

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE
Peoria, Illinois - 1981

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary was held on October 10 & 11, 1981 at Jumer's Castle Lodge, Peoria, Illinois.

The Conference was called to order by the Commander, Sister Jane Graham at 2:00 P.M. The Bible was opened and the Invocation was given by Brother William C. Reed Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Patr. Instr. Brother Thomas W. Graham.

The following National Officers were introduced:

Past Commander-in-Chief George Cashman - Illinois
Past National President Ellinor K. Johnson - Wisconsin
Past National President Florence Forbey - Illinois
Present National Chaplian - Roy Smith - Ohio
Editor of "The Banner" Thomas W. Graham - Ohio

The roll call of officers was taken with the following officers responding:

Commander - Jane Graham - Ohio -----Present
Sr. Vice Commander - Charles Lowe - Iowa -----Absent
Jr. Vice Commander - Nellie Hawley - Iowa -----Absent
Secretary - Robert M. Graham - Illinois -----Present
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin -----Present
Patr. Instr. - Thomas W. Graham - Ohio -----Present
Chaplain - David Reed - Indiana -----Absent
Guide - Betty King - Indiana -----Absent

The roll call of States was taken with the following representations:

Colorado-Wyoming -----	0
Illinois -----	10
Indiana -----	0
Iowa -----	0
Kansas -----	0
Michigan -----	0
Minnesota -----	0
Missouri -----	0
Nebraska -----	0
Ohio -----	5
Oklahoma -----	0
Wisconsin -----	6
Total	21

(The above was taken from the registration roster)

The minutes of the 1980 Confrence was read and approved.

Communications from those unable to be present were read:

Richard L. Greenwalt - Past Commander-in-Chief S.U.V.C.W.

A letter was read from Sister Marjorie M. Grate Smith, National Patr. Instr. 1980-1981, expressing her gratitude in our donation.

A letter was read from Edward Tutewiler, Lieutenant, Salvation Army, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, expressing his gratitude for our donation of \$20.00 in the name of Brother Grover Huff.

The Treasurer, Sister Ellinore K. Johnson, read the financial report for the year 1980-1981, which were approved and accepted. This report is made a part of these minutes.

Commander Graham asked for committee reports, none were submitted.

Commander Graham appointed the following committees with instructions to report at the second session.

Auditing Committee:	Evelyn C. Jung George L. Cashman Edward Coltrin
Resolutions Committee:	Thomas W. Graham William C. Reed, Jr. Lillian Walker Sutton
Nominating Committee:	Thomas L.W. Johnson Rhoda Lemanski Robert M. Graham

At this point the Conference recessed. Moderator, Thomas L.W. Johnson requested that each state delegation meet individually to discuss the material to be presented. "Your Family History". At the end of twenty minutes the members reassembled. Brother Johnson called on each state alphabetically and reports were given by the following individuals:

Illinois -----	G. Edward Coltrin Thomas Ray Brodbeck George L. Cashman Florence Forbey William C. Reed, Jr.
Ohio -----	Marjorie M. Smith Jane Graham Roy Smith Lillian Sutton
Wisconsin -----	Ellinor K. Johnson Rhoda Lemanski Helen Huff Grover Huff

At this point a motion was made to recess and continue the discussion at our Sunday session. The Conference was recessed at 4:10 P.M. to resume at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, October 11, 1981.

SECOND SESSION
October 11, 1981

The second session of the Conference was opened at 9:30 A.M. by Commander Graham.

Brother William C. Reed Jr. opened the Bible and the Patr. Instr.
Brother Thomas W. Graham led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Graham asked Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson to continue with the discussion.

The Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's books were in excellent condition. This report was accepted and approved. A copy of this report is part of these minutes.

The Resolutions Committee report offered the following resolutions:

1. That a letter of appreciation be sent to the Illinois Department of the Sons and Auxiliary for the splendid reception given to all the delegates at this Conference.
2. That a letter of appreciation be sent to Jumer's Castle Lodge for the many courtesies extended in our behalf.
3. That a rising vote of thanks be given to the Central Regional Commander Jane Graham in appreciation of her year of service to this organization.
4. That a rising vote of thanks be given to Thomas L.W. Johnson for his efforts as chairman of the program.
5. That a rising vote of thanks be given to P.D.C. Edward Coltrin and P.N.P. Florence Forbey for their work in behalf of the 1981 Conference.

