

MINUTES

Ben Harrison Camp #356

Saturday, April 18, 2015, Saturday, July 11, 2015

**Call to Order:** Commander Beck called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Present were Commander, Patriotic Instructor, and Memorial Officer Beck; Jr. Vice Commander, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer and Camp Council Member Beckman; Secretary and Historian Thompson, and Camp Council Member Walls. In all, six brothers were present.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved as read.

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

**Brothers in Distress:** Brother Winters' [REDACTED]. Brother Thomas' [REDACTED]. Brother Thompson's [REDACTED].

**Application Received:** The camp was pleased to welcome one new brother: William Brice Aughe, Jr., who derives his membership from his great-great grandfather William H. Polston, who served as a blacksmith in Company H of the 13<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Cavalry.

**Initiation of New Member:** With due ceremony, William Roland Conrad was welcomed into the order. Brother Conrad derives his membership from the service of his ancestor, Jacob Conrad, who served as a private in Co. E, 30<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

**General Orders:** Commander Beck read the recent General Orders.

**Reports of Officers and Old Business:**

- Cemetery Cleaning: We will be cleaning the cemetery in Mooresville at 9 a.m. on May 9. We need to bring water, sand, gravel, and D2. The camp reimbursed Brother Beckman [REDACTED] for the D2.

During the break, Sister Thompson gave a presentation about Abe Springsteen.

After the break, we continued with:

- Expenses for reimbursement: The camp reimbursed Sister Thompson for the cost of the winch puller and mailing expenses, a total of [REDACTED].
- Thank you: Commander Beck read the thank you letter we received from the American Legion Post 500 for our donation last month.
- Civil War Days: Next weekend is Civil War Days at Vernon. Brother Beck and the Bowyers plan to attend this free event.
- Next meeting: Our next meeting will be July 11, 2015. Brother Bowyer will give the presentation.

**New Business:**

- Memorial Day: Our memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on May 25 at Crown Hill Cemetery honoring George Henry Chapman.
- Donation: Brother Beckman's father passed away March 18, 2015. The camp moved to give a [REDACTED] memorial donation to Society of St. Vincent of de Paul in his honor.
- Department Encampment: The Department will hold the next encampment on June 6 in Kokomo.
- National Encampment: National will hold their encampment August 22-23 in Richmond, Virginia.
- Appomattox Court House booklet: Brother Beck gave members 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklets he got at Appomattox last weekend.
- New member badge: Brother Conrad purchased his new SUV CW badge.

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

**July 11, 2015** meeting lacked a quorum, so no official meeting was held.

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Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Mike Beck, Commander

Date