

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

Lafayette, Indiana - 1984

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary was held on 20 & 21 October 1984 at the Ramada Inn, Lafayette, Indiana.

The Conference was called to order by Commander, Sister Marlene Carnduff at 2:00 P.M. The Bible was opened and the Invocation was given by Brother David Reed, Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Patr. Instr. Rhoda Lamanski.

Greetings from the Mayor of Lafayette were extended by Mrs. Johanna Downie.

The roll call of officers was taken and the following officers responding:

Commander - Marlene Carnduff - Illinois -----Present
Sr. Vice Commander - Roy Smith - Ohio -----Absent
Jr. Vice Commander - Ann Morgan - Illinois -----Absent
Secretary - Robert M. Graham - Illinois -----Present
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin -----Present
Patr. Instr. David Reed - Indiana -----Present
Chaplain - Marjorie Smith - Ohio -----Absent
Guide - Thomas Hoffman - Ohio -----Absent

The roll call of States was taken with the following representations:

Colorado-Wyoming-----	0
Illinois -----	6
Indiana -----	12
Iowa -----	0
Kansas -----	0
Michigan -----	0
Minnesota -----	0
Missouri -----	0
Nebraska -----	0
Ohio -----	0
Oklahoma -----	0
Wisconsin -----	6

Total 24

(The above was taken from the registration roster)

The minutes of the 1983 Conference were approved as written.

Communications from those unable to be present were read.

Commander Carnduff appointed the following committees with instructions to report at the second session.

Auditing Committee:

Rhoda Lemanski
Orval King
Emma Graham

Resolutions Committee

William C. Reed, Jr.
Raeona Black
Hannah Krusher

Nominating Committee

Thomas L.W. Johnson
Gerald Edward Coltrin
Betty King

Commander Carnduff asked for officers reports:

The Conference Treasurer, Sister Ellinore K. Johnson, read the financial report for the year 1983-1984, which was approved and accepted. This report is made a part of these minutes.

At this point the Conference recessed. Moderator, Thomas L.W. Johnson requested that each state delegation meet individually to discuss the material to be presented, Condederate Prisoner's in Union Prison's. At the end of fifteen minutes the members reassembled. Brother Johnson called each state and reports were given by the following individuals:

Illinois ----- William C. Reed, Jr.
Cyril C. Gumbinger
Marlene Carnduff
G. Edward Coltrin

Indiana ----- Betty King
David Reed

Wisconsin ----- Thomas L.W. Johnson
Ellinore K. Johnson
Louise Hernke
Raeona Black
Rhoda Lemanski

Commander Carnduff thanked everyone for their participation in the discussion.

Brother Johnson gave a report on the status of the "Banner". Brother David Reed stated that the "Banner" was given to all of the members that had attended the National Encampment and that the "Banner" was published just waiting to be mailed. Brother Alan R. Loomis stated that he had written to the National Secretary-Treasurer and to the Commander-in-Chief asking that the "Banner" be sent to him and that he would mail out copies to the members in Indiana. He has had no response from either party.

Sister Ellinore K. Johnson read two letters from Departments wanting to know what the Central Region Conference was. Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson made a motion that a one page publication be drawn up stating how and why the Central Region was created and what our functions are. Motion was seconded and carried.

At this point a motion was made to recess and continue at our Sunday session. The Conference was recessed at 4:45 P.M. to resume at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, October 21, 1984.

The Banquet held Saturday evening was well attended, with Brother Allen W. Moore, Department of Indiana Commander as Master of Ceremonies and Mr. Robert E. May, Associate Professor of History, Purdue University as speaker.

SECOND SESSION
October 21, 1984

The second session of the Conference was opened at 9:40A.M. by Commander Carnduff. Acting Chaplain David Reed opened the Bible and gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patr. Instr. Rhoda Lamanski.

Commander Carnduff asked Brother Johnson to continue with the discussion.

The Auditing Committee reported that the treasurer's books were in excellent condition. This report was accepted and approved. (A copy of this report is part of these minutes.)

The Resolutions Committee submitted a report which was accepted and approved. (A copy of this report is part of these minutes.)

A report from the Legislative Committee was given by Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson.

Brother David Reed read a letter from the Editor of the Banner, Robert J. Wolz. (A copy of this letter is a part of these minutes.)

Brother G. Edward Coltrin was asked to approach the Commanders Station where he was presented the "Outstanding Achievement Award" for his faithful service to the Central Region Conference.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:

Commander -----	Cyril Gumbinger - Illinois
Sr. Vice Commander -----	Ann Morgan - Illinois
Jr. Vice Commander -----	Orval King - Indiana
Secretary -----	Robert M. Graham - Illinois
Treasurer -----	Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin
Patr. Instr. -----	Allen Moore - Indiana
Chaplain -----	Raeona Black - Wisconsin
Guide -----	Alan Loomis - Indiana

Motion was made by Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson and seconded by Brother G. Edward Coltrin that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above named slate of officers. Motion Carried. (A copy of the Nominating Committee report is a part of these minutes.)

