



Arnold E. Kahnert Papers

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424 Harvard St.
South East.

Chaplain Ridgout,
Fort Snelling,

Dear Sir,

The nominating committee of the Colonial Chapter of the D. A. R. wishes to thank you for your interest in allowing them to consider the use of the Chapel for their first meeting.

If it is agreeable to you,

we should like to come to the
Chapel the first Friday in
October.

With sincere appreciation

Wm H. A. Eubank

Minneapolis, Minn
July 21st 1928

It is significant that soldiers at Fort Snelling should be asking for a dignified and suitable chapel in which to worship God. It is even more significant that they themselves should be the first to recognize the need and realize the reproach of their community without this one institution of American civilization, and that out of their small monthly stipend^S that they should ~~for several consecutive months~~ be laying aside a goodly portion ~~xxxxxx~~ of their income in the hope that their dream of a chapel ^{Someday} may be realized. Already the soldiers at Snelling have raised over four thousand dollars for this purpose. But it will take them ^{twenty five} ~~thirty~~ years to build a suitable chapel ~~xxxxxx~~ if they are to accomplish the task alone.

On the other hand it is gratifying that Minnesota citizens are wakeing up to the need ~~xxxxxx~~ which exists at their beautiful and historic garrison, and are ^{now} rallying to the challenge/ which it presents. That ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{those} who support this worthy undertaking will receive the hearty, unanimous and enthusiastic support of ^{all good} citizens throughout the state goes without saying. It would be a blot on the fair name of Minnesota for its patriotic and Christian Citizens to allow this good enterprise to fail. The wonder is that they have not ~~xxxxxx~~ recognized the need before. In addition to the 1500 soldiers at Snelling there are some 300 women, wives of commissioned and non-commissioned officers, and ~~xxxxxx~~ nearly 200 children whose only chance for moral and religious training comes through the Chaplain ^{Post} and children and volunteer assistants in their/Sunday School. The soldiers/are to be congratulated for wanting a chapel at Fort Snelling. They have asked for ^{the bread of life,} ~~bread~~, and they shall not be given a stone of indifference.

A memorial, pan-sectarian chapel and community house such as has been proposed will make vocal the essential unity of Christian effort, in addition to ~~providing~~ filling a long felt want in the life of the garrison. It will also make vocal Minnesota's ^{ra}gratitude to all those countless thousands of her sons who have trained at Fort Snelling and gone thfor to participate in our nation's decisive conflicts during the past century. A chapel at Snelling may become a real factor in the life of Minnesota people in providing a ~~place~~ shrine where those who have lost sons and brothers in our nation's wars may go and offer up their thanks to Almighty God for dear ones who have been loved and are lost awhile.



3rd Infantry

HEADQUARTERS
FORT SNELLING, MINN.
Office of the Chaplain

June 16, 1928.

Mrs. George E. Tuttle,
2215 Pleasant Street,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Tuttle:-

I have your letter and I thank you. I am confident that for the sum of \$55.00 we can assign one of the pews to your organization, including the plate with suitable inscription.

In case your Society decides to have this, please notify me as soon as possible, and tell me the exact lettering of inscription. Four pews have already been reserved on the left side, you may have the fifth from the front if you choose it and will notify me soon. Your society has a unique and historical name - you perhaps know that the original name of Fort Snelling was Fort St. Anthony. I would suggest that the inscription read as follows:

SAINT ANTHONY CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Yours very truly,

Chaplain, U.S.A.

January 26, 1928.

Religious Work Secretary,
Y.M.C.A., St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We are forming a Soldier Brotherhood at Fort Snelling which promises to become a live, strong large organization.

It is our hope that we may center this around a Bible class with strong possibilities that will be a credit in every way. As you are aware, in a work like this, almost everything depends upon having a virile, wide-awake, live-wire, intelligent, tactful leader.

I wish you could recommend to me some business man who has the personal equation, the zeal and the religious enthusiasm for such a place to become teacher. It will mean sacrifice upon his part to be sure. Do you know of any such man?

Yours Truly

Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

FCR/hcr

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS many of our leading United States Army garrisons are very inadequately equipped with chapels and other facilities for religious, social, patriotic, and other community services ; and

WHEREAS some of these garrisons constitute separate and distinct communities, or are far removed from the great centers of population, making it difficult to bring wholesome influences to men in uniform ; and

WHEREAS many army chaplains are obliged to conduct services in barracks, theatres, and dance halls, under very unfavorable conditions ; and

WHEREAS patriotic and public-spirited citizens of the State of Minnesota have, during the past three years, demonstrated what can be done in this direction by providing a memorial chapel and community center for the soldiers at Fort Snelling :

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Department of the Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars place themselves on record as favoring such a policy by our government, and such an attitude upon the part of American citizens, as will expedite the most effective plan for establishing these chapels generally at army posts .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the judgement of this organization, patriotic citizens should not wait for the government to work out a policy in this respect, but should follow the moral leadership of Minnesota where a beautiful Memorial Chapel has been provided through the generosity of public spirited citizens .

This Resolution is offered in order that this important matter may be brought to the attention of the public, that they may be informed of the need of these chapels in the work of building up and safeguarding the moral and spiritual interests of the American soldier . It is furthermore recommended that this resolution be presented by our Minnesota delegates to the National Convention at the next meeting .

