

Minutes of the Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

7:30 PM

November 30th, 2004

Americal Civic Center

Wakefield, MA

Roll Call of Officers - Those present were:

SVCC Richard Eccleston, Sr.

JVCC Richard Eccleston, Jr.

Treasurer Bill Ryerson, PCC

Secretary Kevin Tucker, PCC

Patriotic Instructor John Bates, PCC

Camp Councilor John Abbott

Reading of Minutes: Minutes of the Oct. 26th meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ryerson reported that no new debts were incurred since last meeting.

Checking Account: \$1023.83

CDs: Approximately \$6500.00

The Treasurer reported that Dues Notices will be sent on January 1st.

Sec. Tucker made a motion that the application fee for the camp be increased by \$25.00, and that the payment be used to provide new Members with a Membership Medal and small Rituals and Ceremonies book. Motion passed.

Treasurer Ryerson reported that a large photo of the Dept. Commander and himself at Gettysburg appeared in the Winchester Daily Times Chronicle during the past week.

The treasurer reported receiving a letter requesting a change of address for "Coleman Church". No such member exists on our Camp roster.

Treasurer Ryerson discussed the possibility that Camp 162 is in difficulty, as the current Commander is declining to run again and no other Member is willing to step forward to take the position. Discussion on the possible scenarios as to the dissolution of the Camp and redistribution of members took place.

The treasurer reported that he sent photos of the Gettysburg trip to the Civil War Currier, Civil War News and the Banner for publication.

Treasurer Ryerson also reported that he had spoken with the editor of the Banner, and was told that a story on last year's passing of the bill prohibiting removal of Civil War grave markers and flag holders in Massachusetts.

Treasurer's report was accepted

Brothers in Distress: Treasurer Ryerson reported that Brother Bob Shelton will undergo surgery on Dec. 15th, for a hip replacement.

Sec. Tucker made a motion that the Commander instruct the Secretary to send a "get well" card to Brother Shelton on behalf of the Camp.

Brother Frank Tucker reported that Al Barton's wife is gravely ill. He asked that Members remember her in their prayers.

Old Business: Brother John Abbott presented a report on the costs associated

with procuring neckties in the Federal Memorial Tartan for the Camp to sell as a fund raising program. After a great deal of discussion, it was agreed that Brother Abbott would look into what lining and labels are available and what they would cost to add to the tie. Treasurer Ryerson agreed to look into the possibility of cashing out a CD in order to cover the initial costs associated with procuring the ties.

The meeting was adjourned by Camp Senior Vice Commander Richard Eccleston, Sr.

New Business: Dept. Commander John Bates announced the possibility of holding a Christmas party in Worcester on December 18th. There was a great deal of discussion as to the possibility that there was not enough time in which to pre-sell tickets, thus putting the success of the event in jeopardy. DC Bates said he would take the issue under advisement and render a decision soon.

Camp Nominations and Election of Officers: Nominations for Camp Officers were taken, and the following officers were elected unopposed: Camp Commander: Richard Eccleston, Sr.; Camp Senior Vice Commander: Richard Eccleston, Jr.; Camp Junior Vice Commander: Ed Coyne; Camp Secretary: Kevin Tucker; Camp Treasurer: Bill Ryerson; Camp Council: John Abbott, Evan Wattles and Bob Shelton. Installation will take place at our next Camp meeting.

Good of the Order: Sec. Tucker reported on the Gettysburg trip Nov. 18-21st. He announced that next year's trip will be Nov. 17th – 20th, and that the room rate was increased by \$20.00.

Brother Ed Coyne reported that he had represented the Camp in 2 events over the past month.