Commander Carnduff asked if there were any bills to be paid. A list of bills was read by treasurer Sister Ellinore K. Johnson. Motion by Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson and seconded by Sister Rhoda Lamanski that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

Commander elect Cyril Gumbinger asked Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson if he would act as installing officer which he accepted.

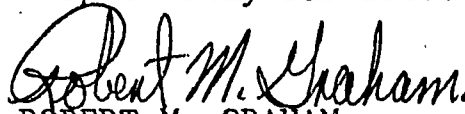
The roll of officers was called and were duly installed.

Commander Gumbinger asked for an invitation for next years Conference. Brother Robert M. Graham extended an invitation for the 1985 Central Region Conference to be held in Illinois, date and place to be announced later. Motion was made by Brother G. Edward Coltrin and seconded by Sister Ellinore K. Johnson that we accept the invitation. Motion Carried.

The theme for the 1985 Conference will be "The G.A.R. the organization and value in your state."

Motion was made by Brother William C. Reed, Jr. and seconded by Sister Ellinore K. Johnson that the Conference be adjourned. Motion Carried. Conference adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. &L.


ROBERT M. GRAHAM
1984 Secretary

October, 1984

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference,

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1983-1984. It is as follows:

Balance on hand September 30, 1983.....		\$490.06
<u>DUES</u> Illinois Sons.....	\$ 5.00	
<u>1982</u> Wisconsin Auxiliary.....	5.00	
<u>1983</u> Iowa Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Indiana Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Wisconsin Sons.....	5.00	
Michigan Sons.....	5.00	
Ohio Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Indiana Sons.....	5.00	
Ohio Sons.....	5.00	
Iowa Sons.....	5.00	
Colorado Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Illinois Auxiliary.....	<u>5.00</u>	60.00
Other Receipts:		
Registration - Mansfield, Ohio.....	44.00	
Tom Hoffmann - Personal.....	<u>5.00</u>	49.00
TOTAL		\$599.06
Disbursements:		
Banquet ticket for Regional Commander....	8.60	
Mansfield Camp #12 - Memorial.....	10.00	
Ohio Department Auxiliary - Flag.....	15.00	
Regional Secretary - Postage.....	15.00	
Donation to Salvation Army - Waukesha....	15.00	
Memorial to Geo. Cashman from Conference, to Lincoln Deathday Assn.	10.00	
Nat'l Org. S.U.V. - Memorial to Geo. Cashman	10.00	
Regional Treasurer - Postage & supplies..	<u>4.25</u>	87.85
Balance on hand as of September 30, 1984.....		\$511.21

AUDITING COMMITTEE

CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

Lafayette Ind.
CITY & STATE
20 Oct. 1984
DATE

WE, THE AUDITING COMMITTEE HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS OF THE
TREASURER OF THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE OF THE SONS OF
UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND THEIR AUXILIARIES AND
FOUND THEM IN PERFECT ORDER* WITH A BALANCE ON HAND OF
\$ 511.21 AS OF 20, Oct. 1984.

*(ANY CORRECTIONS)

REMARKS: *We found the books in good
shape*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED IN F.C. & L.

SIGNED: Rhoda Lemanski
O. S. King
E. Graham

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

LAFAYETTE INDIANA
CITY & STATE

20 OCTOBER, 1984

RESOLVED THAT:

DATE

1. A LETTER BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA & AUXILLARY AND ESPECIALLY BETTY KING FOR THE SPLENDID RECEPTION THAT THE CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN.
2. A LETTER BE SENT TO THE RAMADA INN FOR THE SPLENDID COUTESIES EXTENDED THE CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE.
3. A STANDING NOTE OF THANKS BE GIVEN TO COMMANDER MARLENE CARNDIFF AND HER OFFICERS FOR THE GREAT WORK PERFORMED AT THIS CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE.
4. A STANDING NOTE OF THANKS BE GIVEN TO THOMAS L.W. JOHNSON FOR HIS WONDERFUL JOB AS PROGRAM CHAIRMAN.
5. A LETTER BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL COMMANDER IN CHIEF EXPRESSING THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENTS ON THE BANNER SITUATION.
6. A LEETER BE SENT THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF REQUESTING THAT NATIONAL MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND SALE OF A SUV-FLAGSTAFF-GRAVEMARKER FOR VETERANS GRAVES.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED IN F.C.& L.

