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HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

November 5, 1925.

Mr. Clarence Gunn,
The Builders Exchange,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Gunn:-

I have received copy of your communication to Gaylord Warner resigning as Secretary of the Fort Snelling Chapel Committee. -

I do regret this Mr. Gunn, as I also regret the circumstances of delay and painful procrastination which has caused us all to regret the connections of some members of the committee who have assumed the policy of "Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow". However, I believe that we will have a welcomed change in policy shortly.

May I express the hope that as soon as it seems propitious to re-organize that you will see your way clear to take up this work again. It is a fine patriotic job for the citizens of the twin cities to undertake, and I have never once doubted that it will be put through within a reasonable length of time. St. Paul is going to do it, sure. They now seem to favor January, 1926, as the most favorable time for the drive, but it does seem certain that it will be done.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your interest and for the faithful work that you have already done on the job. I have not seen a more thorough and conscientious piece of work by anybody in connection with the Chapel project. And, for this reason as well as for other reasons, I would like to have your name high among the others to whom will go the credit for this patriotic task when finally it is completed. I do hope that you will be a part of the new organization, and I would like to mention this wish to Sumner McKnight when he is being prevailed upon to undertake the Chairmanship.

Yours very sincerely,

Frank E. Faunt
Chaplain, U.S. Army

October 26, 1925

Mr. Gaylord Warner,
Marsh & McLennan,
505 -First Natl.Soc Line Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Gaylord:

As you probably know I have taken on the Secretaryship of the Round Table. This new duty is going to require considerable of my time, especially during the organization period. As a result I feel compelled to resign as Secretary of the Fort Snelling Chapel Committee.

I will continue to be greatly interested in the project and will do whatever I can towards the successful completion of our obligation.

Yours very truly,

CAG/AW

HEADQUARTERS

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

June 3rd, 25-

My Dear Mr. Gunn:-

I hope you will place the enclosed letter on file and, when the date of our campaign is settled, if you will write Mr. Roberts giving him that information, and asking for the co-operation of the Scottish Rite Bodies and all masons it may produce some very definite results. There are untold possibilities here.

Yours Truly

Frank C. Fiermont

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ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

U. S. A.

VALLEY OF MINNEAPOLIS

June 2nd, 1925.

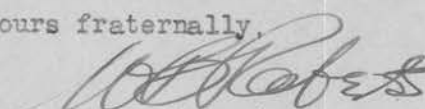
Capt. Frank C. Rideout,
Headquarters,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have at last a report from our representative in the group of business men considering the chapel project at Fort Snelling. We are advised to defer any action on the matter until the Executive committee of this group developes a mature plan of action.

The Heads of the Bodies have therefore laid it on the table for the present.

Yours fraternally,


Wm. B. Roberts,
Chairman,
Heads of the Bodies.

WBR/ELA

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION
SAINT PAUL

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman

L. M. BACON
Secretary

Mr. C. H. Gunn.
Quilters Exchange
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing copies
of correspondence & minutes
in order that we may be able
to keep in a little closer touch
with each other.

Yours very truly

L. M. Bacon

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION
SAINT PAUL

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman

L. M. BACON
Secretary

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday evening, September 11th, at Fort Snelling at a dinner given by Colonel W. E. Welsh.

Present: St. Paul and Minneapolis Committees.

Motion made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Gunn that Mr. Wheeler be appointed chairman of the Building Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Despain that the Building Committee be completed at this meeting and that Mr. Horner be requested to report in writing to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Wheeler, within ten days as to the progress made by the Committee in charge of the architect's competition, giving full and complete details of the proposed plan, space and costs. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Despain, seconded by Mr. Schuneman that the Committee in charge of the Architect's competition be formally authorized to go ahead with plans for the competition, with the idea that the plan chosen as the most suitable and attractive be the plan used in the construction of the Chapel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Colonel Welsh that the building committee be composed of Chairman Wheeler, Mr. Cochran and the General Chairman of each of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Committees. Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Schuneman, seconded by Mr. Marm that the Building Committee be empowered to act with full authority in approving plans submitted by the Committee in charge of the Architect's competition. Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Despain and seconded by Mr. Warner that the figure \$100,000 be the one to be used in preparing plans for the competition. Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Despain, seconded by Mr. Thomas that the week beginning Monday, November 30th, be definitely set as the week for the Campaign. Motion carried.

Colonel Welsh was accorded a rising vote of thanks for his co-operation and interest shown in the aim of the Chapel Association.

L. M. Bacon

Sec'y.

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION
SAINT PAUL

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman

L. M. BACON
Secretary

Minutes of the meeting held at the St. Paul Athletic Club
Friday noon, October 3, 1925.
Present: Messrs. Schuneman, Cochran, Mann, Thomas, Despain,
Brown, Bacon and Mrs. Keam.

Meeting called for the purpose of making plans for the dinner to be given Tuesday October 6th by the ladies of Fort Snelling.

Following programme accepted.

1. Invocation
2. Welcoming address by Colonel Welsh.
3. Chaplain Rideout to relate the history of the movement to the present time, and to dwell on the needs for a Chapel.
4. Dr. Holland to speak on the need for a Chapel.
5. Open meeting to general discussion.

Recommended that cards be furnished at the dinner for the purpose of obtaining written pledge of support by those present; further, that the cards request that each person carry back to his or her organization the news of this meeting.

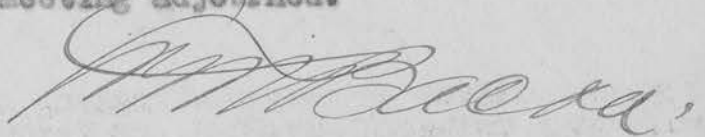
Moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Anderson be employed for the 6 weeks beginning October 15th.

Recommended by Dr. Brown that the prominent ministers of the city be approached personally by one of their fellow ministers to lend weight to the invitation sent by mail.

Suggested that the secretary invite Messrs. Warner, Gunn and Skinner of the Minneapolis Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting held at the Athletic Club on Saturday noon Oct 3d
Present: Messrs. Schuneman, Thomas, Bacon and Dr. Elliot.
Each of the above pledged himself to call certain ministers of the City to be assured of their presence at the dinner to be held at the Fort on Tuesday October 6th.
No further business. Meeting adjourned.



FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION

SAINT PAUL

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman

L. M. BACON
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting held at Fort Snelling at a dinner given by the ladies of the Fort on Tuesday Evening October 6th.
Present: Representatives from approximately 125 civic, social and religious organizations of the city.

Regular Army "chow" in the mess hall.
Meeting called to order in the service Club.
Welcoming address by Colonel Welsh.
Invocation by Dr. Bean.
Mr. Schuneman, presiding officer, introduces Chaplain Rideout.
Chaplain Rideout relates history of movement and the need for the chapel.
Dr. Holland introduced by the Chairman. Dr. Holland not only spoke on the need of a Chapel but pledged support of himself and parish.
Chairman introduces Mrs. Kean who pledges support of the Women's Allied Club of St. Paul.
Miss McNabb pledges support of the Business Women's Club.
Chairman Schuneman relates the progress of the Committee up to date and calls for a general discussion.
Mr. Cochran requests Chaplain Rideout to explain plans of the proposed Chapel, showing various purposes for which the building could be used.
Chaplain Rideout explains Competition now in progress; that the Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Wheeler, reported that over 30 architects had entered the Competition, 13 from St. Paul 12 from Minneapolis, 4 from Duluth and some from smaller cities. That Chapel was to include library, recreation and social rooms as well as auditorium and rooms to be devoted to religious services. Location of the Chapel Site explained, ownership to be vested in the United States Government. In answer to a question, Chaplain Rideout explained that all maintenance and repairs would be provided by the Government.
Mr. Despain asks for individuals to pledge support of both themselves and organizations they represent.
Fred. Hoffman of the Rotary Club pledges support.
Rabbi Kleinmann not only personal support but pledges \$200 from his congregation.
Representative of the Norwegian Churches of America reports pledge of \$1000 from his organization and further individual members support.
Railway Business Women of the Twin Cities by representative pledge \$1 each. (Approximately 1000 in organization)
Mrs. Kean asks women present to rise and pledge support. Done.
Mr. W. C. Fisher, Garfield Post G. A. R. pledges support and contributes \$1. to Chaplain Rideout.
Reverend Butler of the Church of St. John the Evangelist pledges personal support and states that the campaign will be endorsed by the Clericus.
Dr. Bean pledges support of self and Church.

Representatives of American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Gold Star Mothers, Disabled War Veterans and Daughters of Union Veterans pledge individual and organizations support.

Mr. Thomas explained plans of campaign and requested those present to carry back to their Clubs the message of the meeting.

Mr. Despain further explained the Committees of the Twin Cities and their officers.

Ladies Enlisted Guild of Fort Snelling pledge \$500.

Representative of the enlisted personnel of the Fort pledges that body to contribute \$1000.

Cosmopolitan club, through representative, pledges support.

Ladies of the Fort by rising vote thanked for their support of the movement and dinner.

Meeting adjourned.



Secretary.

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FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION
SAINT PAUL

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman

L. M. BACON
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday August 7th at the St. Paul Athletic Club.
Present: Messrs: Schuneman, Bacon, Mann, Despain, Thomas and Chaplain Rideout.