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Dear Carl:—

Was so sorry not to be able to comply with your Committee's request in reference to having soldiers at the Church last Sunday morning. It did not seem possible when the communion service was on.

Should you like to have them next Sunday, the 14th, I shall be very glad to arrange accordingly, and am writing Mr. Wise to this effect. You may phone him in case you desire to carry out the plan.

Hope the campaign is moving satisfactorily. Of course our Church will be glad to do its full part, and

if there is anything further I personally
can do for you to advance the cause,
please command me.

I am speaking at noon
here each day this week, in a down-
town theatre — a union effort of all the
churches of the city.

Most cordially yours,

Henry Chapman Swearingen

Witchamuntee Club,

Duluth

Rev. Margolis

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HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

February 7, 1926.

TO SAINT PAUL MINISTERS:

The bearer of this message has at the request of the Saint Paul Fort Snelling Chapel Committee been detailed by Headquarters of the 3rd Infantry to act as one of the honorary ushers in your church this morning.

He has been assigned the following tasks:

1. To remind you that churches of Saint Paul will observe this day in honor of the proposed Memorial Chapel at Fort Snelling.
2. To place blank checks in your pews.
3. To take a place inside the church door and pass out a leaflet and a pledge envelope to each worshipper who enters.
4. To remain during the services to act as messenger to take pledges which are collected in your regular morning offering and surplus material to headquarters at the Fort.
5. To do what ever other tasks you may desire of him.
6. To thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

COLONEL W. E. WELSH,

Commanding.

WEW:B

FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION, Inc.

SAINT PAUL :: MINNEAPOLIS

SUMNER T. MCKNIGHT
General Chairman
MINNEAPOLIS

GOV. THEODORE CHRISTIANSON
Honorary Chairman, Minnesota

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman
ST. PAUL

January 30, 1926.

The needs for a chapel and community center at Fort Snelling are more completely set forth in the attached pamphlet than they could be in any letter. There are several things, however, which ought to be emphasized.

A recent letter from Washington says, "The policy of the War Department is such that it is futile to strive to secure chapels and recreation buildings until sufficient money has been appropriated to solve the present housing problem for the army." The Department has donated a site and will maintain whatever edifice is erected but can go no further.

The edifice must likewise be pan-sectarian as it will be used by all creeds. We wish to specifically point out also that the building will house a Post library, will be the community center and will provide the club room and auditorium facilities. The needs for these also are well outlined in the pamphlet.

The campaign is for \$100,000. Minneapolis has assumed responsibility for \$60,000 and Saint Paul for \$40,000. Veteran, patriotic, and civic organizations are joining in the campaign as well as the churches. Whatever money is raised through these organizations throughout the state will lower the amounts necessary to be raised in Saint Paul and Minneapolis by that amount.

A member of our committee will call to go into the matter further with you.

Sincerely,

Saint Paul Campaign Office, Saint Paul Association
Phone: Cedar 4210

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ST. PAUL

February 2, 1926.

TO THOSE PRESENT AT THE
MONDAY EVENING MEETING:

You have been sent the following material:

1. Prospect cards which you selected.
2. A few pledge envelopes (if your contributor wants to pay cash.)
3. A few blank checks (if his check book isn't handy.)

Remember that next Sunday, February 7th, is Fort Snelling Memorial Sunday in the churches. After Sunday morning practically all your prospects may avoid a subscription by "alibing" that they gave through their church Sunday morning.

It will take us some time to check back the returns of Sunday morning so that it will be hard to give you information on such an alibi.

Moral - See your prospects before Sunday morning. It will actually mean thousands of dollars toward the success of the campaign.

Thank you sincerely for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

C. L. Anderson:B

Secretary.

Ushers

Instructions for Honorary Ushers

1. Read the message which you are to deliver to the pastor so that you will be acquainted with the contents.
2. Be at the church by 10:00 a. m. to place two blank check forms in the racks of each pew.
3. While waiting for the worshippers to arrive insert a pledge envelope in each "A Neglected Opportunity" folder.
4. Take up station inside the church at each entry way and pass out envelopes and pamphlets to all worshippers except all children.
5. Remain during church services to take envelopes and pledges at the close of the services, delivering the same to headquarters at Fort Snelling.
6. Before you leave the building be sure you have thanked the minister for his cooperation.

Duluth, Minnesota.
March 24, 1927

Dr. C. L. Haney,
430 23rd Ave. W.
Duluth, Minn.

My dear Dr. Haney:-

I have accepted the chairmanship of a committee to be formed in this city, similar to committees which have been at work in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, to raise at least a part of the balance that is necessary to complete the beautiful Minnesota Memorial to be established in the form of a Chapel and Community Center at Fort Snelling.

This acceptance upon my part is in response to the assurance upon the part of many of our leading citizens that the public will likewise respond readily and generously to an appeal for such a worthy cause.

I am calling together a group of some dozen persons, including yourself, as the nucleus of a larger committee to be formed later and to act as a sort of an advisory or steering committee in devising ways and means for future activities.