7. A LETTER BE SENT TO THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF TO PROTEST THE SALE OF SUV BADGES DIRECTLY TO PURCHASERS RATHER THAT THRU CAMP OR STATE SECRETARIES.

SIGNED

William C. Reed, Jr.

WILLIAM C. REED, JR. CHAIRMAN

Raeona Black

MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

Hannah Kershner

MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

Lafayette, Indiana
CITY & STATE

October 20, 1984
DATE

WE, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MAKE THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS:

COMMANDER	<u>CYRIL GUMBINGER, ILL.</u>
SENIOR VICE	<u>ANN MORGAN, ILL.</u>
JUNIOR VICE	<u>ORVAL KING, IND.</u>
SECRETARY	<u>ROBERT M. GRAHAM, ILL.</u>
TREASURER	<u>ELLINORE K. JOHNSON, WIS.</u>
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR	<u>ALLEN MOORE, IND.</u>
CHAPLAIN	<u>RAEONA BLACIK, WIS.</u>
GUIDE	<u>ALAN LOOMIS, IND.</u>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED IN F.C. & L.

SIGNED

Thomas L. L. Johnson
Harold Edward Collier
Betty King

To the Officers & Members of the 103rd Natl. Encampment, Greetings:

This is my report to you as editor of the Banner. Attached are 4 issues of this past year... a sort of year in review.

I write this report with very mixed emotions...with hope and with frustration, of triumph and defeat.

I believe you will agree the quality of production is the BEST we have ever had. After trying three different printers, the current ones are being produced by a book publisher.

I am proud of the contents of each & every issue. They are more historical, more patriotic, and more educational than past issues and they reflect the image I believe we should be projecting as an organization. Most items submitted have been published though many more should have been submitted. It is very difficult to edit when nothing is received especially Department News & Dept. Orders.

The one major problem that has haunted us for 18 months is direct mail distribution of the Banner. While it seems logical & sensible that the National Organization is big enough to fulfill postal regulations it has proven to be a living nightmare causing you concern as to if and when there would be issues, causing me sleepless nights and headaches and costing both the Order & myself over a thousand dollars.

We have about 2800 copies supposed to be mailed 4 times a year. We are mailing as a non-profit bulk rate mailer. The post office requires each issue to be zip coded and to be bundled by zip code. These 2800 people represent over 2000 different zip codes and at least 50 address changes a quarter. Because of the constant continuing need to keep all our addresses in proper zip code order I had our mailing list computerized rather than attempt to put it on labels & photocopy those. I do not own a computer. I could pay \$305.00 for service & labels each quarter plus postage, but that amount was not authorized. I chose instead to remove our data discs and attempted to have them processed by someone else for a donation plus labels. The problem has been the system will not work. We have had the discs updated through Jan 1 and in March the local school district offered to print our labels. After a number of delays they found the system wouldn't work. We have gone back & forth between the original programmers and those volunteers I have found several times with little or no success. Finally a knowledgeable computer programmer with a degree in computer science has been "debugging" our system and all our members should be or have already received all their Banners through this Summer issue.

I know this is not what you deserve or expect and I am truly sorry for any & all concern some members & departments have expressed. I also thank the great number of patient brothers & sisters who have expressed help, support and understanding. It is sad that this year all the Civil War organizational newsletters have shared this common fate, but at least the Sons are getting all 4 issues.

To improve the situation I would like to offer several recommendations:

1. For the immediate future, direct mail of the Banner be discontinued and alternative mailers be studied. This includes the thought that the editor should never be asked to direct mail the Banner without reimbursement. It is just too big of a job for one person.

2. Department Commanders, Secretaries & Press Correspondents should regularly contribute to the Banner columns. The members of the Order must contribute to the success or failure of their newsletter.

It should be noted that most Depts. have not reported adds, drops, or deaths to the mailing list. If direct mail continues Depts. should be charged with postal returns. But we still will not know about new members.

3. Photographs are a desirable feature to our paper. Rarely is the editor a professional photographer nor should he be expected to travel to all the National projects and events. Each committee obtaining money from National should see if local press coverage could be obtained with photos to the Banner. The Lincoln Tomb is commended for the photos they supply each year.

I have greatly enjoyed being your editor. I hope you do not feel my efforts have totally been in vain.

As most of you know, personal illness in my family, changes in my job have been compounded by the computer problem. If we are to continue direct mail of the Banner I must tender my resignation as your editor effective Dec. 31, 1984. By selecting this date a new editor would have time to locate a qualified printer, obtain our non-profit postal permits, etc. as well as try to solve a mail label problem.

Again thank you for the opportunity you have given me

Fraternally,

Robert J. Wolz
PDC, Ohio
Editor, The Banner

P.S.

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