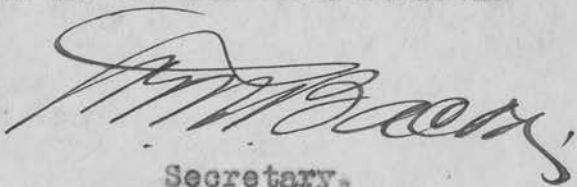
Motion made, seconded and carried that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to Colonel Welsh of Fort Snelling requesting his permission to assemble at a convenient time the entire personnel of Fort Snelling for the purpose of presenting before that body the proposition of this Association. It was recommended that Commissioner Ferguson and Reverend Sainsbury be asked to be the speakers at this assemblage.

Motion made, seconded and carried that letter-heads be procured at once for all correspondence.

Mr. Despain, in commenting on the proposed assemblage at Fort Snelling recommended that motion picture, newspaper and retogravure men be invited for the purpose of obtaining publicity for the project; further, that a large Balloon be procured if possible, bearing a large painted inscription "We want a Chapel" and that pictures be taken of the scene for the purpose of publication.

The question of appointing a new treasurer was discussed on receipt of a letter from Mr. Lilly stating that he would be unable to do any work in connection with the plans of the Association, and it was recommended that Mr. Brack of the Merchants Trust Company be substituted as treasurer in Mr. Lilly's inability to act. Mr. Mann agreed to see Mr. Lilly before taking any further steps.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting to be held on Thursday August 13th at the St. Paul Athletic Club.

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Secretary.

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION
SAINT PAUL

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman

L. M. BACON
Secretary

St. Paul, Minnesota.
August 12, 1925.

Colonel W. E. Welsh, Commanding,
Third Infantry,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Dear Sir;

Chaplan Rideout has probably told you of the meeting last Friday of the Committee representing the Fort Snelling Chapel Association at which time considerable progress was made in formulating plans.

You are aware that our campaign this fall will necessarily require much publicity and we are anxious to bring both the merits of the proposition and the need of a Chapel at Fort Snelling before the public as soon as possible, and in this, we trust that we are not presumptuous in assuming that you will be glad to co-operate with us.

By formal action, the committee has gone on record instructing the Secretary to write you requesting permission to present to the entire personnel, or to as large a part of the entire personnel as can be conveniently assembled, the proposition that we sponsor. We should like to have our hopes and plans explained by prominent speakers of this city to both the enlisted body and the citizens in training as well as we feel that the securing of their enthusiastic interest and support will be invaluable to us.

*Copy for
your files*

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. L. M. Bacon,
605 Merchants Bank Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

mpl:cm
Sept.

1925

Fort Snelling Chapel Assn.,
c/o Mr. Bacon, Sec.

Gentlemen: I shall be present at 7:15 p.m.,
on Tuesday, October 6th at the Round Tower,
Fort Snelling to attend the informal "Chow"
and meeting relative to the pan-sectarian
Chapel.

Signed _____

Organization Represented

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION

SAINT PAUL

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman

L. M. BACON
Secretary

St. Paul, Minnesota,
September 29, 1925.

SUBJECT: You and your connection with the Pan-Sectarian Chapel (to be erected) at Fort Snelling - An Invitation:-

TO: L. M. Bacon, President of Gyro Club,
Merchants Nat'l Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

1. When the bugler blows mess call next Tuesday, Oct. 6th, at Fort Snelling at 7:15 P.M., we want you to be there ready to "fall in" for a special Chow (set to music by the 3rd Infantry Band), which "Chow" the ladies of the Post are courteously tendering to the representatives of the religious and social organizations, who we are inviting to be with us in an informal way on this occasion to discuss plans for raising St. Paul's quota of funds necessary to erect a chapel at Fort Snelling. A brief statement of the history of this movement and what has been done to date is attached to this letter.

2. Assembly will be at the Round Tower, opposite Co. "M" Barracks, Fort Snelling, at 7:15 p.m. (Army punctuality) October 6th. We shall be there to meet you. You may take the Fort Snelling Street Car from St. Paul or the special chartered busses, which will leave at 6:30 P.M. from Rice Park directly opposite the Wilder Charity Building, or motor out.

3. It is most important that your organization be represented and that you be present (or have a representative attend).

4. May we have your answer by return post card, and we trust that it will be an affirmative one.

Committee,

Carl T. Schuneman
Chairman

Mrs. A. P. Keam,	F. M. Delaney,
M. M. Cochran,	L. M. Bacon,
J. R. Brown,	H. W. Mann,
Bronson West,	Donald Despain,
C. A. Thomas.	

Fort Snelling, where the first church services in Minnesota were held more than 100 years ago, has no chapel.

Five hundred women and children and 1,500 men live at Fort Snelling year in and year out and have no church building where they may worship. In summer this population is augmented by 2,000 at training camp.

The people of Saint Paul have learned of this unfortunate situation through Chaplain Frank C. Rideout of the Post, and sentiment is strong for doing something about it.

On March 20, 1925 the Co-operative Club of Saint Paul called a meeting for the purpose of interesting other service clubs and crystalizing sentiment into action. It was the unanimous opinion of representatives of 10 organizations present that a popular campaign be conducted in Saint Paul and Minneapolis to raise \$100,000 for constructing a chapel. Mr. Carl T. Schuneman accepted the chairmanship of the Saint Paul committee and plans are going forward rapidly.

The campaign will be made the week of November 30, 1925 simultaneously with one in Minneapolis, and will include the cities throughout Minnesota.

The Minnesota Chapters of the American Institute of Architects have agreed to enter into competition to draw plans for a suitable building.

Publicity in newspapers has started and endorsements from women's, civic, religious and patriotic organizations have been given and their services offered in the campaign.

About \$3,000 has been pledged to date without solicitation of any kind.

The dinner on October 6th to which you have been invited is for the purpose of further informing you about this worthy project.

FORT SNELLING CHAPEL ASSOCIATION
SAINT PAUL

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN
General Chairman

L. M. BACON
Secretary

October 2, 1925.

Mr. C. A. Gunn,
Builders Exchange,
Minneapolis, Minn.

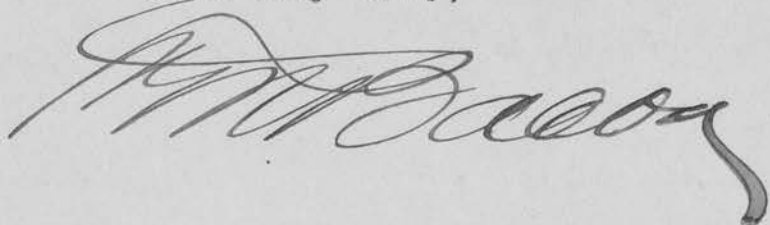
Dear Mr. Gunn:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an invitation that has been mailed by the St. Paul Committee to some two hundred individuals of this City, and you will notice that on next Tuesday, October 6th, the wives of the officers at Fort Snelling will entertain us at an old-time, regular "chow", at which time we expect to organize our permanent committee.

We are all hopeful that both you and Mr. Warner will be present at the dinner, and as many of your Committee as can make it, as well. There will be a general discussion that I am sure will be interesting to you and your presence will keep the Committees of the Twin Cities in the close touch that will lend success to the aim of this organization.

I should be pleased to hear from you as to the number of reservations that we may make for you. With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,



LMB/G

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Aug 31, '25

My Dear Mr Gunn:

I am enclosing the
copy of my letter in reply
to letter from the Legion
Auxiliary: for your
information.

Perhaps there is a
suggestion here for real
assistance later on.

yours truly
J. Rideout

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
SUITE 211 CURTIS HOTEL
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

August 28th, 1925.

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain:

The following resolution was adopted at our recent State Convention held in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, August 10th, 11th and 12th:

"WHEREAS a plan for the erection of a chapel at Fort Snelling for the use of the soldiers stationed there has been approved, and

WHEREAS this has the endorsement of the various religious and civic organizations, and

WHEREAS it has been suggested by the Chaplain at the Fort that the Gold Star Mothers of the State be asked to provide a memorial window for said Chapel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legion Auxiliary in this Convention endorse the plan and invite all the Gold Star Mothers of the State to participate in this worthy project to the end that their sons who gave their lives in the Great War may be held in perpetual remembrance".

The Finance Committee also presented the following recommendation which was acted upon favorably:

"We recommend that the sum of \$100. be contributed toward the movement for better religious facilities at Fort Snelling".

Sincerely,

Blanche W. Scallen

BLANCHE W. SCALLEN
Department Secretary.

Copy

August 31, 1925

Miss Blanch W. Scallen,
Department Secretary,
Amer. Legion Auxiliary,
211 Curtis Hotel,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Madam:-

I have your favored communication of
August 28th, for which I thank you most sincerely.

We are very much encouraged with the
prospects of the Chapel enterprise, and we hope to
put on an intensive campaign for funds during the
week of Thanksgiving.

It is my desire that we shall have a
Women's Division both in Saint Paul and in Minneapolis.
The ladies of St Paul are just waiting the word for
their part in the game.

I am going to suggest that you get in-
to touch with Mrs. Wm. S. Lindsley of the Daughters
of the American Revolution, Mrs. Walter Wheeler whose
husband is President of the Sons of the Am. Revolution,
Mrs. Hall Elrod Van Hook 3045 Aldrich Ave., S. and
perhaps others who are interested and form a Minnea-
polis committee of Women to assist us in this great
patriotic work.