The meeting will be in the form of a luncheon to be held at Hotel Duluth, Ball Room Floor, at 12:15 on Monday March 28, 1927. I trust that you will make every possible effort to be present; but if you find it impossible please call Melrose 3236, notifying us that you cannot be present.

Yours very cordially,

Wm. A. Coventry
General Chairman, Duluth.

Duluth, Minnesota.
March 24, 1927.

Mr. J. R. Stack,
305 Sellwood Bldg.,
Duluth, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Stack:-

I have accepted the chairmanship of a committee to be formed in this city, similar to committees which have been at work in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, to raise at least a part of the balance that is necessary to complete the beautiful Minnesota Memorial to be established in the form of a Chapel and Community Center at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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Yours very cordially,

Wm. A. Coventry
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Duluth, Minnesota.

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Mr. J. W. Walker,
Marshall Wells Co.,
Duluth, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Walker:-

I have accepted the chairmanship of a committee to be formed in this city, similar to committees which have been at work in Minneapolis and St. Paul, to raise at least a part of the balance that is necessary to complete the Minnesota Memorial to be established in the form of a Chapel and Community Center at Fort Snelling.

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I am calling together a group of some dozen persons, including yourself, as the nucleus of a larger committee to be formed later, and to act as a sort of advisory or steering committee in devising ways and means for future activities.

The meeting will be in the form of a noon-day luncheon to be held at Hotel Duluth, Ball Room Floor, on Monday March 26, 1927 at 12:15. I trust that you will make every possible effort to be present. If, however, you find this impossible, please call Melrose 3236, notifying us that you cannot attend.

Yours very cordially,

Wm. A. Coventry
General Chairman, Duluth.

March 12, 1926.

Mr. J. J. Luening,
Armour & Company,
South Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Luening:

I am writing at the suggestion of Mr. Brigham who called on you some time ago with regard to the proposed Fort Snelling Chapel.

At present there is no adequate chapel for the 1200 men permanently stationed at the garrison. In addition to this a student training camp brings some 5000 men during the summer. This means that these men have no place for a religious gathering.

This is a project sponsored by representative men in both Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The amount needed is \$100,000 of which about one-half has been raised.

The following firms have contributed \$500 apiece, although most of them have little or no connection with the Fort in a business way:

Cochran-Sargent Co.
Imperium Mercantile Co.
The Golden Rule
Waldorf Paper Products Co.
Tri-State Tel. & Tel. Co.

Hoping you can give us a substantial subscription,

I am

Yours very truly,

FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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Honorary Chairman, Minnesota

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman
ST. PAUL

March 11, 1926.

Through some inadvertance or mistake the solicitor who had your card did not reach you during the time of the principal activity for raising the funds with which to erect a chapel at Fort Snelling. I am therefore taking the liberty of mailing your card to you.

It may be possible that a circular outlining the project has already found its way into your hands, but I am enclosing one to be sure you are fully acquainted with the facts.

Saint Paul has raised nearly \$23,000.00 of its \$40,000.00 quota and although it might seem we will not attain our full quota, yet I am confident we will go far enough to insure a splendid chapel being built at Fort Snelling.

Let me thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

CTS:B

Dan Brigham

Twin City Trap
Shooting Assn

Brown + Blodgett Co

Mayor Nelson

J Clair Stone

Armour + Co

Swift + Co

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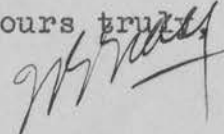
March 2nd, 1926

Mr. J. R. Fry
c/o Owens Motor Sales Inc.
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation with you this forenoon, are pleased to advise that Mr. Platt B. Walker Jr., 207 Builders Exchange, has agreed to fill out and sign the subscription card to the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel for \$50.00 which he states will be the total amount donated by himself and the St. Paul Builders Material Co.

Mr. Walker will be out of town for about a week but upon his return the card will be mailed to me and I will in turn pass it along to you.

Yours truly


WGG/RD

February 3, 1926.

Mr. Holyoke Davis,
Cochran-Sargent Company,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mr. Cochran asked me to send to you the list of names
on which I have no reply recorded for the Chapel Campaign.

The contributions are continuing to come in. Our total
to date is nearly at the \$13,000 mark.

Sincerely,

C. L. Anderson:MB

C Arthur W. Dole \$10.00

P J. H. Hutchinson 5.00

C R. L. Kennedy 10.00

C C. L. Hilton 10.00

C J. H. Weed 400.00

P F. R. Angell 25.00

P A. J. Dickinson 5.00

C Cashiers Check 21.50

presently
acknowledged.
C Mrs. C. P. Hoyer 200.00

C Frier M. Orr 5.00

P C. L. Spencer 50.00

P R. B. Nienhauser 10.00

C H. A. Broadman 10.00

C Mrs. W. J. Driscoll 3.00

C Fred. C. Miller 5.00

P L. D. Mann 10.00

C Clara L. Stark 25.00

C M. F. Clements 3.00

C Edgar D. Russell 10.00

C L. A. Hughes 1.00

C Mrs. D. P. Rousopulos 25.00

C R. W. Bowden 10.00

C E. P. Winter 5.00

C Kate M. Boynton 10.00

C Georgia Dean Clark 10.00

Total Contributions

House of Hope Church.
Left by R. B. Nienhauser.

