

**Twin Cities Civil War Round Table, Inc.  
March 2026 Meeting**

Date: March 17, 2026

Site: Knights of Columbus Hall – Bloomington Event Center  
1114 American Boulevard West, Bloomington – From 494, go south on Lyndale Avenue then west on American Boulevard. The Hall is the one-story brick building on the north side of American Blvd. Parking east and west of building.

Time: 5:30 PM Social Hour      6:25 PM Dinner and Program

Speaker & Program: Ian Iverson  
“The Union in Peril: Lincoln and the Secession Crisis, 1860-April 1861”

Fee: **\$27.50** per person for dinner. Additional \$6.00 for Meal Share.  
Meal selections: Roasted Pork Loin, Fish & Chips (deep fried cod), and Pasta with Wild Mushrooms

**“The Union in Peril: Lincoln and the Secession Crisis, 1860-April 1861”**

The election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency in November 1860 precipitated an unprecedented national emergency. The secession of seven southern states between December and February triggered a flurry of efforts in Washington to peacefully reunite the country, even as Secessionist forces seized U.S. arsenals and menaced federal troops occupying forts in South Carolina and Florida. Within the halls of lame-duck Congress, advocates of compromise grappled with hardliners to draft legislation and constitutional amendments that would diffuse the crisis. In this lecture, Dr. Ian Iverson will outline the difficult choices facing President-elect Lincoln, detail the political machinations that stymied the so-called “Crittenden Compromise,” and walk through the chain of events that culminated in the Confederate bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861.

Ian T. Iverson is an associate editor at the John Dickinson Writings Project. A graduate of Princeton University, he holds a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Virginia. His first book, *Holding the Political Center in Illinois: Conservatism and Union on the Brink of the Civil War*, was published by the Kent State University Press in 2024.

If you plan to attend, either pay by Zelle or mail the completed Reservation Form, along with a check for you and your guests payable to “TCCWRT” to:

**Carol VanOrnum**                      Phone: (952) 380-6066  
Secretary  
**5540 Sanibel Drive**  
**Minnetonka, MN 55343**

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(Guests may attend one (1) meeting per year. Full membership is required for attendance at any additional meetings in that year.)

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In the memo space, enter your meal choice(s), e.g., Barb Pork, Barry meatballs.

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