To be sure, the special undertaking of
the Auxiliary and of the Gold Star Mothers will likely
come first with you. That is as it ought to be, but if
you are not opposed to this suggestion there are great
possibilities for service in this direction.

Again, let me thank you and the Legion
Auxiliary for your splendid encouragement and for the
suggested donation.

Yours very cordially,

Chaplain, U.S.A.

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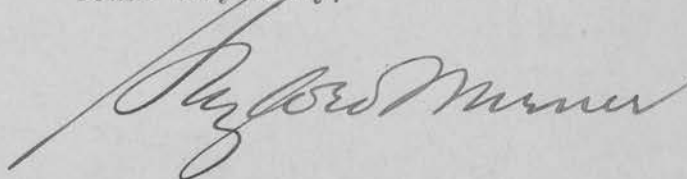
Mr. Clarence Gunn,
Builders Exchange,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Clarence:

I take it from the attached letter from Chaplain Rideout that at your conference with a representative of Ward-Gates Company you concluded that the time to undertake the campaign was in the Fall.

At the first opportunity I will talk with you about the matter. I will, of course, concur in any conclusions which you and the other gentlemen may have reached.

Yours very truly,



GW:B

Friday - Evening - 7:29 - 6 PM
Tuesday " " 6 PM

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

May 31, 1925

My dear Mr. Gunn:-

I have your letter, and I have taken the liberty of writing a few persons urging them to attend in order that they may give to the committee the advice of their experience and conviction in this matter.

In each case I have advised them to notify you if they could be present. Those written to are as follows : Dr. Osgood, Dr. Smith and Doctor Ralph Knight. Mr. Scheuer and Mr. Van Hook. Also Rev. J.K. Craig who was present at a meeting of the Mpls Co-Operative Club the other day when I spoke there. He will perhaps tell the committee of the action taken.

Yours very sincerely,

J. C. Riceout
Chaplain, U.S.A.

Smith - out of town

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Send the following message, subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Mpls May 11-1925

Ward Mills Dushman & Gates
612 Wrigley Bldg Chicago Ill
Referring to Mr Gates letter May 7
Can you have executive representative
to meet with Twin City committee
in my office Builders Exchange
eleven AM Thursday May 14th
to discuss Fort Snelling Chapel
campaign

C. A. Gunn Secy

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

May 7, 1925

Mr. Clarence Gunn,
Builders Exchange,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Gunn:-

I am sending for your records and
for the information of the Executive Committee two
letters as follows:

- (1) Pledge of \$100.00 from Old Trails
Chapter, D. A. R. Miss Anna C. Jordan,
126 Oak Grove Street, Mpls.
- (2) Letter from Mr. M.M. Cochran of St.
Paul on subjects of architects.

Yours very sincerely,

J. C. Rice
Chaplain, U.S.A.



OLD TRAILS CHAPTER
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Saturday
May 2nd 1925

Captain Frank C. Rider
Chaplain at Fort Snelling

My dear Captain Rider,
Your zeal for a chapel at
Fort Snelling has found response
in the hearts of the Old Trails
Chapter, Daughters of the
American Revolution, and we
are eager to have a share
in your achievement.

This is the end of our
fiscal year so our exchequer
is very low at the present
moment but we want to in-
clude a substantial donation
to the chapel in our budget

for next fall.

We have voted \$100⁰⁰ for this purpose providing that it does not have to be paid immediately. We could safely promise it by December, possibly before if our dues come in promptly.

Will you let me know whether or not such a subscription, under these conditions would be welcome?

Very sincerely yours,

Anne C. Jordan

Regent.

Miss Anne C. Jordan

126 Oak Grove Street

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

May 4, 1925.

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

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
MMC:G

My Dear Captain Rideout:

Please pardon my delay in replying to yours of May first, with which you enclosed your letter to Mr. Gunn and his reply to you. I am returning the letter.

I regret that I cannot come to the meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, as I have an engagement of long standing for that day which I cannot avoid.

I have called up headquarters on the telephone once or twice, but have missed on both occasions. After our last St. Paul meeting, I afterwards talked to Mr. Horner, who is the President of the St. Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. In talking to him, I had this in mind: With this type of building, a combination chapel and community center I thought it might be valuable if we could interest the St. Paul and Minneapolis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in going into a competition for this design. Mr. Horner was interested. I laid out in a general way the approximate cost of the building and the uses to which it would be put. Of course, we could go into detail later on and ask him if he thought the St. Paul Chapter would be interested in going into a competition for this design, and also the Minneapolis Chapter.

They have a meeting of the St. Paul Chapter a week from tomorrow. He, at that time, is going to take it up, and, meanwhile, he has talked to a number of the members and they all seem to think it might be perfectly possible to get up such a competition. We would have to give a prize for the winning design, but in this way we would get a choice of a good many



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designs, and I believe get a very fine design for a building of this character. If this meets with your approval, and they adopt our suggestion, I am sure the Minneapolis Chapter would go into it, too, and we could lay out the general specifications and requirements of a building of this character, and with that as a ruling they could go into this competition. The only objection to this is, of course, the delay, but it would seem to me that the interest that would be involved and the publicity we could get in this way, would be well worth while and the chance that this would give us of getting a building of original design that might meet the problem more fully than we could by choosing some particular article.

I wish you would let me know if this would meet with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Cochran



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May 7, 1925

Mr. C. A. Gunn,
Minneapolis Builders Exchange,
609 Second avenue south,
Minneapolis.

My dear Mr. Gunn:

With regard to the proposed campaign for funds for a chapel at Fort Snelling.

In addition to the correspondence which we had from time to time, one of our executives, when he was in Minneapolis, called upon some of the men on the Committee.

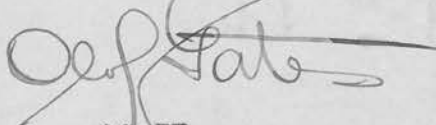
The men he talked the matter over with were Dr. R. B. Blythe, Gaylord Warren, Dr. Shutter of the Church of the Redeemer, and Charles A. Thomas, Secretary to the Mayor of St. Paul.

I mention these names because our man talked over the matter of plan and programme with them very carefully and unless you should desire further information along that line I shall send you only copies of two of the letters which we wrote to Chaplain Rideout.

If you will refer to copy of our letter of December sixth you will note that our fee for the campaign is \$2,250. And in addition the campaign expenses would be \$1,000.

Trust this will give you the information you require and hope we may have the privilege of serving you.

Sincerely yours,



OG:RT

December 6, 1924

Rev. Frank C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Rideout:

The basis of our method for the raising of church funds is through personal solicitation by a group of volunteer solicitors. We organize a sufficient number of folks into small teams and committees and then call upon a list of prospects and secure subscriptions.

A campaign such as you outline would probably have to be conducted simultaneously in Saint Paul and Minneapolis and will require about six weeks' time. During the first five weeks we would organize the teams, prepare the list of prospects and get out adequate and dignified publicity. Then, during the last or sixth week the teams would make their calls for subscriptions.

Much depends in any campaign upon the personnel of the Campaign Executive Committee and the degree of backing that is given to such a project by those especially interested in churches and the helping of the men.

I have no doubt that with the proper kind of an organization \$50,000 should be easily raised from both the cities you name.

We do not operate upon a commission or percentage but charge a flat fee based upon the time and character of service required. For a campaign such as yours our fee would be \$2,250. In addition to this the campaign expense would run close to \$1,000. This campaign expense would cover such items as printing, publicity, postage, clerical hire, campaign headquarters, telephone, cost of meetings, etc., etc. All of this is budgeted in advance and the control of the expenditures is in the hands of your local committee.

One of the first things that would be necessary would be the forming of a committee of prominent men who would sponsor such a campaign. With their sponsorship we would then proceed to secure a campaign chairman and build up the necessary organization.

I trust I have outlined to you, in⁷response to your letter, those things you wish to know. If you look with favor upon the plan and can get together a group of interesting men, then we would be very glad to have one of our executives come to Minneapolis or Saint Paul and meet with such a committee and go into the matter in further detail. Such a conference would be without any obligation, financial or otherwise, on your part.

Sincerely yours,

OG:RT

December 9, 1924

Rev. Frank C. Rideout,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain Rideout:

From your letter of yesterday it seems that you have laid a better foundation for your building than I had expected. This was brought out by the pamphlet I received a few days ago which states your case in a very unusual way.

The experience of many ministers and those interested in churches has been that a service such as ours can take hold of a proposition and do it thoroughly and on schedule time as against those who do not give time to the raising of money.

Sometimes folks are opposed to a service such as ours. There are some things, though, that we can do which make that service very worth while. First, we are not bound by tradition or friendship and can do those things in a congregation which make for speed and results. Second, our organizing of the committees is not guess work but based on hard facts of financial organization. Third, all unnecessary meetings are eliminated and only those held in which definite things are done. Fourth, all detail is removed

from the shoulders of the committees so that they can give full time to the soliciting. We bring to you the last word in campaign technique. Sixth, the campaign proceeds absolutely on schedule time. Seventh, all efforts of well meaning friends are co-ordinated toward the leadership of our executive. Eighth, the extra cost for our service is more than balanced by the increased amount of money secured and the saving of needless waste in campaign expense. This you will learn from any of the pastors whom we have served.

I like your plan of submitting our letter to the executive committee. We do not like to come into a campaign unless the invitation is unanimous. When it is unanimous it means we have the full and complete co-operation of all concerned.