P A. J. Johnson Jr. 5.00

Pledges 110.00
Cash 573.50

Total rec'd Feb. 683.50 S

Previously acknowledged 200.00

Total Church 883.50 *

Contributions →

Contributions & pledges in this list

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Total 883.50 * ✓

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

UNIT NO. 48

Stillwater, Minnesota

Feb-11-'26

Sec. of Chapel Fund
Fort Snelling

Dear Sec.

Please accept the enclosed donation from
our Auxiliary, and our Best Wishes.

Sincerely

Louise V. Riley

Sec.

May 20, 1924

To the Council of Churches,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of representative Protestant ministers held at Fort Snelling yesterday to consider the matter of building a chapel suitable for the Post to worship in, the following Resolution was passed:

"Resolved that the Councils of Churches of Minneapolis and St. Paul be asked to appoint committees - one from each body - which as a joint committee shall make the arrangements for getting the project before the public."

Will you kindly see that this committee is appointed by your organization in order that they may confer with the committee appointed from St. Paul.

Fraternally yours,

Secretary

The following men were present at the Fort Snelling meeting:
Rev. Marion D. Shutter, Church of The Redeemer, Mpls.
Rev. John G. Briggs, Woodland Park Baptist Church, St. Paul
Rev. Alex. MacGeorge, St. Paul
Rev. Everett K. Bray, Virginia Ave. Church, St. Paul
Rev. W. L. McElveen, Plymouth Cong. Church, St. Paul
Rev. L. J. Velte, Merriam Park Baptist Church, St. Paul
Rev. L. Franklin Gruber, Reformation Eng. Lutheran, St. Paul
Rev. Jno. P. Hale, Presbyterian, Mpls.
Rev. J. A. Stub, Central Lutheran, Mpls.
Rev. J. B. Blythe, Council of Churches, Mpls.
T. A. Newton, Temple Baptist Church, Mpls.
Rev. W. S. Steckel, Merriam Park Presbyterian Church, St. Paul
Rev. W. R. Cotton, Plymouth Church, Mpls.

Minutes of Meeting of Twin City Protestant Ministers and Officers
in charge of Fort Snelling; Monday, May 19, 1924.

Those present: ~~xxxxxx~~ Rev. Marion D. Shutter, Church of The Redeemer, Mpls
Rev. John G. Briggs, Woodland Park Baptist Church, St. Paul
Rev. Alex. MacGeorge, Baptist, St. Paul
Rev. Everett K. Bray, Virginia Ave Church, St. Paul
Rev. W. L. McElveen, Plymouth Cong. Church, St. Paul
Rev. L. J. Velte, Merriam Park Baptist Church, St. Paul
Rev. L. Franklin Gruber, Reformation Eng. Lutheran, St. Paul
Rev. J. A. Stubb, Central Lutheran, Mpls.
Rev. R. B. Blythe, Council of Churches, Mpls.
Mr. T. R. Newton, Temple Baptist Church, Mpls.
Rev. W. D. Steckel, Merriam Park Presbyterian Church, St. Paul.
Rev. W. R. Catton, Plymouth Church, Mpls.

Col. W. R. Sample	3rd Inf.
Lt. Col. E. M. Norton	3rd Inf.
Maj. M. R. Winer	Q. M. C.
Chaplain F. C. Rideout	3rd Inf.

Col. Sample and Chaplain Rideout piloted the group around Fort Snelling and entertained them for dinner. While we were seated about the table, Dr. Blythe of Minneapolis was appointed Chairman of the Meeting, and Rev. J. J. Runyan of Minneapolis was appointed Secretary.

The Chaplain stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of considering the building of a chapel in which to worship at the Fort. He called on Col. Sample who presented the situation from the Government's standpoint which was that the site was selected and ~~xxxxxxx~~ permission was granted to build such a chapel without cost to the Government.

Lt. Col. Norton was next called on, and made a very eloquent address concerning the need for citizenship training among young men who come to them at Fort Snelling, both as recruits for the regular army and also for the R. O. T. C. He further stated that they could offer them training in everything but the religious interest, and he appealed to us men to do what we could to provide the latter.

The Chaplain next called on Maj. Wainer who stated that the men at the Fort would do all they could, both in contributing to this interest and infurnishing material and labor. He showed that the army today is an institution for the training of citizenship, and that they needed as a basis for such a training the worship of God.

Mr. Blythe, chairman of the committee, called on Dr. Shutter who stated that nothing could be hoped for from the Government in the way of financial assistance, and that at least \$33,000 would be needed to put up this chapel. He was very much impressed, he said, with what the army is doing these days in the training of young men for citizenship. He made a motion that we approve of this matter, and that the enterprise be submitted to the Christian people of Minneapolis and St. Paul. This motion was carried.

Rev. Roy Smith next spoke. He thought the situation was up to us to put over this proposition. He pledged Simpson Church to do what they could even tho they are in the midst of a building proposition themselves. He suggested that presentation of this proposition be made to the

various men's clubs of the Twin Cities, and he was confident we should get some substantial contributions.

Dr. McIlveen was convinced that this chapel should be undertaken and pledged himself to help raise the funds by presenting this matter to the St. Paul Congregational Union, and to any clubs before which he was invited to speak.

