

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, October 13, 2012

Call to Order: Senior Vice-Commander called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Senior Vice-Commander Bowyer; Junior Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Patriotic Instructor Winters and Camp Council Member Kolb. In all, eight brothers, one junior and two sisters were present.

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

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

Brothers in Distress: Brother Morey is [REDACTED]

Application Received: The camp was pleased to learn of the application of Justin Garrard, who derives his membership from his great-great-great grandfather, Alonzo Rhodes, who served in Company H of the 8th Maine Infantry.

Initiation of New Member: With due ceremony, Forest Glynn Thomas was welcomed into the order. Brother Thomas derives his membership from the service of his ancestor, Wesley Thomas, who served as a corporal in Co. E, 52nd KY Mounted Infantry.

Reports of Officers:

- Bunnell Cemetery Dedication: Brother Winters shared information about the upcoming dedication in Frankfort at 11 a.m. October 20 and about an article he wrote for their historical society. We need to arrive at 10:30. The first part will be the last soldier ceremony, hosted by the Somers Camp. Our camp will dedicate the new headstones after that.
- Former Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home Cannons: Brother Beck knows that one of the cannons is now at the Indiana War Memorial. Another cannon may be at Stout Field or in private hands. He will continue to seek the location of all the cannons.

After a break for lunch, we continued with **Unfinished Business:**

- Fifty Year Member: Brother Bell visited Brother Reed, our fifty year member who resides in the Masonic Home in Franklin, on September 9 and presented him a Ben Harrison Camp ball cap.
- Mid-Winter Encampment: Our camp is hosting the Mid-Winter Encampment here in January. Brother Thompson moved our camp write the check to reserve the room. Brother Beckman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The department should reimburse us for this expense. Brother Beckman will prepare a presentation and Brother Beck will also bring a back-up presentation.
- Cemetery Headstones: Brother Beckman will be checking into the new VA requirement for getting new or replacement headstones to see how we can order stones for those with no descendants.
- Memorial Day: Brother Bowyer is trying to get a contact for Crown Hill for Memorial Day.
- The slate of officers for 2013 include: Commander, John Bowyer; Senior Vice-Commander, vacant; Junior Vice-Commander, Tim Beckman; Secretary, Jerry Thompson; Treasurer, Graham Morey; Chaplain, Robert Winters; Patriotic Instructor, Mike Beck; Color Bearer, Andrew Kolb; Guide, Andrew Kolb; Signals Officer, Tim Beckman; Historian, Jerry Thompson; Memorial Officer, Mike Beck; Eagle Scout Coordinator, Mike Beck; Graves Registration Officer, Tim Beckman; Camp Council, Mike Beck PCC, Bruce Kolb PCC,DCC, and Tim Beckman, PCC.
- Auxiliary: We have applications for five members and one junior and are ready to send them to National to start our camp Auxiliary.

- Other Cemetery Updates: Brother Beckman has checked the Gosport cemetery. Brother Beck has checked the Plainfield cemetery. Both report the stones we cleaned are looking good. We talked about other possible cemeteries we might clean in the future: the one at the former Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home, Franklin and Sheridan. We will look into these and other cemeteries and bring in a list of potential cemeteries to the December meeting.
- Biowash: Brother Beckman is waiting until late winter or early spring before he orders more of this.
- Andersonville: Brother Thompson reported that he and Sister Thompson visited Andersonville and took a picture of his distant relative's grave.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

John Bowyer, Sr. Vice-Commander

Date