

Order of Proceedings

Banquet Program

Saturday, October 7, 1995

Toastmaster: Stephen Jackson, Department Commander

9:00 A. M. Tour of Historic Civil War sites

Host: Somers Camp # 1

Tour Leader: Allen Moore, PCinC

Invocation: Edward Krieser, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Grim, Patriotic Instructor

Noon

Lunch: Kelley Center, IU Kokomo

Dinner

1:30 P. M.

Registration: Kelley Center, IU Kokomo

Introduction of Guests: Stephen Jackson

2:00 P. M.

Call to order.

Opening of Business

1st Symposium Session, Topic: Benjamin Harrison

David Frye, Harrison Camp, Short discourse on the

23rd President followed by group discussion.

Program: "The Songs Lincoln Knew"

Lelia Cornell

Benediction: Edward Krieser, Chaplain

Recess: Committees will meet at this time.

6:00 P. M.

Banquet: Kelley Center, IU Kokomo

Sunday, October 8, 1995

9:00 A. M. Resumption of Business

2nd Symposium Session, Topic: Flag Code &

Flag Etiquette

Final business session and installation of Officers

Closing

CENTRAL REGION

CONFERENCE

Central Region Conference  
Officers

Commander: Alan R. Loomis Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

and

Senior Vice Commander: Nick Kaup

Junior Vice Commander: Dave Turpin  
*Excused* Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

Secretary: Ron Gill

Treasurer: Ellinore Johnson  
*Excused* Indiana University, Kokomo  
Kokomo, Indiana

Patriotic Instructor: Robert Grim

Chaplain: Edward Krieser

Guide: Robert Weiss  
*Excused* Host:

Time is Short

Department of Indiana

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Central Region Secretary  
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Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

MINUTES  
CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 7 & 8, 1995  
KOKOMO, INDIANA

The Central Region Conference, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary, was called to order October 7, 1995 at 2 PM in the Kelly Center of Indiana University, Kokomo. The meeting was called to order by Central Region Conference Commander Alan R. Loomis. He elaborated the remainder of the schedule of the meetings and events for the Conference.

Preparations were made for the opening ceremony with the selection of the following Department of Indiana members to fill vacant offices: Brother Gary Dolph, PDC, as Guide, Brother Ned Booher as Color Bearer, and Brother Stephen Jackson, Indiana Department Commander, as Junior Vice Commander. The opening was then conducted with the new Central Region Ritual.

The roll call of current Central Region Conference officers was taken:

|                       |                  |           |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Commander             | Alan R. Loomis   | Indiana   | Present          |
| Senior Vice Commander | Nick Kaup        | Illinois  | Present          |
| Junior Vice Commander | David Turpin     | Iowa      | Absent (excused) |
| Secretary             | Ronald Gill      | Indiana   | Present          |
| Treasurer             | Ellinore Johnson | Wisconsin | Absent (excused) |
| Patriotic Instructor  | Robert Grim      | Ohio      | Present          |
| Chaplain              | Edward Krieser   | Indiana   | Present          |
| Guide                 | Robert Weiss     | Wisconsin | Present          |

The following introductions of National Officers were made:

|                                    |                 |         |       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|
| Commander-in-Chief                 | David R. Medert | Ohio    | SUVCW |
| Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief     | Alan R. Loomis  | Indiana | SUVCW |
| National Council of Administration | Robert Grim     | Ohio    | SUVCW |
| Past Commander-in-Chief            | Alan W. Moore   | Indiana | SUVCW |

The minutes of the 1994 Central Regions Conference were passed out, read, and corrected. Brother Grim moved that the minutes be approved as corrected and Brother

Braun seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The treasurer's report was given by Secretary Gill and was subject to audit by the auditing committee later.

The following correspondence was read by Conference Secretary Gill. Brother Thomas Johnson and sister Ellinore Johnson expressed their regrets for their absence due to illness. Brother Dave Turpin sent regrets because of illness. Brothers Hayes and Wallace sent regrets that they would be unable to attend due to the necessary completion of work related to the Sons of Union Veterans. Past Commander-in-Chief Kieth Harrison sent regrets due his work schedule.

The following Central Region Conference committee appointments were made.

