

Orlando A. Somers Camp #1  
October 15, 2005  
Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War  
Meeting Minutes Richard's Restaurant

The meeting was opened at 12:50 by Commander Jon Ayers..

The Treasurer's Report, by Randy McNally, was \$2120.68, including \$835.00 in the cannon fund.

Members present were Tom Crawford, PDC, Bill Jenkins, Russ Kirchner, PDC, Larry Ebert, Jonathon Ebert, Allen Moore, PC-in-C, Matt Elkin, Jake Elkin, Jon Ayers, CC, Randy McNally, and Ned Baker, PCC. Guests were Teresa Ebert and Whitney Elkin.

Larry Ebert's son, Jonathon, 9, was initiated as a Junior Member.

The book raffle brought in \$12.00. Books and a print were won by Jake Elkin, Ned Baker, Bill Jenkins, and Russ Kirchner.

The Camp Commander announced the Midwinter Encampment as Jan. 21. It was pointed out this was in conflict with our own meeting date for January. Jon will double check with Gib and report back.

Jon also asked for 2006 office seekers to make themselves known to himself or any of the current officers. We will have elections and installation of officers in December.

Russ Kirchner, PDC, asked Jon Ayers, CC, to notify the membership about how to access the National Grave Registration Data Base. He will do so on his next program announcement.

Bill Jenkins, member, presented a program on Louis Weichmann, a witness at the Lincoln Conspirators Trial.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, there will be a Rededication Ceremony of Freeman Cemetery at 2:00 PM. The restoration of the cemetery was Timon Pike's Eagle Scout Project. The camp gave financial aid to Timon for his project. The cemetery is located North of 200S and East of 750E in Howard County. There are two Civil War Veterans, Joshua and Oliver Freeman, buried there.

Our next meeting is Nov 19, 2005, at noon at Richard's Restaurant. It is not too early to remind everyone, our annual dues of \$33.00 are due by January 1, 2006. They should be paid to Randy McNally, Treasurer, 5015 W. 600 N., Sharpsville, IN 46068.

Camp Commander, Jon Ayers, closed at the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Ned Baker, Acting Secretary