

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp #356
Saturday, December 8, 2012

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

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Sr. Vice-Commander John Bowyer; Jr. Vice Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson; Treasurer Morey; Patriotic Instructor Winters; Color Bearer Copeland; Memorial Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Beck; and Camp Council Member Kolb. In all, ten brothers and three 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 Garrard is sick today. Brother Thompson's son [REDACTED]

Reports of Officers and Unfinished Business:

- Memorial Officer: Brother Beck has located a website with historical markers and will make sure we have all of them listed in our files.
- Remembrance Day: Four Indiana Brothers were in the parade and watched the *Lincoln* movie. They also toured the Winchester battlefield.
- Civil War Show: Brother Kolb gave out cards about the upcoming Civil War Show at the Beech Grove High School March 29-30.
- Lincoln Museum: The Lincoln collection was divided between the Indiana State Museum and the Allen County Library. Brother Kolb got to see and hold some of the original documents in this collection. This is the top collection in the country. The Indiana State Museum will open a Lincoln Exhibit of some of these items on February 9.

After a brief recess, we continued with:

- Cemetery Cleaning: There are at least 38 Civil War veterans buried at the Philadelphia Church Cemetery. Brother Beckman will check the WPA records about them.
- Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home: Brother and Sister Bowyer enjoyed a breakfast with the organization this morning.

After a break for lunch, we continued with:

- Installation of Officers: PDC Kolb conducted the installation ceremony.
- Midwinter Encampment: Brother Beck will send out registration forms for this after they determine the menu.
- Memorial Day: We will honor Colonel Robert "Sandy" Foster on Memorial Day.
- Patriotic Instruction: Brother Thompson shared about MOH recipient Bartlett Laffey. Two ships have been named for this Civil War sailor: the DD-459 and the DD-724.
- Auxiliary Update: This morning, the Auxiliary opened their bank account. They received another application today and another one is expected in the mail; that will make eight Members and one Junior.

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

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

John Bowyer, Commander

Date