

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

Meeting Minutes—February 16, 2008—Richard's Restaurant

Commander Matt Elkin presided and opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Chaplain Jacob Elkin led the group in the opening prayer, and members joined to recite the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Gayle Eikenberry reported that minutes of the January meeting had been sent to members. Commander Elkin asked for any corrections to the minutes. There were none, and a motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept them. Treasurer Randy McNally was not present to present the Treasurer's report.

Members present were: Matt Elkin, Jacob Elkin, Allen Moore, Alan Teller, Jon Ayers, Ned Baker, Larry Myer, David Bastin, John Eilers, and Gayle Eikenberry. Lee Ann Teller attended as our guest.

### **Old Business:**

Alan Teller brought up the need for a concentrated effort to contact members who have not paid their dues for 2008. A cut-off date needs to be established so our annual camp report can be filed in a timely manner. Commander Elkin will contact Treasurer McNally to find out who has not yet paid.

Alan Teller gave a brief report on the mid-winter encampment in which he noted that nothing major transpired. This led to a discussion about the proposed amendments to the constitution (included in last month's minutes). Alan Teller gave us the background as to why there was a need for the amendments. Commander Elkin asked for a motion to show camp support for the amendments. Alan Teller made the motion that the camp support the amendments. David Bastin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commander Elkin updated us on the situation with placing the cannon in its new building. Tom Crawford spoke with John Martino who was in favor of moving the cannon while the ground was frozen. It has not been moved yet. Brother Crawford also submitted a document for signatures stating that the mannequin and uniform would remain the property of our camp. Brothers Crawford and Teller composed two documents giving the history of the cannon. These will be made into signs and displayed with the cannon.

### **New Business**

Commander Elkin reminded us of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on April 12 in Springfield and the Summer Encampment at IUK on June 7. He gave several reasons why it is important for us to attend. He also spoke briefly of the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial Celebration and the speech given by the chief justice of the Rhode Island State Supreme Court.

Commander Elkin shared a letter he sent to Bob Ladd of the Howard County Veterans Council thanking them for their generous support and most recent donation of \$300.

Commander Elkin also distributed copies of General Orders 12 & 13 from Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Commander in Chief of the SUVCW.

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion of a brochure Commander Elkin has designed to promote our organization. The brochure was very well received, and many ideas were shared as to what to include on the last page. The discussion extended to ways we can recruit new members. Ideas included speaking to county historical societies and genealogy groups and placing the brochures in public libraries in the surrounding counties.

Alan Moore announced that he had submitted a news article about our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will be in the next issue of *The Banner*.

### **Program**

There was no program so time could be devoted to discussion of the brochure and recruitment.

Commander Elkin closed the meeting at 2:00 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Chaplain Jacob Elkin. The next meeting will be March 15.

Gayle Eikenberry, Secretary

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January 23, 2008

Bob Ladd  
Howard County Veterans Council  
P.O. Box 81  
Kokomo, Indiana 46903

Re: \$300.00 Donation

Dear Mr. Ladd,

As Camp Commander of the *Orlando A. Somers Camp #1*, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is my pleasure and honor to thank you and the other members of the Howard County Veterans Council for your generous donation of \$300.00. As our camp is well aware, this is not the first donation your organization has provided to our group. This last year, you aided our camp with fundraising by permitting us to sell the replica Soldiers and Sailors Monument and Artistic pieces.

I cannot emphasize enough the value of your donation. Donations to our organization have allowed us to provide for funding for a Civil War Cannon carriage; to providing bases and monuments for the last remaining Civil War Veterans of Howard and surrounding counties; and to offset the cost of setting stones for Civil War Veterans whose stones have been worn by the years or (tragically) destroyed by acts of vandalism. At times these funds are scarce. This contribution will be used to continue these activities and hopefully this year we will be able to have a stone/monument placed for Carroll County, Indiana's last Civil War Veteran.

The members of *Orlando A. Somers Camp #1*, SUVCW, unanimously and graciously wish to salute and thank your organization and all the persons who comprise its underlying organizations for all the support, including this most recent donation, both past and present. We hope to continue to receive this support and merit your consideration in the future.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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**General Order #12**

**Series 2007 – 2008**

**1 February 2008**

Brothers,

1. Upon the written request of Department Commander Walters, I hereby revoke the Charter of General John W. McLane Camp #83, Department of Pennsylvania.
2. McLane Camp #83 has been inactive for two years. The Camp was suspended for a period of time in 2007 for failing to file reports. They have not held Elections or Officers installations as per the National Constitution and Regulations. Their Membership has fallen to less than the required numbers as prescribed in the National Constitution and Regulations. They have had a number of internal difficulties and the current Members are not willing to continue as a Camp of the Order.
3. The Camp shall immediately surrender their Charter, all material assets as well as all Camp records to the Department of Pennsylvania.
4. All remaining Members shall be assigned to the Department Membership at Large or a Camp of their choosing within the boundaries of the Department of Pennsylvania.

So ordered this 1st day of February, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander in Chief  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Attest:

Donald Palmer  
Secretary  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**General Order #13**

**Series 2007 – 2008**

**4 February 2008**

Brothers,

1. We are fortunate to have been blessed with the lives of many Past Commanders in Chiefs that have given many years of service to the Order. Three of these esteemed Brethren have reached landmark birthdays this year. They have joined an exclusive club that few have the opportunity to join. It is a small club since many never reach this goal on the road of life and sometimes ever shrinking since the boatman visits it frequently.
2. Past Commander in Chief Lowell Hammer, Past Commander in Chief Richard Greenwalt and Past Commander in Chief David Medert all reached the milestone birthday of 80 years of age this year. They are certainly not alone in this neighborhood. Past Commander in Chief Bud Atkinson and Past Commander in Chief Richard Partington have passed this milestone a while back.
3. On behalf of the entire National Order I extend a hearty and healthy happy birthday to these three Past Commanders in Chief on their milestone birthdays and the same wish to all of the members of that exclusive club. It certainly is a mile marker on the road of life.

So ordered this 4th day of February, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander in Chief  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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