May I suggest that you write personally to the three Chicago pastors for whom we have recently had campaigns:

Rev. Charles Alvin Brooks,
Englewood Baptist Church,
6248 Stewart avenue,
Chicago.

Rev. Morrison Russell Boynton,
Bryn Mawr Community Church,
7000 Jeffery avenue,
Chicago.

Rev. M. E. Haberland,
St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
2645 North Francisco avenue,
Chicago.

They can give you their slant on their campaign and especially the after results on the church.

I shall be very glad to hear from you further and hope we may have the privilege of serving you.

Sincerely yours,

OG:RT

This is a copy of an address
made by members of the
St. P. Co-Operative Club who
were delegated to speak
before all Service Clubs
off the City in asking for
delegates to a general
meeting. It did the business.
J.C.R.

Gentlemen of the _____ Club:

I come to you as a missionary in a righteous cause which carries, I am sure, a challenge to the desire in each of us for civic activity. Having asked your indulgence for only five minutes, I shall try and not impose beyond that time and therefore can only touch the high spots of my subject, leaving details for future presentation.

For several months a quiet, but persistent and admirable effort has been under way by Captain Frank Rideout, Chaplain of Fort Snelling, seeking to enlist the aid and cooperation of business, religious and patriotic organizations in providing a chapel or place of worship for the men at Fort Snelling.

Here is a time honored military post at the door of St. Paul with 2,000 men in winter and 3,500 in summer without a suitable place to hold religious worship, funeral services or other rites of a devotional and sacred character. At the present time, if such services are attempted, they must be held in a small cramped room used throughout the week for variety shows and dances. The atmosphere is far from that of a house of God.

It is unnecessary to argue as to why the United States government does not build places of worship at army posts. The only answer is, it hasn't built any anywhere except at West Point.

Chaplain Rideout has presented the tragic situation to many organizations throughout the Twin Cities. The response has been that of unanimous approval without action. Church organizations- Protestant, Catholic and Jewish- have voiced enthusiastic support. Business organizations have approved. The Saint Paul Association and the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce have heartily endorsed the plan of public support. Patriotic societies have added their expressions of help. The Governor of Minnesota has publicly endorsed the movement as has also the Mayor of Saint Paul and the Mayor of Minneapolis.

Chaplain Rideout presented the situation to the Cooperative Club of Saint Paul a week ago and believing as we do that the service clubs represent the business life of this city, we responded to the appeal to the extent of taking it upon ourselves to bring together representatives of all the service clubs of the city in a dinner meeting at the Athletic Club Friday evening March 20th at 6:30 P.M. Chaplain Rideout has offered to pay the expense of this dinner out of funds he has at his disposal.

This meeting is only for the purpose of devising ways and means of coordinating all the civic, patriotic, religious and commercial organizations into a properly formed organization to get the wheels moving toward an energetic plan of action for a move to put over a campaign for a Fort Snelling Chapel.

Public opinion is already aroused but it needs crystalizing into action. United action by the Service clubs can start the ball rolling. We kindly and respectfully urge that the Club send two delegates- your President and the chairman of the proper committee- to the preparatory dinner next Friday night. Thank you.

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You may be asked why this matter has not been presented to the Gavel Club, Answer- this came up suddenly and requires quick action. There was no time to present it to the Gavel Club. The meeting Friday night will be representative of all clubs. Colonel Sample, Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling, Major Wainer, Quartermaster and Chaplain Rideout will present the matter at the Friday night meeting.

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Realizing the need and urgency of the project, the Cooperative Club took upon itself to call this meeting. The Cooperative Club intends to throw itself and resources into the work on the same basis as every other organization that participates.

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The sum of \$65,000 is said to be needed. This, it is hoped, will be raised in the twin cities and over the state.

Dr Gruber's address is:
1213 Hague Avenue, St. Paul.

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Office of the Chaplain

December 30, 1924.

Mr. Gaylord Warner,
Marsh & McLennan, Ins.,
1st. Natl.- Soo Line Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Warner : I

In reply to your enquiry of a couple of days ago relative to what is to be contributed by others outside of the amount to be raised by the Councils of Churches of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, I beg permission to make the following statement:

In the beginning the Chapel proposition was understood to be a united effort of Protestants and Catholics. In a united effort when a carnival was held at Fort Snelling in the spring of 1923 some \$2,000.00 was raised. The ~~amount~~ ^{sum} raised by the Catholics in that effort and in subsequent collections by Rev. E. F. Casey who is the priest in charge of Catholic work at this station, amounts to a total of some \$650.00. However, when it was found that an amount of some \$35,000.00, as the minimum figure, was needed to prosecute the work of building even a meagre, one room chapel, the matter was submitted once more to Father Casey together with the suggestion that the Catholic constituency of St. Paul and Minneapolis perhaps be asked to raise one third of the necessary amount. Up to date we have had no definite assurance that the Catholics would unite in this larger effort. In a meeting in Colonel Sample's office on December 27, 1924, Father Casey assured me that he would give us a definite answer either on Sunday or within a few days. I am still waiting for his reply, and will send him a copy of this letter urging that he give us a reply either one way or another, so that it may be presented to the meeting of your finance committee when it is called. Better still, I will invite him to attend the meeting and make his own statement.

At about every meeting of the general committee it has been found necessary to raise the figures for a chapel such as would fill the requirements for a modern and suitable building on the reservation. When we asked Mr. Jones for plans for a \$50,000.00 building we received the outline which I submitted to you a few days ago. Colonel Mears estimates on this same construction raises the figure again to \$68,000.00. Many pastors and laymen think this amount can be raised among the churches and patriotic organizations of the two cities. I am inclined to believe that it can if we go about the matter in a business like manner. I trust that this will be an answer to your enquiry. The Quartermaster, Major Max R. Wainer, stands ready to give whatever assistance he can in the building project, but I do not know that he will have any funds available for this.

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Rideout

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 perfected 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 important 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 Snelling,

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 proposition as a most worthy and necessary enterprise. And we do hereby 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.

March
Second
1925

Captain Frank C. Rideout
Chaplain, U. S. Army
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Captain Rideout:

Will you please invite those mentioned
in your letter and any others whom you think should be at the dinner,
securing their acceptance and inform Mr. Blyth in order that he may
report to the hotel.

Yours very truly,

GW/ME

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

February 28, 1925.

Mr. Gaylord Warner,
1st Natl - Soc Line Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mr Warner:

Relative to the complimentary dinner which is to be held in Minneapolis March 9, 1925, I have written Dr. Blyth in detail as to the action taken at our committee meeting.

I have also notified Colonel Mears and have spoken to Father E. F. Casey, R.C. Priest who conducts Catholic services here at the Fort. It is my understanding that he was to be invited, as were also Rev. Dr. Cullen president of St. Thomas College, St. Paul, and his grace Archbishop Cowling. *I have not invited these.*

The Minnesota Society of the American Revolution appointed a committee to co-operate in this matter at their recent state meeting, consisting of Dr. Ralph Knight and two others. Accordingly, I have notified Dr. Knight of the dinner and requested him to be present. It is my conviction that the Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling, Lt. Col. E. W. Norton and his adjutant Captain J. E. Wharton, should be present. Also Lieutenant W. R. Hazelrigg who is the treasurer of our Snelling Chapel Fund and who will pay the bill in connection with the meeting. I will notify all of these I have mentioned if it is agreeable.

Dr. Blyth telephoned me today that the Nicolet is not available. Please phone me as soon as arrangements are completed so that I may give instructions to the 3rd Inf. Band and those who I was to invite.

Yours Cordially,

Frank C. Rideout

FCR:lhc.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S. Army

*A call from Dr Blyth
just now informs me
of the change in place -
The Gold Room Radisson Hotel.
FCR*

The Fort Snelling Chapel Project

By FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U. S. A.

A GOOD FINANCIAL BEGINNING.

The sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) was raised by the troops of the Fort Snelling garrison for the purpose of constructing a Chapel over a year ago. To this amount has been added two gifts of \$1,000.00 each.

Early in December, 1924, Mr. Arthur Nash, a clothing manufacturer of Cincinnati, Ohio, visited the Twin Cities and became greatly interested in our Chapel project. Shortly after that he made an address before the Laymen's League of the Universalist Church in New York in which he advised them of this matter and recommended a donation to get the movement started. A few days after the opening of the New Year, 1925, a check for \$1,000.00 reached Rev. Marion D. Shutter, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Minneapolis, to be handed to the Rev. R. B. Blyth, D. D., of the Minneapolis Council of Churches for the Chapel Project.

UNITY CHURCH, ST. PAUL, MAKES PLEDGE.

On the evening of February 6, 1925, the Rev. F. M. Eliot, pastor of Unity Church of Saint Paul, heard of the need of a Chapel at Fort Snelling for the first time. On Sunday morning following, during his sermon, he told his congregation of the need. On Tuesday, February 10, 1925, the Laymen's League of Unity Church, by enthusiastic vote, approved the proposition and pledged \$1,000.00 on the condition that other churches of the Twin Cities obligate themselves proportionately so as to build a modern Chapel at Fort Snelling along the lines at present proposed.

