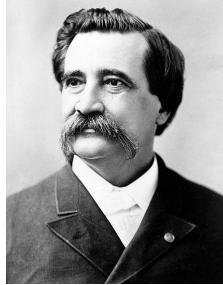


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Camp Minutes
Meeting at Memorial Hall
August 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Com. Carter at 7:08 pm. 13 members present: Steve Aarli, Robert Buerger, Jr., Greg Carter, Leonard Cassaro, Terry Dyer, David Eisele, Raymond Emperuer, Stephen Haight, Bill Johnson, Jim Lyon, Jon McGinty, John Wade, and Paul Zeien.

Two guest(s): Kim Johnson – President of Logan Auxillary #20

Bro. Eisele led the group with the opening prayer as Chaplin.

Officers Reports:

Secretary: The Minutes for July 7th meeting were approved as presented. Bro. Raymond Emperuer motioned to accept, Bro. John Wade 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$280.68 in the account.

Description	Balance
Balance as of 7/7/2010	485.36
Terry Dyer supplies for canon rehab	-34.80
Silkworm Logan Shirts	-169.88
Balance as of 8/4/2010	280.68

Bro. John Wade motioned to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Bro. Stephen Haight. 2nd, motion carried.

Old Business:

Technology: Bro. Zeien reported that anyone with pictures that would like to get them published can post them on the Department Shutterfly account. He will then put a teaser picture on the Logan Camp website. This will save space on his server and allow other camp members the ability to get prints easily.

Bro. Aarli mentioned that the camp logan website had a link that pointed back to the old department website. Bro. Zeien stated that he forgot to change the link to point to the new website and thanks to Bro. Aarli for bringing it to his attention.

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Recognition. No Report.

Graves registration. Bro. Aarli reported that he has been visiting Greenwood and Stillman. He has visited approximately 1400 graves so far. He found one that did not appear to be registered and was going to rectify that. He also has friend in Battery G that is a metal worker and he is going to ask that he attempt to repair some GAR grave markers that are in need of repair.

Education. No Report.

Investment of Members. No Report.

Monument Project. Com. Carter informed the membership that the Stillman Valley mortar project is complete. Thanks to all who were able to participate. Comm. Carter presented details in regard to the Amboy Depot Days celebration. Bro. Geoffrey Carter has donated a flag to use during the dedication ceremony that the Logan Camp is invited to. Each member of the Logan Camp that is in attendance will be given free admission to the Depot Days festival in Amboy. If available please try to attend this event. Comm. Carter will have a 9x9 canopy and Bro. Geoffrey Carter has received a John A. Logan banner donated by Pepsi for us to display. Comm. Carter has issued a formal thank you to Pepsi. The festivities will begin approximately at 9:00 am.

Last Soldier project. No Report.

Recruiting. No Report.

State Encampment. No Report.

National Encampment. Comm. Carter has prepared a packing list and basic event schedule for the encampment. Delegate cards were distributed to the membership which is required for the event.

New Business:

Comm. Carter reported that Bro. Dyer has a room reserved in Gettysburg for the National Remembrance Day. The group will be leaving in the Cassaro van Thursday night and will be returning following the Sunday Boy Scout breakfast. The cost of the event will be \$61 + tax for the hotel and \$60 for the SVR breakfast, banquet and Ball. This event is Nov 19th & 20th.

President Kim Johnson reported that the Logan Auxiliary #20 is moving forward and will be solidified at the National Encampment. The plan at this time is to have enough charter members at the encampment to sign the charter and return it to Rockford that week. The Auxiliary members had their first meeting and it was very successful. President Kim reported that they will continue to support our camp as required and requested. President

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Kim requested that all brothers of the Logan Camp strongly encourage their wives or significant others to join this new organization. This is the only Auxiliary in the state at this point. The by-laws that were flushed out at the initial meeting have been approved by the national organization and returned to Comm. Carter. The next auxiliary meeting will be October 23rd at the Sams restaurant in Rockton at 5:30 pm.

