



**Annual Civil War Symposium
Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00 A.M.
Litchfield Opera House**

Sponsored by the Rochester, Cannon Valley, Central Minnesota, Hiawatha Valley, Minnesota Valley, Albert Lea, Litchfield G.A.R., and Twin Cities Civil War Round Tables.

Perspectives on What This Cruel War Was Over

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome, Introductions and Announcements**, Tom Hutchinson
- 9:10 a.m. **What This Cruel War was Over, the View from the Common Soldier**, Dr. Chandra Manning
- 10:10 a.m. **Minnesota Civil War Round Tables Brief Introductions**
- 10:15 a.m. **Break** (Browse books & memorabilia for sale AND Silent Auction.)
- 10:30 a.m. **Slavery, Free Speech, the Media and the Road to Civil War**, Dr. Stefan Lund
- 11:30 a.m. **Introduction to the G.A.R. and Historic Litchfield Hall**, Danelle Erickson, Director, Museum & G.A.R. Hall
- Noon **Lunch Break**
- 1:15 p.m. **Civil War Contraband Camps, Emancipation as a Refugee Crisis**, Dr. Chandra Manning
- 2:15 p.m. **Slavery vs. States Rights: The Seceding States' Rationale for Disunion**, Dr. Stefan Lund
- 3:15 p.m. **Closing Announcements**

The **Litchfield Opera House**, 136 N Marshall Ave. and **G.A.R. Hall & Meeker County Museum**, 308 N Marshall Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355 are located in downtown Litchfield, near the town square. See the “More Information” tab for directions/map/etc.

Registration: \$20 per person. No charge to Students with I.D.

Buffet Lunch (must book in advance): \$15 per person, or lunch on your own at local restaurants.

Motor Coach Transportation from the Twin Cities to Litchfield: \$10 per person. Please see the “Notes on Transportation” (below) for more information on the Motor Coach option and possible alternatives.

To Register: By Zelle or PayPal at tccwrt.com or by check payable to TCCWRT with form below to:
Civil War Symposium, 5540 Sanibel Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55343

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**2024 Civil War Symposium, Litchfield Opera House
Registration Form – pre-registration required to guarantee admission.
Registration deadline to order meals and book Motor Coach seats is April 1, 2024.**

Name(s): _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Registration(s) @ \$20 Student registration(s) @ \$0 Meal(s) @ \$15 Motor Coach @ \$10

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ If you are a Round Table, please list your RT here: _____

NOTES ON TRANSPORTATION:

The motor coach will depart for Litchfield at **7:00 a.m.** sharp!
The departure location from the Twin Cities is as follows:

Metro Transit Station
I-394 & County Highway 73
1100 Hopkins Crossroads
South Park & Ride
Minnetonka, MN 55305
(Hopkins Crossroads Exit off I-394)

The Return Trip: The motor coach will leave from the Litchfield Opera House at **4:00 p.m.**, with expected arrival at the Metro Transit Station about 5:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT CAUTION: The availability of the motor coach option is contingent upon enough riders registering to defray the cost. A minimum of 40 is required by April 1st in order to commit to the bus company. If 40 riders have not signed by APRIL1, 2024, the motor coach will be cancelled.

In case of cancellation: (1) your \$10 fee will be refunded: and (2) we will attempt to arrange a ride-share or car-pooling option with members willing to drive with one or more guests.