

Minutes of the Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

7:30 PM

September 30, 2008

Americal Civic Center

Wakefield, MA

Brother Kevin Tucker acted as Secretary.

Roll Call of Officers: Those present were:

CC Timothy Callahan

Treasurer William Ryerson

Patriotic Instructor Danny Burns

Chaplain Richard Nichols

CWMO Kevin Tucker

Reading of Minutes: Since the Secretary was absent, minutes were unavailable.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ryerson reported that there is \$951.20 in the checking account, and \$540.24 in our savings account. \$6000.00 is currently invested in a CD. The treasurer also reported that 2 neckties were sold at the National Encampment, and that a check for \$200 was received as a donation from the family of a soldier honored at a Camp event in Amesbury last June. Brother Burns made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Brother Kelley. The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Brothers in Distress: Brother Kevin Tucker spoke about the on-going health issues being faced by his father, Frank Tucker, who is now home from the hospital, but will be unable to participate in Camp functions.

Commander Callahan and Brother Ryerson were informed that Brother Bob Shelton was ill and has reportedly had a heart attack.

Commander Callahan expressed concern over not hearing from PCC Harold Reynolds in some time.

Commander Callahan will attempt to contact Brother Shelton and Brother Reynolds, and ascertain further details on the condition of both.

Reports of Committees: Brother Tucker reported that the Camp's participation in the Wakefield Independence Day Parade was successful. At the parade, Brother Tucker was introduced to several of the town officials who expressed an interest in continuing to work toward repair of the Civil War Monument.

Brother Tucker also reported on the graves registration event which took place on July 13th, 2008 at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield. Brother Tucker reported that about half of the cemetery remains to be completed, and that the redistribution of flag holders will be performed at that time.

The event was scheduled for November 1, 2008, at which time the Camp will complete the registrations.

Brother Tucker then gave a summary of the Department Officers meeting which was held on Sept. 28, 2008, including announcements that unused flag holders which the Dept. GRO wanted returned to him by Oct. 1 need not be returned, and that April 24 and 25, 2009, will be the date for our next Department Encampment. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough.

Brother Tucker also gave a brief update on the activities of the Massachusetts Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the projects that the Department has taken on for the Commission. The Department is leading a project for the establishment of a "Lincoln Trail", marking the sites where Abraham Lincoln spoke during his only visit to Massachusetts in 1848. The Department is also collecting photographs of all Lincoln public art for the ALBC website and a possible book. The Department has been asked to expand next year's Lincoln Brunch to include dignitaries and politicians, with an eye to holding it at the State House. A possible dinner and ball on Lincoln's birthday is also in the works. Brother Tucker also offered information on a play being put on in Clinton, MA which highlights the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Brother Tucker also reported on the rededication of the Charlestown Civil War Memorial which was held on Sept. 20th, 2008, and on a new Camp being organized in Scituate.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Commander Callahan reported that the New England Regional Association will be holding its next meeting on Fri. & Sat., Oct. 17 & 18, 2008, at the Comfort Inn, 2 George Street, Pawtucket, RI. Along with the normal business meetings during the day on Saturday, events will include a Friday evening luminaria & candlelight tour of the North Burial Ground Cemetery, as well as a period dress ball on Saturday evening.

Brother Richard Nichols reported that he will be participating in a living history event at the Beverly Historical Society on September 19th, 2008.

Brother Nicholss also reported that he and Brother Kelly attended Joshua Chamberlain Day events on August 23rd, in Brunswick, ME.

Brother Ryerson reported that the City of Woburn has repairs underway to its Civil War monument, Woburn had received funds from the SUVCW toward the repair.

Good of the Order: Brother Tucker announced that Lander Camp No. 5 will be holding a frank and bean supper on Nov. 8th, 2008. Tickets are \$7 per person.

Patriotic Instructor Danny Burns spoke about Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, and encouraged everyone to attend. He also reminded us of the importance of the upcoming Presidential election, and urged all to get involved and to vote. Brother Burns suggested that we get our dues in early this year, to avoid suspension.

He also encouraged each Member to work on bringing in one or two new recruits.

Brother Nichols spoke about his concerns about limited advertising for the Gettysburg trip. He suggested that, in the future, the trip be advertised at least 90 days in advance.

Brother Ed. Kelly reported that he had just returned from Brandy Station, VA, where he attended events at the "graffiti house". He spoke on efforts to expand events there.

Brother Tucker suggested that the Camp hold a Christmas party this year, and Commander Callahan appointed Brothers Burns, Nichols and Tucker to serve on a committee to organize this.

The meeting was then adjourned by Camp Commander Callahan at 9:15 PM.