



## ***Sons of Confederate Veterans North Carolina Division***

June 3, 2004

Compatriot

As you may have heard, the Executive Council of the North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, at its February meeting, unanimously approved a resolution to investigate allegations that some members have engaged in conduct unbecoming of a fraternal organization.

The resolution came about because compatriots were concerned about recent news reports that racism and political extremism were common within the SCV. Ours is a professional organization, and members are justifiably concerned that such charges could damage the public perception of the SCV.

In addition, members are understandably concerned that these charges may have come from their fellow compatriots. Ours is also a fraternal organization, and it is very important that compatriots be able to trust one another as brothers. Political differences of opinion should be aired freely within the organization, but should never lead to attempts to publicly defame the character of fellow compatriots.

You are receiving this letter because it has been alleged that you participated in one or more of the activities on the following page. A three-man commission has been appointed to investigate these charges. Each member under investigation will be considered on an individual basis. The commission will report its findings to the Division Executive Council and make recommendations, which may include expulsion.

The purpose of this commission is to protect your rights as a member in good standing. You are strongly encouraged to complete the attachment and return it, along with any other supporting documentation or information that you may have. Failure to complete and return this form can only have negative implications for your case.

It is not the desire of either this commission or the North Carolina Division to expel any members in good standing. Rather, we hope that all compatriots who have participated in activities damaging to the SCV will see the error of their ways and repudiate those actions.

We trust that you share our desire to resolve this issue promptly so that the North Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, can move forward as a reunited organization. To that end, please complete the attached form and return it using the enclosed envelope by June 24, 2004.

Sincerely,

Frank B. Powell, III  
Commission Chairman

***"First at Bethel, Farthest to the front at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, Last at Appomattox."***