

MINUTES

CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5, 2002
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The 66th Central Region Association Conference, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was opened at the Holiday Inn-Westport at 1:20 pm by CRA conference Commander Russell Kirchner. Commander Kirchner then started introductions around the room. Everyone introduced themselves and their titles.

Roll call of officers was taken:

Commander	Russell Kirchner	Indiana	present
Senior Vice Commander	Tom Crawford	Indiana	present
Junior Vice Commander	Margaret Grothe	Missouri	present
Secretary-Treasurer	Jack G. Grothe	Missouri	present
Patriotic Instructor	Stephen Michaels	Wisconsin	present
Chaplain	Ron Gill	Indiana	present
Color Bearer	Alan Teller	Indiana	present
Guide	Ed Krieser	Indiana	present

Chaplain Ron Gill led the members in prayer. Patriotic Instructor Stephen Michaels led members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The flag folding ceremony by members of Co. B 20th Regt. Iowa Vol. Inf. S.V.R. Pvt. Larry Roach, 1st Sgt. Stephen Russell, Cpl. Jason Gordon & Cpl. Kevin Pearson, demonstrated the thirteen folds of the flag and the meaning of each fold. This was followed by a salute to the veterans present and those who had veterans in their family. This was smartly conducted and very impressive.

Number of ladies from the Ladies Allied Orders where as follows,
 Woman's Relief Corps - 3
 Ladies of the G.A.R.- 0
 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War- 3
 Aux. to SUVCW - 5

Minutes were read. The motion to approve was made by Ron Aronis and seconded by Danielle Michaels. Motion carried.

Committee's appointed as follows:

Nominating committee	Resolutions Committee	Auditing Committee
Danielle Michaels - ch.	Allen Teller-ch.	PNCC Ed Krieser-ch.
Ron Gill	Allen Russ	Tom Crawford
Merle Rudebusch	Virginia Temme	Teresa Novak

Officers Reports:

Commander Kirchner reported on efforts to have more participation by Ladies Allied Orders. Worked on letterhead design.

Sr. Vice Commander Crawford worked closely with the commander on projects throughout the year.

Jr. Vice Commander- no report.

Communications:

Letter received from the Dept. of Illinois on 11-20-01 with cheque for \$100.00 for the reserve fund. This money from CRA conference in Chicago last year.

Letter sent to the Dept. of Illinois on 02-05-02 with money order for \$100.00 for their monument or project fund.

Unfinished Business:

Report of medals committee

A proto-type medal shown with a ribbon of red-white-red, needs pin with locking device. Motion made by Ron Gill to except this medal with red-white-red ribbon & locking device from Erffmeyer & Son Co. Motion seconded by Jack Grothe. Motion carried. Discussion on who is eligible for award of this medal to be resolved later. Finance committee to determine if and how many medals to be purchased.

Treasurer's was read.

short recess taken at 2:10 pm. Meeting resumed at 2:21 pm.

Committe reports:

Auditing

Report by Chairman Ed Krieser PCNC, treasurer's report was correct and accepted. It is recommended to buy twenty medals from the treasury, to cost about \$285.00 for die and medals. Motion made by Ed Krieser PCNC to purchase die and twenty medals. Seconded by David Stephen. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Report by Chairman Alan Teller (1) send a letter to the hotel thanking them for their part in making the conference a sucess. (2) Letter to the Dept. of Missouri for hosting the event. (3) A letter of thanks and a certificate of appreciation to both tour guides for their courtesies extended to us on October 5th. These three resolutions were accepted. A fourth resolution dealing with qualifications for a medal for others than past commanders was rescinded and given to the medal committee for further action.

Recessed for Program on Marketing the Allied Order was presented by Stephen Michaels with a survey overview and results by Donald Palmer. Four group seminar leaders met with members on four different parts of survey. Reports were given from each group leader.

Good of the Order:

Commander Kirchner presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following:

Joint certificate to Jack & Margaret Grothe for dedication and work for the organization.

To Tom Crawford for work with him on projects over the years.

To Stephen Michaels for his work as Chairman of the Steering committee in planning and presenting programs for the CRA.

To Donald Palmer for his work to host the CRA conference for The Dept. of Missouri.

New Business:

The need to revise our rituals.

A committee needs to be formed. Appointed to the rituals committee, Jerome Kowalski, Danielle Michaels and Russ Kirchner.

