

Minutes of the Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

7:30 PM

October 28, 2008

Americal Civic Center

Wakefield, MA

Opening: Commander Callahan called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Chaplain Nichols recited the opening prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brother Kevin Tucker acted as Secretary.

Roll Call of Officers: Those present were:

CC Timothy Callahan

JVC Robert Shelton

Council Member John Steiner

Chaplain Richard Nichols

CWMO Kevin Tucker

GRO Ed Kelley

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

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer was absent. Brother Nichols, acting as treasurer reported that he had no records, but that Treasurer Ryerson reported \$951.20 in the checking account, and \$540.24 in the savings account. \$6000.00 in a CD, at our last meeting.

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 reported that Charles Tucker continues to struggle with pneumonia, and that PCC Harold

Reynolds has been ill and just began driving again.

Reports of Committees: Brother Tucker reported that Brother Burns had inquired about a hall for the Christmas party, and that he had found the Malden Elks had availability on the weekend of Dec. 19th. The fee would be \$225 for the hall. The Camp voted to accept this fee. The Commander reported a prior commitment for December 21st, and will direct Brother Burns to reserve the hall for Dec. 20th.

Commander Callahan also reminded all present that a second graves registration event will take place on November 1st, 2008 at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield. This event should allow us to complete the remaining half of the cemetery left undone at the previous event.

Reading of Orders: Brother Tucker reported that Dept. Commander Mellor had issued Dept. Order No. 7, in which he appointed Paul Kenworthy to the Department Council to fill in for a resigning member. Upon review, the order was found to be out of compliance with the C&R, and Commander Mellor issued Dept. Order No.8, which rescinded Dept. Order No. 7.

The events with regard to the recent resignation of Department Secretary and the efforts to replace him were discussed. Brother Dan Murray has been appointed by a vote of the Department Council to fill the office of Department

Secretary for the remainder of the term, which runs until the next Department Encampment, in April, 2009. Brother Murray will resign his office on the Department Council, and a replacement for him will be appointed by a vote of the Department Council next Saturday.

Old Business: Brother Tucker reminded everyone that Lander Camp No. 5 will be holding a frank and bean supper on Nov. 8th, 2008. Tickets are \$7 per person.

Brother Nichols reported on the attendance by him, Ed Kelley and CC Callahan at an event at the Beverly Historical Society. Brother Nichols felt that it was a good opportunity to promote the SUVCW, and reported that the group was well received.

Brother Nichols also mentioned his and others' participation in the rededication of the Charlestown Civil War Memorial. Brother Tucker mentioned that there was some interest in Charlestown in organizing a new Camp.

There followed a discussion on how we might use such events to recruit new Members.

Brother Dan Murray reported on his progress organizing the Remembrance Day trip to Gettysburg. Dan reported that, thus far, only 17 people had signed up for the trip, which is far short of the number needed to be able to afford a bus. The transportation may have to be changed to vans, in order to remain affordable.

New Business: Commander Callahan set the date of our next meeting as November 25, 2008. At that meeting, we will nominate, elect and install Camp officers for the coming year.

There was a discussion of vacancies, including possibly Camp Treasurer, with some uncertainty surrounding the status of our Camp Treasurer, who resigned from his other office as Department Secretary and may be considering resigning as Camp Treasurer. Other offices were discussed, as we look to the coming year.

Commander Callahan reported that dues notices will be sent out in November, along with the November meeting notice.

Brother Tucker reported that the Veterans Agent for the City of Woburn has invited the SUVCW to participate in the rededication of the city's Civil War memorial on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2008. The event will include a short parade and memorial ceremony at the monument. A majority of those present at the meeting said they will attend the event.

Commander Callahan announced that Ed Kelley has been appointed as Camp Graves Registration Officer.

Good of the Order: There was nothing put forth for the good of the order.

Closing: Chaplain Nichols recited the closing prayer. The meeting was then adjourned by Camp Commander Callahan at 9:20 PM.