Dr. Stub seconded Dr. Shutter's motion.

Mr. Velte suggested that an appeal might be made to people out in the State for cooperation.

Dr. Shutter made the following resolution which was passed unanimously: "Resolved that the ~~Church~~ Councils of Churches of Minneapolis and St. Paul be asked to appoint committees - one from each - which ~~committee~~ as a joint committee shall make the arrangements for getting the project before the public."

Dr. Gruber thought that this matter could be presented to good advantage before the Ministers Federations of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Col. Sample made a statement that Fort Snelling would be continued unless there was an unusual reduction in the Army of the U.S. which was not likely. He further stated that the title to this property would revert to the Government as soon as it was completed.

Motion was made and carried that we express our thanks to the officers of the Fort for their courtesies extended to us, and for the splendid meal which was served.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary

Dear Mr. Schuneman:

will not

I will be present at the Fort at 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 14th.

In my absence Mr. _____

will represent the

Organization

By _____

FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL AND COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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General Chairman
ST. PAUL

January 8, 1926.

You will recall that during the month of September, representatives of patriotic, civic, and fraternal organizations of Saint Paul met at Fort Snelling to discuss the possibility for the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel.

Since that time a great deal of work has been done and a great deal of progress has been made. In fact the matter has taken very definite form. Colonel Welsh is again inviting representatives of the patriotic, civic, and fraternal organizations to meet at the Fort on Thursday evening, January 14th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Red Cross Hostess House to further consider the matter of the Chapel. Some definite announcements will be made at this time.

I would be delighted if you could be present personally at the Fort Thursday evening. If, however, you cannot, will you authorize someone else to be there to represent your organization?

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

CTS:B

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Phone: Cedar 4210

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General Chairman
ST. PAUL

January 25, 1926.

I regret that it was not possible for you to be present at the Fort with Colonel Welsh and Chaplain Rideout last Tuesday afternoon, for although you may be thoroughly acquainted with the need for a chapel there, yet I feel that the meeting resulted in demonstrating in a manner that could not help but reach the hearts of all of us how keen the need is.

As you know, a joint meeting of clergymen from all denominations set Sunday, February 7th, as Fort Snelling Memorial Sunday in the churches of Saint Paul. The outline that was approved for that day by the representatives of the various denominations is attached. Undoubtedly you are familiar with this as it has been presented in most of the clergymen's conferences of all denominations.

We are particularly anxious at this time to have the approximate number of worshippers in your congregation and the number of honorary ushers you can use. We want to be sure to be prepared to do our part. Won't you therefore return the attached card today? If it is necessary for you to take up the matter still further with your board won't you just mark the card that your cooperation is "conditioned upon the approval of the board", but let us have the card, for the time is short for the printing of supplies and properly assigning ushers.

The boys at the Fort have already given \$4500 to get a house of worship. We certainly can't fail them when they ask in such terms for a place of worship for themselves and their little ones.

Sincerely,

Saint Paul Campaign Office, Saint Paul Association
Phone: Cedar 4210

January 11, 1926.

Undoubtedly it will strike you as astonishing, as it did me and other officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, that Fort Snelling has been without a Chapel for all of the years of its existence and that even now there is no place for worship except in a temporary compo-board building.

The attached pamphlet outlines more completely than any letter could the need at the Fort.

Business men of both cities, as well as the churches, are interesting themselves in providing a Chapel for the enlisted men at Fort Snelling. Patriotic organizations, the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Gold Star Mothers, the Veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the G.A.R. and the Auxiliary are all contributing in one form or another to the project.

You will remember that the project received the endorsement of our group at its last state conference. The contributions of all of these groups are to be memorialized in some manner and made a permanent record at the Chapel when it is finished.

Undoubtedly your Chapter will want to have the privilege of participating in this laudable project. I am enclosing a card asking that your Chapter designate the manner in which you would like your activity to be taken.

Contributions should be returned through your Chapter Treasurer to your State Treasurer in order to have a complete record of the activities of the Minnesota D.A.R.

Sincerely,

WJJ:B

Suggested Methods of Cooperation

- No. 1. Direct solicitation of members of the Chapter.
- No. 2. No direct solicitation of members, but give some sort of an entertainment the proceeds of which will be given to the Chapel project.
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Mrs. Jameson.

Mrs. W. J. Jameson,
768 Goodrich Ave.,
Saint Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Jameson:

Our Chapter elects to use the following suggested method in cooperating in the building of a Memorial Chapel and Community Center at Fort Snelling.

Number 1____(Will need____Pledge cards
and circulars)

Number 2_____

Number 3_____

_____ Chapter

By _____

at _____, Minnesota.

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ST. PAUL

February 11, 1926.

Your Committee of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church is endeavoring at this time to raise as large an amount as possible toward the building fund for the Fort Snelling Chapel.

This is a project which carries a real appeal for all of us, when we stop to realise that the community in and about the Reservation numbers some two thousand souls with no adequate place of worship.

Among the many organizations which are lending their assistance in this good work are the churches of our city; and your committee is especially desirous that the membership of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church should have an opportunity to subscribe to the fund.

If this project meets with your approval, will you kindly fill out the enclosed pledge card and return it to the committee by return mail?