Bro. Dyer on behalf Bro. Oestricher reported that the Sycamore event is in dire need of assistance from our camp. The event is September 10th thru 12th. Battery G is currently the only registered reenactment group. Flyers have been made and will be distributed to attempt to gain participation. The belief is that the Lockport final event is the reason for the lack of registered participants. Lockport will be switching to WWII in 2011 and that will hopefully bring more participants. This event is in danger of cancellation.

Bro. Zeien stated that September 26th at 4:30 pm is the date. More information as in directions will be given at the next meeting.

Bro. Johnson presented the members the Logan Museum shirts that the camp is using as a fundraiser. The camp is offering them for \$10 dollars each.

Bro. Aarli presented the membership the following addition to the Camp Bylaws during the July meeting and reread the proposed change again. It read as follows:

Article XIII – Camp Activities

Section 1: All Camp activities under the name of John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW and/or Rockford Zouaves SVR requiring registration or prior commitment (i.e.: parades, local festivals, fairs, reenactments, etc.) that promote public attention or interest in the John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW or Rockford Zouaves SVR shall be brought before the Camp Membership at a prior Camp meeting for approval.

Section 2: An approved event should have a sufficient number of members attending to give credence and respect to the order. Appropriate dress (Civil War military uniforms, civilian dress or modern day suits) shall be required at these events.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of July 2010.

Bro. Steve Aarli, GRO/ Sr. Vice Commander

Bro. McGinty motioned to approve the amendment for discussion purposes. Bro. Emperuer 2nd this proposal which was required for discussion. Bro. McGinty his concerns over the verbiage in regard to appropriate dress. He requested a motion to amend the change to read: **Appropriate dress (Civil War military uniforms, civilian dress or business casual) shall be required at these events if representing the order.**

Bro. Aarli responded that in his mind appropriate dress would be something that you would consider wearing to a church function. He believes that it is important to present ones self in proper attire to promote our order. During discussion it was determined that the civilian dress portion was too vague. The word “**period**” should be added to further

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define the amendment. More discussion was held and Bro. Eisele commented that additional explanation was required. More discussion was given and the group wanted to stay away from the verbiage “modern day suits” Bro. Eisele stated that modern day suits should be replaced with “business suits”. Bro. Dyer offered to the group that the minutes should reflect that “period dress = Victorian or Edwardian”. The group agreed that there was no need to put that into the amendment but be referenced in the minutes. The amendment with all changes now reads: **Appropriate dress (Civil War military uniforms, period civilian dress, business casual, or business suits) shall be required at these events if representing the order.** These changes and amendments were approved 100% by the membership.

Bro. Dyer presented the red suspenders that he obtained for the SVR unit. The cost was \$13 per pair.

Bro. McGinty reported that the Stillman Valley SCV unit was advertising for associate members in the Rockford Register Star. Comm. Carter responded with the fact that the SCV does not have an associate member classification and only allow honorary members. The prompted discussion about our camp advertising for members since we do honor associate membership classifications. Bro. Dyer suggested talking to Rockford Register Star correspondent Wally Haas to see if he would do a story on our camp. Bro. Haight suggested that we develop a camp marketing program. Bro. Aarli motioned to create a Public Relations Committee responsible for development of a marketing program. This would consist of appointed members. Bro. Wade 2nd. Comm. Carter appointed Bro. Haight, Bro. McGinty, and Bro. Dyer to the committee. They are required to report back the plan at the September meeting.

Bro. Dyer mentioned that the Stockton event was coming up the 1st weekend in October and it might be good to have a presence at the event.

Bro. Ray Empereur – presented brief talk 235th Anniversary of the United States Army and the 233rd Anniversary of the American Flag. He then read a brief summary of historical facts that was sent from the Illinois Department Patriotic Instructor Bro. Lickey.

Bro. McGinty requested that the membership officially recognize the Amboy and Sycamore event per the new by-law amendment. Bro. Buerger motioned that we have a presence at the Amboy Depot Days and the Sycamore event. Bro. Dyer 2nd.

Upon hearing no additional business Comm. Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. 8:22

Bro. Eisele conducted the closing prayer.

Com. Carter formally closed the meeting according to protocol.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul T. Zeien Jr.

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Secretary / Signals Officer