A CHALLENGE TO DEFINITE AND IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Both of these above-named gifts were made with a keen intellectual grasp of the moral implications of the situation, and as a challenge to others to "carry on" without delay. Mr. Arthur Nash, who was responsible for the first gift, said: "This gift is sent in the hope and confidence that it will stir the people of the Twin Cities to action and that your much needed chapel will speedily be built." And Dr. Eliot said: "I hope that this subscription will stimulate interest among the other churches of the Twin Cities and move them to immediate action. If they will see the immense value of building the right sort of a chapel and act promptly, each church giving in proportion to its means, and without denominational or sectarian distinctions, the total amount can very quickly be raised."

THE PERMANENCY OF FORT SNELLING.

Many persons persist in asking if there are sufficient assurances of the permanency of the Fort Snelling garrison to warrant an undertaking of this sort. The War Department perhaps will not make any statement concerning this. Neither will the government itself make any definite statement about any institution, the permanency of which depends upon the votes of the American people. Why would it not be just as easy

and just as reasonable to take it for granted that as Fort Snelling has endured for upwards of 100 years, so it will remain for another century? Indeed in all its history the garrison has never had more promise or prospect of permanency than right now. It is one of the very finest centers of civilian training in our entire nation. Scores upon scores of young men from not less than a dozen states look forward year after year with eager anticipation to their summer camp at Fort Snelling in the very heart of the "Land of 10,000 Lakes."

WILL MAKE VOCAL THE ESSENTIAL UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Here is a program big enough to draw together the churches of the Twin Cities in the bonds of a common sympathy, interest and task perhaps as nothing else within the realm of their present activities. To undertake a task like this will undoubtedly win for the Churches the approval and the admiration of thousands of onlookers to whom such an effort will be a practical demonstration of what they are preaching from their pulpits all the time, that the Master's prayer may be fulfilled: "That they all may be one." This is a time when moral leadership is wanted in a deserving cause. All men of forward-looking, vital faith, clear vision, and real action will probably co-operate in this undertaking, as they could not be expected to co-operate in many other enterprises. Such a co-operative movement upon the part of the churches of the Twin Cities will be a vocal in symphonic strains of harmonious effort that fact of all facts which needs to be convincingly expressed today, and which has not been, and cannot be, adequately expressed in song only, though we have been trying to express it that way for over a hundred years, as we have sung with great gusto: "We are not divided. All one body we. One in hope and doctrine. One in charity." This fine old song now needs the added emphasis of illustrative deeds. "By their fruits ye shall know them," and not by their Sunday songs.

NO IMMEDIATE HOPE OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

There is no great likelihood that we may expect Government assistance in this project. The 1924 Annual Report of the Secretary of War shows that some 40,000 army troops are improperly housed. A recent letter from Washington says: "The policy of the war department is such that it is futile to strive to secure chapels until sufficient money has been appropriated to solve the housing problem for the Army. It would do the people of this country good, if they would undertake to provide a few choice places of worship on military reservations."

The people of the Twin Cities have an opportunity of setting a good example before the entire nation in this respect. "Now is the time and here is the place."

ENDORSED BY STATE GOVERNOR AND TWIN CITIES' MAYORS

"I want to assure you that I am thoroughly in sympathy with the project of erecting a suitable chapel for the holding of religious service at Fort Snelling. Inasmuch as government funds cannot be secured for this purpose, I believe it is a project which should enlist the interest of citizens generally. Be assured that anything I can do in the way of arousing sentiment for this project will be cheerfully done."—Theodore Christianson.

"For twenty years I have been in the National Guard of Minnesota,

and during that time I have been closely associated with every soldier activity at Fort Snelling. I thoroughly endorse your plan for providing a house of worship there. During the twenty years mentioned, and especially during mobilization for the Mexican service and for the World War, I have seen thousands and thousands of the best men of the nation go through the Snelling camps. Each year it is my privilege to take part in some, and observe all of the various training camps at Fort Snelling, and I think, believing as I do that the greatest thing in life is Christianity, that it is little short of an outrage that this reservation has not been provided with a church. If there is any influence in my public or private life that I can bring to bear on the successful completion of your program, please command me. The people of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, and of the State of Minnesota, should respond generously, and you can use my name in any way you see fit to bring the matter to their favorable attention."—George E. Leach.

"The situation concerning the need of a Chapel at Fort Snelling is indeed urgent. - - We are as proud of Fort Snelling now in St. Paul as were the early settlers, but perhaps because of our being engrossed in the growth and progress of our city our interest has diminished. If this is so, then interest should be revived, and I know of no more appropriate plan than through the erection of a Chapel in which we as well as the other citizens of Minnesota may do a share of the work. The inadequacy of a proper place in which the soldiers may worship has been plainly set forth. I believe it should be remedied and that the people of Saint Paul should assist. I shall be very glad to help in any way I can and will be pleased to have you advise me as to how I may be of further service."—Arthur E. Nelson.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION ENDORSE

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the Daughters of the American Revolution in annual session at Saint Paul this 26th day of September, 1924, do hereby heartily endorse the Fort Snelling Chapel proposition as a most worthy and necessary enterprise. And we do hereby commend this object to the generous consideration of all patriotic and ecclesiastical 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."

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSE

The Councils of Churches of both Minneapolis and of St. Paul have warmly commended the project without a single dissenting voice. The Federation of Ministers of Minneapolis also, and the Saint Paul Christian Endeavor Union have commended the project as a great "Missionary opportunity and a moral challenge," to the people of the state. The Minnesota Society Sons of the American Revolution have also approved it, and the other organizations here mentioned, have appointed a strong co-operating committee.

PUBLICITY IN THE CHURCHES.

A number of pastors in the Twin Cities have recently given wings to

the idea of the need of a chapel at Fort Snelling by briefly stating the facts of the situation in their weekly Church Bulletins. This has not only proved interesting as news to church-going people, but it has been greatly appreciated by the General Committee, of which Rev. R. B. Blyth, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Minneapolis Council of Churches, is chairman. Every favorable word spoken in advance will make the work of the committee lighter. And when the Chapel is at last finished and dedicated to the service of man and the glory of God, as it will be soon, it will be a monument to the zeal and faith and loyalty of the Christian people of the Twin Cities.

AFTER RESOLUTIONS—WHAT?

Now that the step of moral leadership has been taken and an appeal been made to the conscience of Minnesota people, the task seems to lie before us as plain as an open book. If this ought to be done, then somebody ought surely to do it. Now we need action. One Church has acted promptly already, without passing any resolution. They have proven their faith by their works, and their sincerity cannot be questioned. Now is the time for others to act.

TYPE OF PROPOSED CHAPEL AND PROBABLE COST

The Adjutant General's approval of the Chapel project was secured on September 27, 1923, as follows: "Approved with the proviso that the building so constructed shall be Pan-Sectarian in character, and donations thereto not limited to any particular sect or society." Accordingly, it is our hope that sufficient money may be secured from all sources so as to construct a building along such composite lines that services of all creeds may be appropriately conducted therein. It has been proposed to have an ell part to the building in which will be placed an altar for the Catholics, which they may consecrate for their own exclusive use. If this is agreeable to them, such a plan will be carried out, without doubt and will cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000.00.

A WORTHY MEMORIAL AND A MACEDONIAN CALL.

In many cities throughout the land war memorials have been constructed in recent years at great cost, to perpetuate the memory and to honor the noble deeds of dear departed soldiers. Why would it not have been just as appropriate to have constructed useful monuments for the living in honor of the dead, in the form of chapels at our army stations? Such a program ought surely to make its silent appeal to all persons who love justice. It would be placing an emphasis where it properly belongs. There is scarcely a soldier in the army but would desire to see a chapel, adequate in size and suitable in architecture and appointment, at Fort Snelling; and every soldier who serves his flag and country would be benefited thereby. Here, too, is a Macedonian call of irresistible significance. It must be heard. This thing is going "over the top." The batteries are charged. The proposition is gaining momentum every day. The ministers of the Twin Cities should play the leading roll in this moral enterprise. If they do not others will spring to the front place very shortly; and any individual or organization which has the courage and the moral vision to play a conspicuous part in this affair will be glad for their activities six months from now.

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Office of the Chaplain

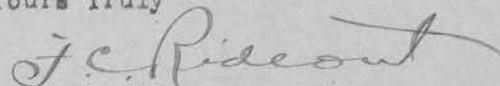
February, 21, 1925.

Mr. Gaylord Warner,
1st Natl. - Soo Line Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Warner:

This is to remind you of the luncheon
meeting of the Finance committee Fort Snelling Chapel
Project at the Minneapolis Club, 729 - 2nd Ave. S. on
Monday, February 23, 1925, at 12:15.

Yours Truly



FCR:lhc.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S. Army

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

February 21, 1925.

Mr. R. E. Macgreggor,
Vice President, Northwestern
National Bank,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Macgreggor:

At a meeting of persons interested in the Fort Snelling Chapel, held at the Y.M.C.A., Minneapolis on Feb. 20, 1925, Mr. Gaylord Warner suggested your name as Treasurer of the Minneapolis Fund for the Fort Snelling Chapel.

I sincerely trust that you will see your way clear to accept this office, inasmuch as we need you so much and the vote was so enthusiastic in appointing you.

The Rev. R. B. Blyth, Wpls Council of Churches who is Chairman of General Committee on the Fort Snelling Chapel project now has a check for \$1000.00 from the General Convention of the Universalist Church, which I presume he will hand to you in a few days.

I am sending here-with some literature which will tell you what the thing is all about. Undoubtedly you have seen references to the matter in the daily press.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation and for the splendid service which I am sure you will perform in this important matter, I am

Yours Very Truly

FCR:lhc.