Very sincerely yours,

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION

By _____

Saint Paul Campaign Office, Saint Paul Association

Phone: Cedar 4210

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February 15, 1926.

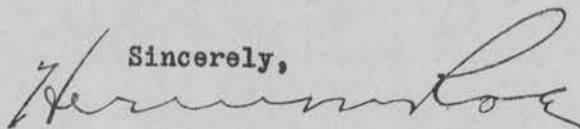
Although the goal of \$100,000 has not been reached, returns on the Fort Snelling Chapel to date have been splendid.

We are sure that from the response thus far that a creditable building will be erected. Nearly \$40,000 has been pledged to date.

We are attaching another story which makes a report of the progress of the campaign. We are also attaching a coupon as suggested copy should you not at this time be carrying one in conjunction with the Chapel project.

Again let me thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,



HR:B

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ST. PAUL

January 30, 1926.

To the parents of

Last summer there was no house of worship at Fort Snelling where your son attended summer training camp.

There is a program under way among the people of the Twin Cities and the Northwest, the soldiers at the Fort, and patriotic and religious organizations to provide an edequate house of worship and community center at Fort Snelling. The attached pamphlet outlines this activity more completely.

Is it worth a dollar to you — is it worth five dollars to you, that your son should find an adequate place to worship at Fort Snelling next summer? Perhaps you value enough the training he has already received that you would have a part in providing a place for other young men who are to train there during the years to come.

It will be the small contributions from parents of soldiers at the Fort and those who train there in the summer time and from citizens generally throughout Minnesota that will fulfill this long neglected opportunity.

Sincerely,

Carl T. Schuneman

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H E A D Q U A R T E R S
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Office of the Chaplain.
October 1, 1924.

Memorandum :

To : Colonel Sample.

1. Mrs. John L. Barnes, whose address is 600 Marshall Ave., St. Paul, is the lady who was appointed at the committee meeting yesterday to visit Mrs. A. P. Keam, 916 Marshall Ave., St. Paul, with the Colonel.

2. In a telephone conversation with Mrs. Keam she recommended that every effort be made to enlist the assistance and influence of Mrs. C.A. Severance, Cottage Grove, St. Paul. Mrs. Severance is to spend the winter in California and Mrs. Keam suggests that she be seen as soon as possible. Mrs. Keam is President of an organization of women which comprises all the Presidents of all the fifty or more women's Clubs of the city. She is also connected with the St. Paul Association of Commerce and can be of invaluable assistance to our project.

Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U.S.A.

FCR:jpm.

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REV. WILLIAM E. STECKEL, MINISTER

WES

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Chaplain, Your invitation for the dinner-meeting of Tuesday 30th is before me and, recalling the interesting time and the splendid fellowship and the great project before us at a former similar meeting I am deeply regretful that another and very important committee-engagement for the same date and hour wholly prevents my willing acceptance of your "infare".

In whole-hearted sympathy with the movement announced I shall be more than interested to know that plans and program decided upon at this meeting.

Very cordially yours,

William E. Steckel

September 27 1924

Baptist Union of Minneapolis

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

JESSE J. RUNYAN,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Sept. 18. '24.

Chaplain F. C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Chaplain:

Enclosed are
minutes of two meetings which
we held at the Fort. They are
copies and contain a list of
folks who were present from
St. Paul.

I trust that they contain
the information which you
want.

My suggest about the time
for a meeting would be on Friday
of next week.

Fraternally yours.

Jesse J. Runyan.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

HEADQUARTERS THIRD INFANTRY

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Subject: The Fort Snelling Chapel

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

To:

January 12, 1926.

1. At the suggestion of the Saint Paul Committee of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel and Community Center Association of which Mr. Carl Schuneman is chairman, I take pleasure in extending an invitation to you to meet with other clergymen and a small group of business men at the Service Club, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, (the old Red Cross House), on Tuesday afternoon, January 19, 1926, at 4:00 o'clock.

2. I trust that you will be able to remain for dinner which will be served in "Army Style" at the Mess Hall of Company "I", Third Infantry, at 6:00 o'clock. You will be able to make any appointment which you may have that evening.

Yours cordially,

W. E. WELSH
Colonel, 3rd. Infantry,
COMMANDING.

FAIRWAY BOND

May 23, 1924

Chaplain F. C. Hildeout,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Chaplain:

Enclosed is copy of minutes of meeting which the ministers had with you officers at the Fort. Trust you will find them satisfactory. The other day I wrote a letter enclosing copy of the resolution which was passed, to the Councils of Churches in St. Paul and Minneapolis. I am hoping they will reach the desired destination and bring the necessary results for I asked for an immediate answer.

Personally I wish to thank you and Colonel Sample for the pleasant time and good meal which we had that day. I shall hope to see you at Milwaukee.

Fraternally yours,

JJR/E

May 23, 1924

Dr. L. Franklin Gruber,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Gruber:

I am sending you a copy of the Resolution which was made at the meeting of the ministers and officers at Fort Snelling on Monday of this week. I am doing this because I do not know whether or not there is a Council of Churches in St. Paul. Will you kindly see that this matter is presented to the proper body for the appointment of a committee?

Fraternally yours.

