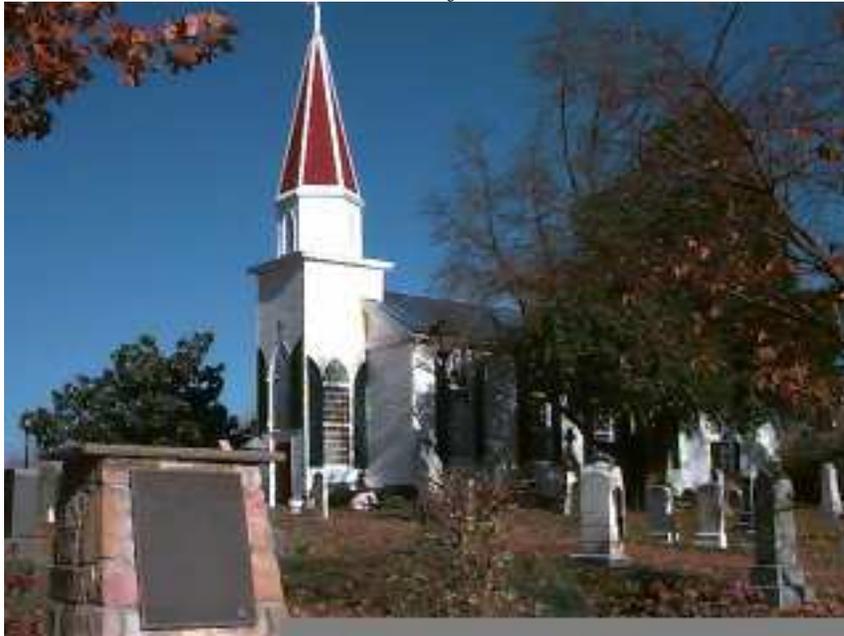


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“St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church was dedicated on September 19, 1858. Catholic workers were employed in building the Fairfax Railroad and began work on the structure in 1856. Shortly after the dedication, Northern Virginia was ravaged by the Civil War and the church became a shelter for the wounded. Clara Barton was the director of the efforts to help the wounded. As a result, she founded the Red Cross and became the first director. The original pews in the church were used as firewood but later replaced by President Grant after the war.”

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