

**Orlando A Somers Camp #1
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Meeting Minutes—February 15, 2020—South Branch Kokomo Howard County Public Library

Commander Alan Teller opened the meeting at 12:02 PM. Chaplain Larry Myer gave the invocation; while Commander Teller led the American Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Matt Elkin, Larry Myer, Alan Teller, Allen Moore and Travis LeMaster.

Old Business:

The Commander gave a few minutes for everyone to read the January 18, 2020 Minutes Larry Myer made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Allen Moore; passed. Matt gave the treasurers report. Larry Myer made a motion to file the treasurers report for audit, seconded by Allen Moore; passed.

Commander Teller talked about the Cannon cleaning schedule: Jan. Matt, Feb. Alan, Mar. Russ, III. Apr. Matt. We still need a report from Russ Kirchner, III, about out who is in charge of the Fairview Cemetery in Tipton; and the status of his trying to locate relatives of James Marsee Hoover, the Last Civil War Soldier to be buried in Tipton County. The Commander will email Russ Kirchner, III about the status. In reference to the camp website: Commander Teller has paid two more years for our URL. We are the only camp in Indiana that currently does not have a website. Commander Teller will also include a note about this problem to Russ Kirchner, III. We have two other names Damon Drill, and Jerry Rusk, who may be interested in Camp membership. Damon Drill has stopped communicating to the commander. He will try one more email. Jerry Rusk is in Florida and will be back in the spring. Commander Teller gave a check to Treasurer Elkin for \$48.00 from the National Treasurer. The National Treasurer asked for a return of the \$32.00 which he overpaid us for our 4 oldest Life Members. Treasurer Elkin gave the Commander a check for \$32.00 to send to the National Treasurer. Alan also gave a check from Travis LeMaster for \$48.00 to the Treasurer.

New Business:

Lowell Hammer, PCinC, died and we are to drape our badges and charter until Feb. 23, 2020. Allen Moore gave a memoriam for PCinC Hammer. The Department Encampment will be Jan. 6, 2020 in this library. April 18, 2020 will be the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL. Commander Teller presented the Somers Camp Wreath at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial on Feb. 9, 2020. He will also present the camp wreath at Springfield, IL April 18, 2020 at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. The SUVCW National Encampment will be August 13-16 in Atlanta, GA at the Atlanta Marriot Buckhead Hotel. Remembrance Day will be November 21, 2020 at Gettysburg, PA. Department Commander, Tim Beckman's G. O. 01-2020 speaks of the Midwinter Encampment. If you subscribe to the yahoo messages you will receive these types of communication. You can find a way to subscribe at www.suvcwin.org. Travis LeMaster was initiated as a new member by Commander Teller. (There was no program.)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Acting Secretary Matt Elkin; Typed by Alan Teller

Alan gave a program on SUVCW badges. He used handouts and showed the various badges of membership and how they are to be worn and the dos and don'ts of the SUVCW & GAR badges.