Audit Committee

Peggy Schaefer, Wisconsin  
Steve Jackson, Indiana  
Gary Dolph, Indiana

Resolutions Committee

Robert Grim, Ohio  
Edward Krieser, Indiana  
Ron Aronis, Wisconsin

Nominating Committee

Dave Medert, Ohio  
Nick Kaup, Illinois  
Rhoda Lemanski, Wisconsin

Special Ritual Committee

Mark Braun, Illinois

Commander-in-Chief David Medert was introduced and presented his thoughts on items that need to be examined and action taken on now, or in the near future.

1. Reporting membership activities via newsletters, etc.
2. Encourage all units in the SUVCW have a regular newsletter or some form of communication among all members.
3. Establishment of Certificate of Appreciation to give members that perform special duties and outstanding activities.
4. Encourage Department Commanders to regularly communicate with the Department members so everyone knows what is going on.
5. Encourage more applications for the SUVCW Scholarship Fund, which few members have little or no knowledge.
6. "Fine Tune" the position of National Chief-of-Staff so that it becomes a functioning position rather than its present perception as an "honorary position."
7. Study the advertising budget to get the most out of the advertising dollar, and continue the investigation of possible advertising in the Banner in the form of promotional and classified ads.
8. Put together a National Membership list with an assigned computer number to give more flexibility in using the names for activities and genealogy work.
9. Update the Ritual Book and study ways for improvement of the Program and Policy Committee work in the SUVCW.

10. Design a special occasion card to send out on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans.
11. Along with item 8, a special member data form to have a tie-in for filling special positions for SUVCW activities.
12. Study feasibility of having an 800 number for recruitment purposes.
13. Have all units of the SUVCW maintain a counselor position to handle legal and organizational problems.
14. Further refinement and updating job descriptions.
15. The need to index the C & R.
16. Refinement of the eligibility dates to receive the War Medal.
17. Keeping up to date on the Junior Program that was established at the 1994 National Encampment.
18. Setting up a program to go after "Unclaimed Property" that is duly owned by the Sons and Auxiliary by virtue of the G.A.R. deed of conveyance.
19. Getting the proper tax status through the Internal Revenue Service.
20. Encourage members that are computer literate to communicate by e mail.
21. Revise the requirements for Life Membership.
22. Encourage membership growth and establishment of new Camps and Departments.
23. Encourage all officers to fulfill the requirements of the office they occupy as outlined in the job description manual.
24. Explore and implement all practical methods of improving harmony among the five Allied Orders.

Sister Peggy Schaeffer brought greetings from the officers of the Auxiliary to the Central Region Conference. Central Region Conference Commander Loomis gave his report as National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, describing how he is placing ads in several National Magazines to increase membership of the SUVCW and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW. In addition, it was announced the Past Commander-in-Chief Clark Mellor had suffered a massive heart attack and is in grave condition.

Commander Loomis announced that he had been contacted by the chairman of a committee in Tuscola, Illinois, that is attempting to preserve a G A R room in the Douglas County Court House. The Department of Illinois has been informed and has become involved in the process of preserving the G A R room. This involvement appears to include the possibility of the formation of a new SUVCW camp in Tuscola.

Senior Vice Commander Kaup spoke about the activities in the Illinois Department including a visitation and donation to the Illinois Veterans Home, Departmental recruiting activities which includes dividing the Department into north and south recruiting regions, and the formation of Gen. Sheridan Camp # 2 in Aurora, Illinois. He also made a special note that the Department is planning a ceremony in Decatur, Illinois on April 14, 1996 for the 130th anniversary of the establishment of Post # 1 of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Commander Stephen Jackson talked about the Harrison Camp meeting taking place the next day at the War Memorial in Indianapolis. He indicated that the program would deal with the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky, which took place in October of 1862. Commander Jackson told about visiting the widow of Past Department Commander Orval King and retrieved the camp property of the Joseph E. Reynolds Camp # 251.

Commander Loomis outlined the details for the rest of the Conference before presenting the Saturday afternoon discussion of President Benjamin Harrison. Brother David Frye presented a twenty minute program about the subject of the discussion. Brother Robert Grim of Ohio added information about the Harrison family, particularly the children, and Sister Peggy Schaeffer included additional Harrison family details. The meeting was recessed in preparation for the Central Region Conference banquet which was also held in the Kelly Center of Indiana University at Kokomo.