FRANK C. RIDEOUT
Chaplain, U.S. Army

HEADQUARTERS
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Office of the Chaplain

January 12, 1925.

Mr. Gaylord Warner,
Minneapolis, Minn.

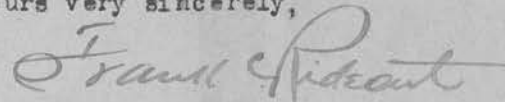
My dear Mr. Warner:-

I have been invited to speak before
the Booster Club of the Minneapolis Shrine at West Ho-
tel on Monday the 19th Instant.

They have left the subject to my own
discretion, and I have decided to put before them the
proposition which is nearest to my heart - that of the
Fort Snelling Chapel proposition.

I am wondering if you are a member
of that club, and if so I do hope that you will try to
be present upon this occasion.

Yours very sincerely,



Chaplain, USA

P.S.

I wish that somebody with
influence in the Kiwanian
Club or other clubs would
make a similar appointment
for me. FCR.

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

March 18, 1925

My dear Mr. Warner:-

I have been wondering about what progress is being made re the Chapel project in Minneapolis.

Have you seen the copy of "The Compass" the official organ of the Hennepin County -Minneapolis Knights of Columbus Council No. 435 of March 6, 1925 ? They are proposing to raise the sum of Twenty Thousand for the Chapel.

The Co-Operative Club of St. Paul are this week furnishing speakers at all the Luncheon Clubs of the city who are boosting the Chapel project and asking all clubs to appoint committees or representatives for their meeting at which the financial campaign will be launched very soon.

It seems to me that it would be a mistake not to have everything in readiness so that the campaigns can be launched in each of the cities simultaneously. There are many things to encourage us in this undertaking. The American Legion of St. Paul have enthusiastically endorsed the project and have appointed a committee to ask the State organization to take action and to get behind the movement at their forthcoming meeting in Minneapolis next week.

Colonel Sample and Major Wainer are both back from their vacations in the south and are ready for any service to which the general committee or the finance committee may call them. I had a conference with them this morning placing before them the latest developments in the situation. I hope that the Minneapolis meeting may be called soon.

Yours very sincerely,

Frank C. Ridout
CHAPLAIN, U.S. ARMY

FER/ lhc.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 27, 1925.

Dear Sir:

You are invited to a complimentary dinner to be given at the Radisson Hotel in the Gold Room at 6:15 P. M. Monday, April 13, 1925.

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We are certain you will be interested in the proposition from a civic as well as from a patriotic and moral standpoint, and we sincerely hope you will notify me, on the enclosed card, of your intention to be present.

Very truly yours,

GW:B

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



Capt. Frank Co. Rideout,
Chaplain, U.S.A.
Fort Snelling, Minn.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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SUITE 211 CURTIS HOTEL
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

September 1, 1925

Captain Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U.S.A.
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Captain Rideout:

Thank you for your letter of August 31.

I am referring a copy of it to Mrs. S.B. Swenson, Hennepin County Chairman, of the American Legion Auxiliary. As this is the State Headquarters all Minneapolis enterprises are sent to the Hennepin County Central Committee. I am sure you may count upon the assistance of the Minneapolis Legion Women.

About the Gold Star Memorial Window, I am sure the Auxiliary would be more than willing to take entire charge of seeing that this is put over, but I am wondering if that had better not rest until after the campaign for funds is completed.

Our State Gold Star Chairman, Mrs. Crawford Mc Kibbin of St. Paul, will, I know, do all she can to aid you.

Sincerely,

Blanche W. Scallen

BLANCHE W. SCALLEN
Department Secretary

BWS/D

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Minneapolis, Minn.

February 1, 1926

Dear Compatriot: Re Chapel at Fort Snelling.

HELP US MAKE GOOD OUR PROMISE!

February 7, 1926, the campaign starts to raise \$100,000.00 for this project in St. Paul and the State at large. Carl Schuneman, of Schuneman & Evans, St. Paul, Chm. of Committee.

February 14, 1926, the campaign starts in Minneapolis. Sumner T. McKnight, 1236 McKnight Building, Minneapolis, Chm. of Committee.

This project has been started with the help of the Sons of the American Revolution. We have pledged our assistance and our money to this cause.

Will you help us to carry on by

1st, getting in touch immediately with the St. Paul or Minneapolis chairman and offering them your services?

2nd, by watching your local papers for announcements and aiding the cause in your local community?

3rd, by sending your personal subscription or pledge for the Chapel to our secretary so he can turn it in as part of the pledge made by our Board of Managers for the Society to this very worthy cause?

4th, by getting a pledge or pledges from any friend or friends you think might be interested in this wonderful enterprise and forwarding it to our secretary?

DO IT NOW!

Walter H. Wheeler, President.

A. R. Van Dyck, Secretary.

Tear off on this line and mail to A. R. Van Dyck, 832 First National Soo Line Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

I hereby pledge toward the cost of the proposed Chapel building at Fort Snelling, Minn., and (or) its furnishings the sum of \$_____ which I hereby agree to pay on or before June 1, 1926, to the Treasurer of the Fort Snelling Chapel Association.

THE ST. PAUL UNION DEPOT COMPANY

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER

FREDERICK MEARS,
CHIEF ENGINEER

ST. PAUL, MINN.

May 12, 1925.

Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U.S. Army,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain Rideout:-

In connection with my letter of even date resigning as Chairman of the building committee, may I suggest to you the name of a man to take my place, with the thought that such an appointment would be beneficial to the project not only from a technical and construction standpoint, but from the standpoint of finances as well. Mr. E. T. Foley, President of Foley Brothers Construction Company, is a man well qualified to fill the post as Chairman of the Building Committee. He is a man of large means and if you could get him interested in this Fort Snelling Chapel he could help you with the finances. Mr. Foley is a Catholic and I think it would be a move in the right way to interest him in this project, inasmuch as it has been definitely decided that the new Chapel will be "Pan-Sectarian".

The above is offered as a suggestion as naturally I do not want to dictate to you as to who should be my successor.

Yours truly,

F. Mears

FM'M

THE ST. PAUL UNION DEPOT COMPANY

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CHIEF ENGINEER

ST. PAUL, MINN.

May 13, 1925.

Frank C. Rideout,
Chaplain, U. S. Army,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain:-

I regret the necessity of tendering you my resignation as Chairman of the Building Committee of the Fort Snelling Chapel project. This is brought about due to the fact that I have accepted another position which takes me away from St. Paul and I am sure you wish to appoint another Chairman of the Building Committee at the earliest convenience. In order that you may have the benefit of the papers I have regarding this project, I am handing you herewith my file.

Wishing you every success in the efforts, which you are making for this worthy project, I beg to remain with kind regards

Very sincerely yours,

F. Mears

FM'M

Enclosure:
File.

CC:
M. M. COCHRAN, Vice.Pres.Pub.Affairs,
St.Paul Assn.
St.Paul, Minnesota.

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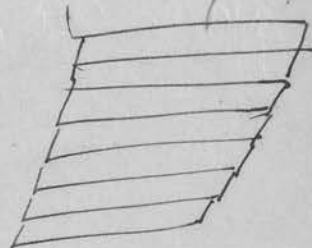
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Fort Snelling, Minn.
October 14, 1925

Minutes of meeting of 1st Sgts of all organizations of post with committee of enlisted men for the purpose of raising enlisted men contribution to post chapel.

The committee met at 10.00 AM October 14, 1925, in Court Martial Room of headquarters building:-

Present:- 1st Sgt of Company, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, L, Hq, Sv, Battery, QM, Medical, Veterinary.

Absent:- 1st Sgt of Co H, K, M, and Tanks.

Meeting called to order by Chairman. The Secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were accepted, and ordered recorded.

Lt Hazelrigg was called upon to state briefly the views of the commanding officer in appointing the committee. Sgts Stevenson, Boyke and Jones described the dinner given in service club and action taken.

Lt Hazelrigg stated to the meeting that the \$2600.00 (in round numbers) was in the bank drawing interest. That the interest was being used to defray current expenses of the present drive. That the fund was in tact and would be in no wise expended.

The Chaplain was called upon to explain the present program for raising funds which he carefully did also giving the following brief extract from the plans and specifications for proposed chapel:-

Seating capacity about 500
Organ to be installed as a memorial (this was not assured, but hoped for.)
Sunday Schools room, separate, with folding doors.
Kitchen, Chaplains Officer, Rest rooms,
Assembly room

The committee as a whole approved the plan to raise one dollars per man as the enlisted contribution for the chapel. It was decided that the effective date as to number of men in organization would be that of November 30, 1925. The roll was called and each 1st sergeant stated his willingness to carry out the plan.

It was decided to collect the money in two pay days if necessary. That all money collected could be turned over to Lt Hazelrigg the treasurer of the fund. The secretary to be notified of the amount collected.

Sgt Stevenson was appointed as a committee to present a plan to the Commanding officer as to excusing four Class A, soldiers to be held in readiness for the committee during its drive week. The committee approved this plan and stated that they would cooperate.

No further business the meeting adjourned to meet again at call of chairman.

A.M. Boyke
A.M. Boyke,
1st Sgt Co G, 3d Infantry
Chairman.