The need for a historian to keep and organize records, photos, etc. Alan Teller volunteered and was accepted to be the historian. He then presented ideas for Bi-centennial of Lincoln's birth in 2009.

Locations for future CRA conferences:

2003- Michigan

2004- Wisconsin

2005- Indiana, possibly

Report of Nominating Committee:

Proposed Officers for 2002-2003 by Danielle Michaels, chairman.

Commander	Tom Crawford	Indiana
Senior Vice Commander	Margaret Grothe	Missouri
Junior Vice Commander	C.R. Stephen	Iowa
Secretary-Treasurer	Donald Palmer	Missouri

PCNC Ed Krieser made motion to accept the slate. Seconded by Ron Gill. There being no further nominations, these members to be the newly elected officers of the CRA. Motion carried.

Commander Tom Crawford appointed the following:

Patriotic Instructor	- Merle Rudebusch	Nebraska
Chaplain	- Jerome Kowalski	Illinois
Color Bearer	- Virginia Temme	Wisconsin
Guide	- Ron Aronis	Wisconsin
Historian	- Alan Teller	Indiana

CnC of SUVCW Robert Grim conducted the installation of officers with the aid of Chaplain Jerome Kowalski and Guide PCNC Ed Krieser.

Commander Thomas Crawford closed the 66th annual meeting of the Central Region Association Conference at 5:05pm.

Banquet and program with Donna Ross as Jessie Benton Freemont to follow.

Note; At banquet a resolution was presented to give \$100.00 to the Dept. of Missouri to use as they see fit for monument preservation or other projects. Motion made and carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jack G. Grothe
Jack G. Grothe Secretary-treasurer

**ALLIED ORDERS OF THE G.A.R.
CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION**

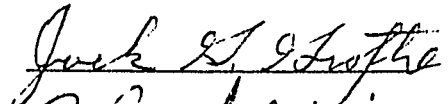
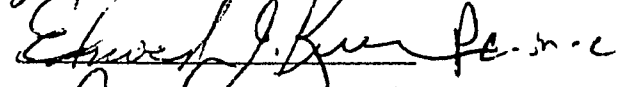
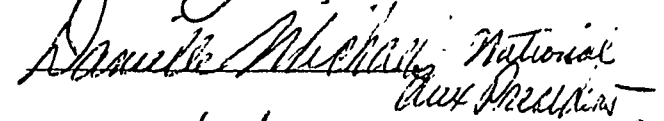
Treasurer's Report - 2003

GENERAL FUND	TRANSACTION	DATE	CREDIT	DEBIT	BALANCE
		01 Oct 02			\$951.42
Balance on Hand					
Receipts	Interest	01 Oct 02	\$3.19		\$954.61
	2002 Dues-Wisconsin	11 Oct 02	\$5.00		\$959.61
	2002 Dues-Indiana	11 Oct 02	\$5.00		\$964.61
	2002 Dues-Kansas	11 Oct 02	\$5.00		\$969.61
	2002 Dues-Iowa	11 Oct 02	\$5.00		\$974.61
	2002 Dues-Nebraska	11 Oct 02	\$5.00		\$979.61
	2002 Dues-Ohio	11 Oct 02	\$5.00		\$984.61
	02 CRC Registrations (34)	15 Oct 02	\$170.00		\$1154.61
	Misc. 02 CRC Income	15 Oct 02	\$40.91		\$1195.52
	2002 Dues-Missouri	04 Nov 02	\$5.00		\$1200.52
	2002 Dues-Michigan	04 Nov 02	\$5.00		\$1205.52
	Interest	01 Jan 03	\$2.76		\$1208.28
	2002 Dues-Illinois	24 May 03	\$5.00		\$1213.28
	Interest	01 Apr 03	\$2.47		\$1215.75
	Interest	01 Jul 03	\$2.72		\$1218.47
Disbursements	Money Order-Dept. MO (Department Projects)	06 Nov 02		\$100.00	\$1118.47
	Money Order-S. Michaels (Expenses)	03 Dec 02		\$28.43	\$1090.04
	Money Order-Erffmeyer (Past Commander Badges)	29 Jan 03		\$116.00	\$974.04
Balance on Hand		01 Oct 03			\$974.04

Respectfully Submitted:


Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Central Region Association

Audited and Accepted:



 National
Aud. President

Date: 10/4/03