

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp # 356
December 12, 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; Chaplain Winters; Color Bearer and Guide A. Kolb; Camp Council Member Walls; and Eagle Scout Historian and Camp Council Member Bowyer. In all, ten brothers were present.

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

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

Brothers in Distress: Brother Morey [REDACTED].

Reports of Officers and Old Business:

- **Midwestern Roots Conference:** Brother Winters discussed the cost of electricity for this event, [REDACTED] a day or [REDACTED] for both days. The registration form fee is [REDACTED]. We will vote about attending this and paying the fees at the February meeting.
- **General Order #7:** National has approved the establishment of a new department, the Department of the Southwest, which includes the states of New Mexico and Arizona.
- **Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony:** We will discuss this in February to decide who will attend and what our involvement will be in the ceremony.
- **Old Shelbyville Cemetery:** Commander Beck visited the cemetery and talked to the newspaper who had reported on the poor conditions. The north side appears to have 48 veterans and there could be missing headstones. We may need to order stones for them and for some illegible stones. The newspaper editor is interested in writing a story on our project. We may also try to get scouts interested in making this their Eagle project. We need to identify the stones, reset them, clean them, and replace some of them. John B. Anderson Camp might help with this project.
- **SVR meeting:** Brother Kolb has the SVR cards from Alan Teller. SVR will hold a meeting at his home on December 13, 2015 at 1 p.m.
- **Civil War presentation:** Brother Kolb gave a presentation at the Hamilton County Civil War Round Table this month. He needs some pamphlets to hand out about our group.
- **State Memorial Commission:** [REDACTED] from that commission stated that the money will pay for the restoration of the flag and the area that holds it.
- **Monument Commission:** This commission wants to redo the Confederate plaque at Garfield Park. Brother Kolb will receive an email about the details.

During the break, Brother Thomas gave a presentation on his ancestor, Corp. Wesley Thomas.

- **Election and Installation of Officers:** There was one change to the slate of officers. Brother Morey will become Patriotic Instructor. PDC Kolb installed the camp officers.
- **Patriotic Instruction:** Brother Kolb discussed the photo taken of Mary Todd Lincoln that showed Lincoln as a spirit behind her. The photographer was tried for his spirit photos but was acquitted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony by the camp. The camp council audited the books after the meeting.

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Mike Beck, Commander

Date