JJR/K

Chaplain's Residence
Thanksgiving Day, 1925.

The Editor,
Men of Minneapolis,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

I thank you for the cordiality of
your letter in response to my request.

For your own information, though not
for publication, I may mention that in the past two
weeks Sumner McKnight has accepted the chairmanship
of our Chapel Committee in Minneapolis. He has as-
sociated with him such men as the following:

J. S. Pillsbury	A. F. Pillsbury,	Geo. E. Leach
A. E. Zonne	C. M. Harrington	Gaylord Warner
C. C. Bovey	F. N. Atkinson	Rev. J. E. Bushnell
S. S. Thorpe	D. N. Winton	Rev. P. E. Osgood
F. M. Crosby	J. H. Skinner	A. R. Rogers
Clarence Gunn	and a long list of others.	

Saint Paul is also making plans for
putting this thing over the top, and its success seems
pretty well assured.

We are not planning to give any pub-
licity to the project, perhaps until after the New Year.
The brief article in Men of Minneapolis will be a fore-
runner, and will put the blessed Y.M.C.A. squarely be-
hind the movement, just where I think you ought to be.

Yours very cordially,

p.S. If you care to follow Chaplain, U.S. Army
this article up later on
with another, I shall be
happy to prepare it for you.

FCR.

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September 30, 1924

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout,
Ft. Snelling, Minn.

am

My Dear Chaplain:

Your letter inviting me to meet with the Committee at Ft. Snelling on September 30th. was received and I am exceedingly sorry I am not able to be with you because of my attendance upon our Annual Conference in Aitkin. I am sure you understand this as being a case of necessity and not a lack of interest on my part. Thanking you for your kindness in reminding me, I will be only too glad to meet with you another time.

Sincerely Yours,

Roy L. Smith

RLS/c

House of Hope Presbyterian Church

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

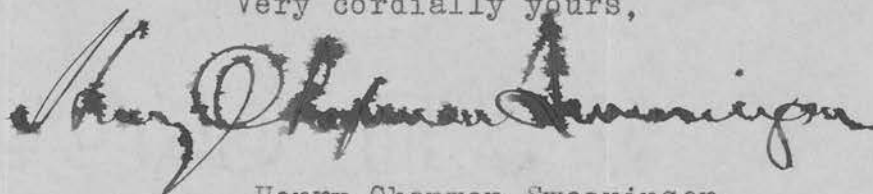
Sept. 30, 1924

The Rev. F. C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U. S. A.,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Brother Rideout:-

So sorry that the luncheon for today conflicts with another luncheon engagement at the same time. This is the date for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Macalester College and it is exceedingly important that I be present at this latter meeting since I have to present the report of the campaign committee which is making plans for endowment.

Very cordially yours,



Henry Chapman Swearingen

HCS:MD

My dear Mrs.

Through some inadvertance or mistake the solicitor who had your card did not reach you during the time of the principal activity for raising the funds with which to erect a chapel at Fort Snelling. I am therefore taking the liberty of mailing your card to you.

It may be possible that a circular outlining the project has already found its way into your hands, but I am enclosing one to be sure that you are fully acquainted with the facts.

Saint Paul has raised nearly \$23,000.00 of its \$40,000.00 quota and although it might seem we will not attain our full quota, yet I am confident we will go far enough to insure a splendid chapel being built at Fort Snelling.

Let me thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Marion D. Shetter, Church of
The Redeemer,
Minneapolis

J. L. Briggs - 597 Dayton Ave. St. Paul - B of

Miss MacGeorge 35 N. Groth St

Everett K. Bray, Virginia Avenue Church
Virginia + Selby Ave, St Paul

W. T. Mc Elven Plymouth Cong Church
Holly Ave + Macubin St

L. J. Veltz Merriam Park
Baptist Church

L. Franklin Gruber, Reformation

Wm. T. Hale, Ousey, Mpls. English Lutheran
St. Paul

Matthys - Central Lutheran

R. B. Blyth - Council of Churches, Mpls.
Minneapolis Minn.

T. W. Newton Temple Baptist Ch Mpls

William E. Beckel, Merriam Park Presbyterian

W. R. Gattory, Plymouth Church. Mpls. St. Paul

Colonel W. R. Sample	3 Inf
Lt. Col. E. M. Norton	3 Inf
May. M. R. Wainer,	AME
Chaplain F. C. Rideout	3 Inf

Resolved that the Council of
Cherokees of N. & S. & of S. & N.
be asked to appoint
Committees — one from each
body — which as a joint
Committee shall make
the arrangements for
gathering the project
before the people.

R-E-S-O-L-U-T-I-O-N

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE MINNESOTA DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION AT THEIR ANNUAL CONGRESS, ST. PAUL HOTEL,
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 26, 1924.