A motion was made by Sister Ellinor Johnson and seconded by Sister Evelyn Jung that these resolutions be accepted. Motion carried.

Commander Jane Graham turned the meeting over to Sister Ellinor Johnson, who in turn, turned the meeting over to Brother Grover Huff to make the presentation of the "Outstanding Achievement Award". This award went to Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson, for his many years acting as moderator for the group discussions.

A list of bills was read by treasurer Sister Ellinor K. Johnson. A motion was made by Brother Grover Huff and seconded by Brother Thomas Graham that said bills be paid. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of the status of the Department of Missouri as to getting members. There was also discussion on the Department of Minnesota in the same respect.

After a lengthy discussion on flags not being furnished by some hotels and motels, a motion was made by Brother Cashman and seconded by Brother Thomas Johnson that the host Department be "REQUIRED" to furnish a flag for the Central Region Conference. Motion carried.

Commander Jane Graham asked Sister Lillian Sutton to give the "Gettysburg Address" as to the tragedy that happened this week. Sister Sutton gave an inspiring version of the address.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:

Commander-----	William C. Reed Jr. - Illinois
Sr. V. Commander -----	Rhoda Lemanski - Wisconsin
Jr. V. Commander -----	Thomas W. Graham - Ohio
Secretary -----	Robert M. Graham - Illinois
Treasurer -----	Ellinor K. Johnson - Wisconsin
Patr. Instr.-----	Helen Huff - Wisconsin
Chaplain -----	Roy Smith - Ohio
Guide -----	Lillian Sutton - Ohio

Motion was made by Brother Grover Huff and seconded by Sister Florence Forbey that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above named slate of officers. Motion carried.

Commander Jane Graham turned the remainder of the meeting over to newly elected Commander William C. Reed Jr.

After a brief acceptance speech, Commander Reed asked for an invitation for next years Conference. Brother Grover Huff, extended an invitation for the 1982 Central Region Conference to be held in or around Waukesha, Wisconsin, date and place to be announced later. Motion made by Thomas Graham and seconded by Edward Coltrin that we accept the invitation. Motion carried.

A number of possible themes for the 1982 Conference were suggested. The theme "The Confederacy" was accepted.

Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson made a motion that the Central Region Conference give a \$20.00 donation to the Salvation Army of Waukesha, Wisconsin in the name of Brother Grover Huff, for his donation of the "Outstanding Achievement" plaques. Motion Carried.

Commander Reed asked Brother Johnson to act as moderator next year. Which he accepted.

Commander Reed asked that the committee for the "Outstanding Achievement Award" be the same as this years. Namely: Ellinor K. Johnson-Chairman, Cyril Gumbinger and Thomas W. Graham.

Brother Edward Coltin extended an invitation to the members present a tour of the G.A.R. Hall in Peoria.

Motion made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50A.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert M. Graham
 ROBERT M. GRAHAM
 1981 Secretary

October, 1981

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference.

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1980-1981. It is as follows:

Balance on hand September 30, 1980.....\$.. \$ 361.86

Receipts: Dues 1980-1981:

Wisconsin Sons.....	\$ 5.00	
Wisconsin Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Iowa Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Ohio Sons.....	5.00	
Iowa Sons.....	5.00	
Illinois Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Ohio Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Illinois Sons - 1979-80; 1980-81	10.00	
Indiana Sons - 1979-80; 1980-81.	10.00	
Indiana Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Curtis Warner #64, Sons, Kansas.	5.00	
Iowa Sons-Adv. payment 1981-82..	<u>5.00</u>	
Michigan Sons.....	<u>5.00</u>	75.00

Other Receipts:

Registration - Lafayette, Ind.:	54.00	<u>54.00</u>
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TOTAL..... \$490.86

Disbursements:

Banquet ticket for Regional Com.	11.00	
Indiana Department - Flag.....	15.00	
Indiana Auxiliary - Memorial....	10.00	
Regional Secretary - Postage....	9.00	
Donation to Salvation Army.....	20.00	
(contribution for plaques)		
Regional Treasurer - Postage....	3.00	
Donation to N. P. I. Fund.....	<u>10.00</u>	78.00

Balance on hand as of September 30, 1981... \$412.86

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

ELLINORE K. JOHNSON
Regional Treasurer