

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, November 10, 2012

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

Roll Call of Officers: Senior Vice-Commander Bowyer was caught in traffic and arrived late. He took command after the Treasurer's Report. Present at roll call were Junior Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Patriotic Instructor Winters and Color Bearer Copeland. In all, eight brothers and two sisters were present.

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

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

Initiation of New Member: With due ceremony, Justin Alexander Garrard was welcomed into the order. Brother Garrard derives his membership from the service of his ancestor, Alonzo Rhodes, who served as a corporal in Co. H, 8th Maine Volunteer Infantry.

Brothers in Distress: Brother Krieser, member of the Department, [REDACTED]. The camp signed a Get Well card for him. Brother Thompson's son [REDACTED].

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

Initiation Certificate: A membership initiation certificate was presented to Brother Thomas, who was welcomed into the order last month.

Unfinished Business:

- New Officers: Brother Thompson read the slate of new officers. The new slate was accepted.
- Auxiliary: We have six members and one junior, whose applications have been sent to the National Secretary. Our By-laws have been written, which will need to be approved at our first official meeting after the organization of our Auxiliary at the Midwinter Encampment in January. We still need to determine our slate of officers. Two more applications were handed out at this meeting.
- Civil War Show: The Civil War Show will be held again at Beech Grove High School on March 29-30.
- Bell Cemetery Workday: Brother Beckman assisted the Caroline Harrison DAR Chapter at their workday at this cemetery on the south side of the city last Saturday.
- Military Headstone Regulations: National is working to change the next of kin requirements imposed by VA for military headstones. Several other organizations are also fighting this regulation.
- Cemetery Cleaning: Several cemeteries were mentioned, but we have not determined which one will be our cleaning project next May.
- Memorial Day: We may choose to honor someone buried in Crown Hill again next year.
- Patriotic Instructor: Brother Winters read about Veteran's Day.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

John Bowyer, Sr. Vice-Commander

Date