Cadwallader Jones
Secretary

*purpose explained to Sgt Davidson by Sgt Jones
to Sgt Smith by Sgt Boyke
to Sgt Sullivan by letter.*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1925

Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, USA,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Rideout:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter ^{sent} to
all of those chaplains whose names appear on the inclosed
list. I hope it will be helpful.

Without using my name I wonder if it would not
be well for you to get in touch with Judge Clifford P. Smith
of 236 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., who perhaps provides
the best approach to the Christian Science denomination.
During the war he sent me \$1000 to be used on a chapel pro-
ject which did not materialize. I returned it to him with
a note of appreciation. It was the Armistice that interfered
with our plans. Perhaps if you told your story and let him
know of the contributions already received from certain
denominations his good people would give you a boost.

Very sincerely yours,

John T. Axton

JOHN T. AXTON
Chief of Chaplains

2 Incls.

February 18, 1925

Chaplain John T. Bergen, Res.
632 East 18th Street
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Chaplain Bergen:

We are delighted with reports that are coming from the Twin Cities of the generous support being given the project of building a non-denominational chapel at Fort Snelling. Chaplain Rideout tells us that there have been several generous gifts in recent weeks.

I feel certain that when this chapel is constructed and people know that it is planned on such composite lines that services of all creeds may be conducted appropriately it will be an inspiration to other communities adjacent to army posts to provide along similar lines. No permanent chapel has been constructed since the war. Several temporary buildings have been erected through the endeavors of local garrisons and communities.

Reserve Corps Chaplains may well take pride in seeing a house of worship constructed at Fort Snelling. As you have opportunity I hope that you are co-operating with the committee which is working on the Fort Snelling proposition. They need the counsel and the support of those Reserve Corps Chaplains who reside in that vicinity. Do what you can to encourage Chaplain Rideout and his associates.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN T. AXTON
Chief of Chaplains

List of Reserve Corps Chaplains residing in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

Bergen, John T.	Presby.	632 East 18th St.	Minneapolis.
Craig, Josiah K.	M.E.South	Y. M. C. A.	"
Lawrence, Osa A. (Colored)	Miss.Bap.	1016 16th St.So.	"
Osgood, Phillips E.	P.E.	415 Oak Grove St.	"
Roberts, Stanley H.	Presby.	3439 Nicollet Ave.	"
Samuel, John	Bap. North	1040 16th Ave.S.E.	Minneapolis.
Cullinan, John J.	R.C.	Nazareth Hall	St.Paul
Ferguson, Lee Roy S.	P.E.	1032 Portland Ave.	"
Harrington, William J.	R.C.	22 No.Lexington St.	"
Normoyle, Cornelius J.	R.C.	College of St.Thomas	St.Paul.

WILLYAKE BOND

A HOUSE OF WORSHIP FOR FORT SNELLING.

Rev. Marion D. Shutter, D.D.

Fort Snelling, one of the most important military posts in the entire land, is now entering upon its second century of existence. It was founded in 1819. In all this time, it has never had an adequate or suitable house of worship,-- it has none of any description at the present time. The population of the Fort consists of over 1500 enlisted men, 75 officers, and about 500 civilians. These latter include the wives and children of commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Add to these, during the summer months, from 1200 to 2000 Reserve Officers and young men in training camps. There are no better schools for citizenship than these training camps; but the principles of religion must enter into the highest citizenship.

Here is a situation that calls for serious attention, yet but few seem interested. We multiply churches where they are not needed. We crowd them into small communities. We build missions in the ends of the earth; but the opportunity at our doors does not appeal to us. Why? Is it because such a house of worship must be undenominational? Is it because it is something for the soldier? Is it because we think it the business of the government or of the War Department? Whatever the reasons, there are the conditions. A letter from Washington says: "The policy of the War Department is such that it is futile to strive to secure chapels until sufficient money has been appropriated to solve the housing problem for the Army. It would do the people of this country good, if they would undertake

to provide a few choice places of worship on military reservations." It comes down to this, if a chapel or house of worship is to be built at Fort Snelling, it is up to the people of the Twin Cities. Nor is it to our credit that nothing has yet been done. An effort is now on foot to secure a conference of citizens of both cities to devise some course of action.

In the meantime, the situation has attracted attention abroad. Some weeks ago, Mr. Arthur Nash, a business man of Cincinnati, Ohio, came to the Twin Cities to make some addresses under the auspices of the local Council of Churches. His attention was called to the matter, and he became deeply interested. At a banquet of Universalist laymen, held in the city of New York, January 19, where a five-year program for the denomination was laid out,-- including the transformation of the church in Washington, D.C.-- Mr. Nash was one of the principal speakers. This was one of the things he said: "I want to say to you that, much as I am interested in the Church at Washington, I am much more interested in a chapel at Fort Snelling, and other like places." At one point he referred to the summer training camps, and exclaimed, "Think you that these young men who go there and then out into the world, are men of no influence? I want to say to you that they will be the very leaders in their community and yet in this most important training period of their lives, there is no chapel where they can receive proper Christian teachings and training."

He added that he believed a check for the purpose of helping to build this chapel should be sent to Dr. Blyth, of the Federal Council of Churches in Minneapolis. This was done the very next day after the banquet, and a check for \$1,000, from the Trustees
Universalist
of the/General Convention was sent to me to hand to Dr. Blyth. The check was promptly and gladly delivered, and goes far to form the

basis of a chapel fund. It is a matter for the members and friends of all the churches. Such a meeting place can not be sectarian. It must be administered without partiality or favoritism. And this will be done. There was a time when we felt that we would do anything for the soldier. Let us now give him-- in our own Fort Snelling-- a place of worship.

Chaplain Rideout has well said, in his appeal: "The citizens of Minneapolis and St. Paul have a thousand times been asked to support a far less worthy and a far less patriotic cause than this. The Army today, in the estimation of many of our best and farthest-seeing citizens, and especially that portion of the Army which is permanently garrisoned at Fort Snelling, is, without doubt, the greatest school of patriotism and citizenship within the entire nation."

Church of the Redeemer,
February 10, 1925

City of Saint Paul

Executive Department

ARTHUR E. NELSON, MAYOR

February 18, 1925

Frank C. Rideout, Chaplain,
United States Army,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

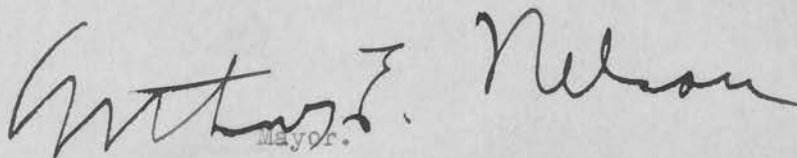
My dear Chaplain Rideout:

I am glad that you brought to my attention in your letter of February 9th the situation concerning the Chapel at Fort Snelling, and I cannot but agree with you that the need is urgent.

The relation between Saint Paul and Fort Snelling should be no less intimate today than it was in the early years of their existence. We are as proud of Fort Snelling now as were the early settlers, but perhaps because of our being engrossed in the growth and progress of Saint Paul our interest in the Fort has diminished. If this is so, then interest should be revived and I know of no more appropriate plan than through the erection of a Chapel in which we as well as the other citizens of Minnesota may do a share of the work.

You have plainly set forth the condition as to the inadequacy of a proper place in which the soldiers may worship. I believe it should be remedied and that the people of Saint Paul should assist. I shall be very glad to help in any way I can and would be very pleased to have advice from you as to how I may be of service.

Very truly yours,


Mayor.

HEADQUARTERS, FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

Office of the Chaplain

February 17, 1925.

Rev. Warren L. Bunger, D.D.,
Lyndale Cong. Church,
Aldrich Ave., S., 31st Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Doctor Bunger:-

An important meeting of persons in Minneapolis who are interested in the building of the proposed chapel at Ft. Snelling is being called for Friday noon, February 20, 1925. Cafeteria luncheon will be served in room 203 at the Central Y.M.C.A., Minneapolis, at 12:15.

Interest in this proposed chapel is now becoming so keen that many people are asking why things should move so slowly when a matter of such importance and vital interest is at issue, and the general public is expecting definite and immediate action. This is an opportunity for moral leadership in a worthwhile cause.

Your name has been proposed as being one of the persons who can be counted upon to really assist in this undertaking, and you are most cordially invited and urged to attend the above luncheon.

For the General Committee,

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

My dear Chaplain -

A previous engagement makes it impossible for me to be present Friday noon. In some way I do anything I can to further the good cause.

Tristfully

Warren Bunger

Mayor's Office

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

GEORGE E. LEACH, MAYOR

FRANK R. CULLEN, SECRETARY TO THE MAYOR

Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 8, 1925.

Col. Elliott M. Norton,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

George E. Leach
Mayor

GEL.

P.S. Informal

631. Chapel.



3rd Infantry

HEADQUARTERS
FORT SNELLING, MINN.
Office of the Chaplain

May 21, 1928.

Subject : Invitation to Dedication of Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel.

To : All Posts and Auxiliaries of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars .

1. The Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling, Colonel W.E. Welsh desires me to issue a special invitation to all members of the V.F.W. and Auxiliary to attend the Dedicatory Cereponial of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel on Sunday June 10, 1928, at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon .

2. The Commanding Officer feels that your organization has taken a distinctive place of honor in this outstanding Minnesota Memorial in the fact that you are now engaged in the task of providing the last necessity and the most outstanding memorial gift of all - that of a pipe organ in memory of all Minnesota soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice while fighting for the Stars and Stripes on Foreign soil .