INASMUCH AS the Fort Snelling Military Reservation
is without a suitable and adequate building for the proper
conduct of Divine Worship, and,

INASMUCH AS history records the fact that the first
ecclesiastical organization of the great Northwest was per-
fected at Fort Snelling nearly a hundred years ago, and the
early garrison became the nucleus from which radiated most
wholesome religious and cultural influences which are still
held in grateful remembrance, and,

INASMUCH AS Fort Snelling is one of the most import-
ant Military Stations within the entire nation, with a large
permanent garrison and an ever increasing number of our finest
young men coming to it for the Civilian Training Camps year
by year, and,

INASMUCH AS the War Department has given its approval
to the proposition of constructing a house of worship without
cost to the government, and many leading citizens of the Twin
Cities have already indorsed the movement and are now laying
plans for the construction of a MEMORIAL CHAPEL at Fort Snell-
ing,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED : That the Daughters of the
American Revolution in annual session at Saint Paul this 26th
Day of September, 1924, do hereby heartily indorse the proposi-
tion as a most worthy and necessary enterprise. And we do her-
by commend this object to the generous consideration of all
patriotic and ecclesiastic organizations, and to individuals
and firms which are in a position to assist in a financial way.
We believe that the reproach of a century's standing should be
wiped out now, and that this community with a permanent though
ever changing population of upwards of two thousand souls
should be provided with a suitable house of worship through the
generous and united contributions of individuals and organizations
in this section of the country as soon as possible.

HEADQUARTERS FORT SNELLING, MINN.
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN.

October 27, 1923.

Mr. R.E. Drake:

The Church Flag is the only flag that can ever fly above the National Colors. Flags are merely symbols and express the sentiments of people for various ideas and ideals. The church flag stands for God and Religion, while the Stars and Stripes stand for love of Country. The idea is that religion is a higher virtue than patriotism. In reality religion includes the virtue of being loyal to one's country, for loyalty to the Almighty includes loyalty to all the best things in human life.

It seems to me that the only person who could object to the position of the Church Flag above the National Emblem is the person who does not understand the symbolism and significance of flags. Personally, if placing the Church flag above the National Colors were an offense to any sensitive soul, I should forbear putting it there, at least until such person or persons were fully informed as to the meaning of the symbols. All will admit, I think, that God is above country, as dearly as we do love our country.

Army regulations on this point are identical with the Navy regulations.

Yours Very Truly,

ew

Frank C. Rideout.



NICOLLET HOTEL



MANAGEMENT GEORGE L. CROCKER

MINNEAPOLIS

March 5th, 1925

Mr. Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain U. S. Army
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Mr. Rideout:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 4th inst. and have carefully noted the contents thereof and will gladly be on the lookout for anyone calling to attend the proposed complimentary dinner which was to have been held in our hotel on the evening of March 9th and explain the situation to them.

We will also be on the lookout for mail for yourself or Captain Schmidt and forward the same upon its arrival in care of the above address.

Thanking you and with best wishes, we are

Yours very truly,

NICOLLET HOTEL, INCORPORATED

W. B. Clark, Ass't Manager.

WBC:V

2215 Pleasant Ave.

Minneapolis, Minn.

June 13-1928.

Chaplain Frank C. Ridout,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Captain Ridout:-

Can you tell me the
price of a single pair
in the new Chapel? I am
hoping that my D. A. P. Chapter
"St. Anthony Falls" will feel
constrained to pay for one
or more.

Thanking you I am

Sincerely yours

(Mrs. Geo. E.)

Jessie H. Tuttle.

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Hackett, Gates Hurty Co.

S. L. McKay & Co.

O'Brien, Horn & Stringer

Hoeger Refrigerator Co.

F. J. & W. J. Spriggs

Union Brass & Metal Mfg. Co.

U. S. Radiator Co.

M. M. Cochran

American National Bank

Bannons

Adolph Bremer

Foley Bros. Grocery Co.

M. A. Hanna Coal Co.

J. M. Hannaford, Jr.

Mannhelmers

Montgomery Ward & Co.

Purity Baking Co.

Saint Paul Foundry

Tilden Produce Co.

Carl Schuneman

E. Albrecht & Son

S. M. Archer

Emmett Butler

Walter Butler

J. W. Daniels

A. G. Driscoll

W. J. Dyer & Bro.

~~Cha. W. Dyer & Bro.~~

Field, Schlick & Co.

Ed. T. Foley

O'Donnell Shoe Co.

Raymer Hardware Co.

Scheffer & Rossum

Stronge & Warner Co.

Villaume Box & Lumber Co.

Walter Strouse

American Hoist & Derrick Co.

Armour & Co.

Geo. Benz & Son

Bohn Refrigerator Co.

M. L. Finkelstein

Flaxlinum Insulating Co.

Ford Motor Co.

~~Heater Co.~~

M. L. Rothschild & Co.

Jos. Ullmann, Inc.

Joseph McKibbin, Jr.

Allen-Quinlan Co.

Floan & Leveroos

Joesting & Schilling

Lindeke, Warner & Sons

McKibbin, Driscoll & Dorsey

W. H. Merritt

C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.

Cities Service Oil Co.

Crescent Creamery Co.

W. H. Merritt

Oppenheimer, Peterson, Dickson & Hodgson

Saint Paul Road

J. L. Shiely Co.

Swift & Co.

G. W. Robinson

Central Warehouse Co.

George F. Lindsay

Northern States Power Co.

H. J. Richardson

Saint Paul Gas Light Co.

G. A. Weyerhaeuser

R. M. Weyerhaeuser

National Lead Battery Co.

Paul N. Myers

J. H. Weed