

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, December 10, 2011
Law Office of Claire E. Lewis

Call to Order: Commander Walls called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Commander Walls; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Color Bearer Copeland; Guide Waldroup; Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Beck; and Camp Council Member Kolb. In all, twelve brothers and one sister were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as handed out.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Brothers in Distress: The wife of brother Wirey notified us that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Brother Bowyer is sick today.

Installation of New Officers: PDC Kolb conducted the installation ceremony.

Reports of Officers and Unfinished Business:

- QuickBooks: Claire has donated her old QuickBooks program to our camp. Brother Morey will send his old files to Brother Beckman to back up the files.
- Facebook: The closed group has been deleted from Facebook.
- Monument: The sword that was taken from the statue on top of Lincoln's tomb has been recovered. The young person involved has been charged with theft and criminal trespassing. He claimed he grabbed it, and it fell to the ground and broke into two pieces.
- Upcoming events: Upcoming events include the Midwinter Encampment, Lincoln's Boyhood Remembrance, and the Noblesville Cemetery cleaning.
- Camp Donations: Brother Copeland donated his original SVR membership card (1972) and *The Acme Haversack* (1890) to the camp archives.
- NPR radio: Brother Copeland reported hearing a radio program discussing a town wanting to string Christmas lights on a Civil War monument. All but one member of the Historic Preservation Commission voted against the idea. When the borough council approved the idea, and those who had voted against it, resigned.
- MythBusters: The show was testing a homemade cannon at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office bomb range, but the cannon missed the water vats and blew through a cinder-block wall. It headed into a residential neighborhood, bounced off a sidewalk, through the front door of a home, went up the stairs and through a bedroom and out the back of the house. It then went over a six lane highway, skimmed the roof of another home and landed in a parked Toyota minivan.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Photos donated by Brother Wiley: Brother Copeland was able to identify some of the people in the donated photographs that we have placed in two photo albums. Brother Kolb will take them home this month to see if he can identify more people.
- Medal of Honor Bridges: Brother Waldroup's company designed the first Medal of Honor Bridge to honor all Medal of Honor recipients in the country. This bridge is on 500 East in Tippecanoe County and was dedicated on May 6, 2011. The second Medal of Honor Bridge was dedicated on October 19, 2011. This bridge is where 10th Street crosses White River in front of the Roudebush VA Medical Center.
- Civil War Show: Brother Walls is going to check with Staples to see if we can have copies made of *The Acme Haversack*. We plan to sell these copies at the Civil War show.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony by the camp.

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Garry Walls, Commander

Date