3. In reality the memorial organ will be the soul of the Chapel, and we want the members of the V.F.W. and Auxiliary to visualize the splendid task which you are accomplishing in this wonderful undertaking . Colonel Welsh extends his warm appreciation for what you are doing . Undoubtedly, after your task is completed the Minnesota Department, V.F.W., and Auxiliary will be the recipiants of an honor citation from higher military authorities in the War Department at Washington .

Frank C. Rideout.

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



OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN
April 20, 1928.

My dear Mrs. Clark:-

I could not find you in the phone book, as I wanted to talk with you about this.

There is not a piece of furniture in the Chapel yet, and it is doubtful if there will be for another month. The building has not yet been "accepted" from architects and builders.

However, I took the matter of your card party up with Colonel Welsh and our Hostess here in the Post Service Club and I think it would be excellent for you to have your party there. You know the free dummy car runs every 10 minutes from the Minneapolis-St. Paul car lines right down past the Service Club.

It is nicely furnished, and I will assist you all I can in getting card tables and extra chairs for whatever number you think you will have.

I think it would be well for you to write Mrs. Lillie who I believe is President of the Auxiliary here and ask her if the ladies of Donald Skidmore Auxiliary would not like to act as ushers, or hosts, or in whatever capacity you could use them. They might assist me in getting tables ready and making other arrangements.

But, regardless of that - you can have the use of our Service Club, and I will help you to the limit of my ability, and I will turn over at least two men to assist in making the Club ready for you. About tables, I will furnish all that I can, and will guarantee a dozen to start with. Perhaps if the ladies of our Auxiliary come to our help we can find plenty of tables without going outside.

Yours cordially,

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

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Nov. 2 - Dec 12

Brunswick Hotel
 Faribault, Minnesota
 May 25, 1925.

Mr. Clarence A. Gunn,
 Minneapolis Builders' Exchange,
 Builders' Exchange Bldg.,
 Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Gunn:

I have consulted with the firm concerning the Fort Snelling Chapel Campaign, and they agree with me that a goal of \$100,000 would probably have the effect of making it possible for the enlisting of first-grade men on the various committees necessary, who would not be challenged by a smaller goal. Also that in such case, it would be necessary to strike for seventy percent of the goal in larger subscriptions, of \$250 and up, to be secured before the public intensive campaign opens; rather than the fifty to sixty percent usually so gotten. Our fee for this goal, contemplating a simultaneous campaign in the two cities, maintaining two offices and separate soliciting organizations, under the general direction of a Twin Cities Joint Committee, would be \$3,000, - clerical help and publicity and other expenses as we discussed being borne by the committee. We should estimate the total expense at not over \$6,000 all told, though this would depend on the development of the situation and the necessity for publicity, - however, this would be entirely at the will and judgment of your Committee.

What have the E & C. and the S. P. A. indicated as to their attitude on the early fall dates?

My plans call for my being here until Friday night. Should you or the committee wish to consult further, I could run up on Saturday or Monday next, or possibly Friday. You can reach me at the above address, or at Phone 45 during the day. Mr. Gates tells me that several contracts have been signed already for the fall, and should you want our service then, it would be wise to make certain of it now.

HTB B

With warm personal regards, I am
 Very sincerely yours,

MADE IN U.S.A.

Horne
Clarence Johnson
Capitol Bldg.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

April 24th, 1925

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

My Dear Chaplain:

I was never so disappointed
in my life as when I have been detained from
continuing work with you.

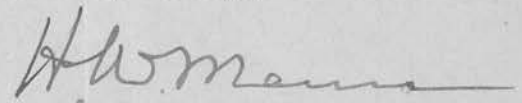
I am still very far from normal,
but want to help push this plan thru at once and will
endeavor to see Mr. Thomas and find out what has been
done.

Please consider me as anxious to do all
I can. I think I can arrange to meet with you at any
time convenient.

With sincere regards,

Yours very truly,

HWM



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Chaplain Frank C. Rideout
Fort Snelling
Minnesota

Dear Chaplain Rideout:

Referring to your letters dated February 20 and March 16, I am writing to say that the Directors of our Church have given careful consideration to the subject of your letters but have decided against making a contribution for the erection of a chapel at Fort Snelling. While recognizing this as a laudable undertaking and taking into account the fact that Colonel Sample is in command at Fort Snelling, our Directors have concluded that our money available for contributions is needed more urgently for other purposes. Of course, it is necessary for them to choose between many desirable opportunities for giving.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially and faithfully yours,

Clifford P. Smith

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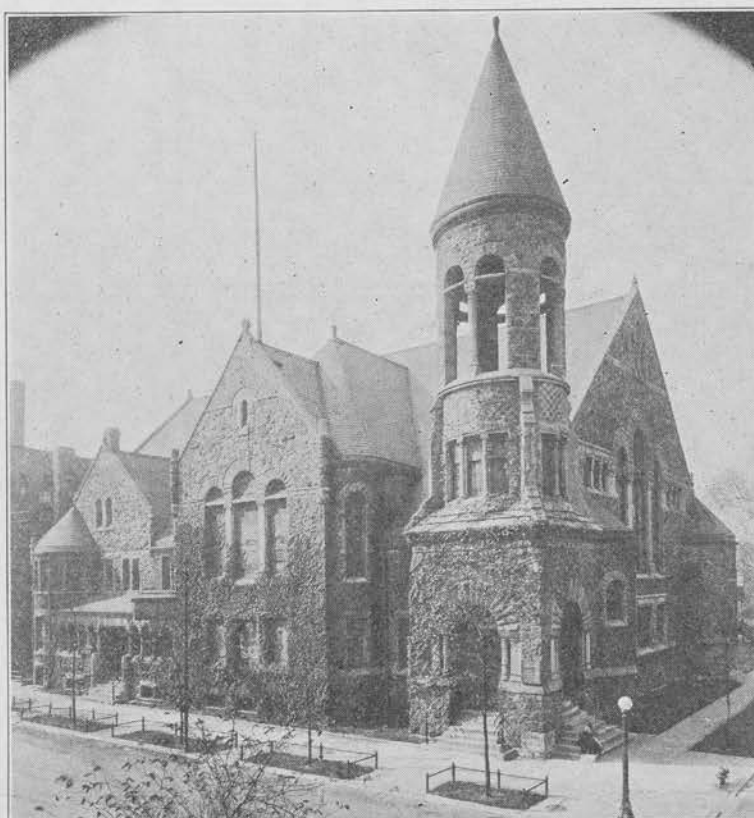
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February 11, 1925.

My dear Chaplain:

At a meeting of the Laymen's League of Unity Church held last evening, it was voted to make a subscription of a thousand dollars for the proposed chapel at Fort Snelling; this amount to be raised among the people of Unity Church, and to be contingent upon the plans for the chapel going through on the same general scale as at present proposed.

I hope this subscription will help to start the ball rolling among the churches of the Twin Cities. That was our purpose in making the pledge. If there is any way in which you can make use of the action of our Laymen's League to stimulate interest in other churches, I hope you will feel free to do so.

With all best wishes for the success of your project, and with sincerest personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Frederick M. Eliot

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Chaplain Frank C. Rideout;
U. S. Army, Headquarters
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

My dear Chaplain Rideout:

Just a line to thank you for your kindly letter
of February 4th and to assure you that our prayers for God's
richest blessings on your work accompanied the gift.

This gift was sent in the hope and confidence
that it would stir the people of your community to action and
that your much needed Chapel will be speedily built.

I would be delighted to hear from time to time
how you are getting along.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Nash

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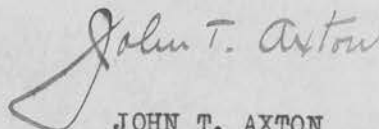
Chaplain Frank C. Rideout, USA,
Fort Snelling, Minn.

My dear Rideout:

You are to be congratulated upon the fine response that has come from Unity Church through Dr. Eliot. I have written him today as per the inclosed copy. Depend upon us to help you in any way that may be possible.

You tangled the name of Reverend Roger F. Etz into Rodger F. Etter so that we did not recognize our friend Chaplain Etz, Reserve, as being the one through whom you received the \$1000 from the Universalists. I have explained it to Etz from we have had some very fine letters.

Very sincerely yours,



JOHN T. AXTON
Chief of Chaplains

Incl.

Copy

February 16, 1925

Reverend Frederick M. Eliot, D.D.
607 Fairmount Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Eliot:

Chaplain Rideout has informed us of the very generous action of the Laymen's League of Unity Church in making a subscription of \$1000 toward the non-denominational chapel which is to be constructed at Fort Snelling.

I would like to add an expression of my personal appreciation of this gracious action upon the part of your congregation, to any notes of thanks that have reached you from the garrison at Fort Snelling.

When that project has been carried through to a success, as I am sure it will be, we will have an object lesson for other places and a precedent established which will undoubtedly help us in the matter of securing places of worship for soldiers.

Until such time as all of our troops are properly housed we can not ask for appropriations from the government for building churches. You may be surprised to know that we have troops living in tents and others in cantonment buildings that are in a bad state of repair. The moment they have permanent homes we expect to move upon the Congress in the hope of getting appropriations. That looks to be several years in the future.

Be assured of our desire to co-operate in any way that we can to further the splendid project which you are supporting for the troops in the vicinity of the Twin Cities.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN T. AXTON
Chief of Chaplains