The Central Regions Conference was called to order at 9:00 A. M. Sunday, October 8, 1995 in the Kelly Center, Indiana University, Kokomo. A brief Sunday morning service was present by Brother Ed Krieser with the reading of portions of Abraham Lincoln's presentation to the young men's Lyceum in Springfield. The service was followed by a discussion concerning the flag code. The discussion was lead by Central Region Conference Commander Loomis. The discussion was based on the Congressional Research Service's booklet "The United States Flag: Federal Law Relating to Display and Associated Questions".

The report from the Audit committee was that the treasurer's book was in order and they had signed the book to indicate their approval. A motion was made to accept the report, the motion was seconded and the motion was passed. The Resolutions committee gave its report which was seconded and passed. Following the passage of the Resolutions Committee report, the Secretary was instructed to send letters of appreciation to the Conference Chairman, Brother Gary Dolph, and to Somers Camp, Kokomo, Indiana, which was the host SUVCW Camp. A letter of appreciation was also sent to the Benjamin Harrison Camp in Indianapolis. The Nomination Committee gave their report followed by a short discussion. A motion was made to accept the Nomination Committee slate of officers. The motion was seconded and passed. The slate of officers is listed as follows:

|                       |                  |           |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Commander of the CRC  | Nick Kaup        | Illinois  |
| Senior Vice Commander | Dave Turpin      | Iowa      |
| Junior Vice Commander | Robert Grim      | Ohio      |
| Secretary             | Ron Gill         | Indiana   |
| Treasurer             | Ellinore Johnson | Wisconsin |
| Patriotic Instructor  | Edward Krieser   | Indiana   |
| Guide                 | Robert Weisen    | Wisconsin |
| Chaplain              | Bob Weiss        | Wisconsin |
| Color Bearer          | Curt Krieser     | Wisconsin |

**An Invitation was offered by the David D. Porter Camp # 116, Department of Indiana, to host the conference in 1996. The invitation was made as a motion, was seconded and passed by voice vote. The Central Region Conference will be held on October 5 and 6, 1996 in Northwest Indiana subject to the availability of motel and meeting facilities on the above dates. The following weekend, October 12 and 13 may be substituted if necessary facilities are more readily available. The discussion topics decided on for the 1996 Conference are: Villains of the Civil War and the Womens' Role in the Civil War.**

**The Installation of Officers Ceremony was held with Commander-in-Chief David Medert of Ohio acting as installing officer. Past Central Region Conference Commander Alan Loomis conducted the closing ceremony at 11 A. M. in the absence of Commander Nick Kaup.**

Oct ber 7, 1995

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

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1994-95. It is as follows:

Balance on hand September 1, 1994 . . . . . \$803.31

Receipts:

|                                              |         |              |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Iowa Dept Sons . . . . .                     | \$ 5.00 |              |
| Wisc Dept Sons . . . . .                     | 5.00    |              |
| Wisc Dept Aux . . . . .                      | 5.00    |              |
| Ohio Dept Sons . . . . .                     | 5.00    |              |
| Ill Dept Aux . . . . .                       | 5.00    |              |
| Ill Dept Sons . . . . .                      | 5.00    |              |
| Ohio Dept Aux (2 years). . . . .             | 10.00   |              |
| Mich Dept Sons . . . . .                     | 5.00    |              |
| Ind Dept Sons . . . . .                      | 5.00    |              |
|                                              |         | 50.00        |
| Other Receipts (Registration Fees) . . . . . |         | <u>34.00</u> |
|                                              |         | \$887.31     |

Disbursements:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Ron Gill, Regional Secy., postage . . . . .                                 | \$ 30.00 |                 |
| *Payment requested by Dept of Illinois<br>to cover sponsor deficit. . . . . | 199.00   |                 |
|                                                                             |          | <u>\$229.00</u> |
|                                                                             |          | \$658.31        |

Balance on hand September 1, 1995 . . . . . \$658.31

\*This payment was unprecedented in the history of the Central Region Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellinore K. Johnson  
Regional Treasurer