

**Orlando A Somers Camp #1  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Meeting Minutes—November 17, 2007—Richard's Restaurant

Commander Matt Elkin presided and opened the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Chaplain Jon Ayers led the group in the opening prayer, and members joined to recite the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Gayle Eikenberry read the minutes of the October meeting, which were then approved. Treasurer Randy McNally gave our account balance as \$2,017.50, of which \$398.37 remains in the Cannon Fund.

Members present were: Matt Elkin, Allen Moore, Larry Ebert, Tom Crawford, Jon Ayers, Randy McNally, Ned Baker, and Gayle Eikenberry. Sally McNally and our speaker Tony Trimble attended as our guests.

**Old Business:**

Tom Crawford reported information he had researched on the last survivor of the Civil War in Carroll County, George W. Beck, and that he would obtain Beck's pension records to get more information. Beck is buried in the Burlington Cemetery and did not have a spectacular record. He was drafted in 1862 and served nine months in Company L. There was discussion that we might want to consider a different type of plaque that is less expensive.

Treasurer McNally reported that some 2008 dues had been received.

Command Elkin reported that he has been working on new recruiting literature and would have that available for us to look at later.

**New Business**

Concerning the slate of officers for next year, Command Elkin stated that Larry Myer, Senior Vice Commander, will move up to Commander, and that Secretary Gayle Eikenberry and Treasurer Randy McNally had agreed to serve another year. He will bring candidates for Junior and Senior Vice Commander to the December meeting.

Jon Ayers offered copies of the *Civil War Courier* that he had available, and Tom Crawford announced that there is an *American Heritage* magazine in book form for sale.

**Program**

The program "Sherman, Hoosiers March to the Sea" was given by Tony Trimble.

Commander Elkin closed the meeting at 2:05 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Chaplain Jon Ayers. The next meeting will be December 15.

Gayle Eikenberry, Secretary